

City of San Diego  
MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
BALBOA PARK/MORLEY FIELD RECREATION COMMUNITY GROUP  
2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101  
Wednesday August 13, 2025  
6:00 pm

**Attendance**

**Board Members:** Patty Riddle – Chairperson  
Chem Young-Pen – Vice Chair  
Secretary – **Vacant**

**Organization Members:**

Balboa Park Committee – Patty Riddle  
North Park Little League – Mark Hopkins  
SD Table Tennis Association – Behnam Kazemi  
SD Badminton Club – Patty Riddle  
SD Track Club – Jamie Fryrear-**Absent**  
The Thursday Club – Chris Kouri  
Balboa Park Petanque – Arturo Santamaria - **Absent**  
Soccer Kids America – Karleen Driggs  
North Park AYSO – Niles Armstrong  
Balboa Tennis Club – Colleen Ferrell  
FC Balboa – Chem Young-Penn - **Absent**

**City Staff:**

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| Lane Harris        | Pool Manager III- <b>Absent</b>                                                 |
| Luis Ignacio       | Recreation Center Director III, Balboa Park Activity Center                     |
| Rosalinda Nguyen   | Assist. Recreation Center Director, Balboa Park Activity Center                 |
| Adriana Magdaleno  | Recreation Center Director III, Municipal Gym / Morley Field Sports Complex     |
| Brian Carroll      | Assist. Recreation Center Director, Municipal Gym / Morley Field Sports Complex |
| Victor Johnson     | Area Manager, Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities                               |
| Anthony Harrington | District Manager, Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities- <b>Absent</b>            |

**Call to Order:**

Patty Riddle (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: It was moved/Seconded (M. Hopkins/N. Armstrong) to approve minutes from August 13, 2025, meeting. Motion carried 7/0/0

**Financial Report Note:** Budget to Actuals report is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/reccouncilresources>

**Request for Continuances:** None

**Communications:** None

**Chairperson's Report:** P. Riddle stated that she will combine her chairperson report with the Balboa Park Committee report. P. Riddle reported that she shares the issues and concerns of our CRG with the Balboa Park Committee. P. Riddle thanked C. Ferrell for providing information for the rest of the fiscal year, regarding Balboa Tennis Club. P. Riddle mentioned that she prepares a written statement for the committee and anyone attending the meeting, to read. P. Riddle stated that there is a need for Lifeguards, and if anyone know someone interested, to please apply. P. Riddle mentioned that the Parking Plan has not been approved by the Balboa Park Committee yet.

**Organization Reports:****Balboa Park Committee:**

**North Park Little League:** M. Hopkins reported that North Park LL completed their season on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and they had over 500 kids and hoping the number grows next year. P. Riddle mention that Rancho Bernardo has a new playing field put in by a grant. M. Hopkins responded with "you can't imagine how often he has thoughts about that." M. Hopkins asked the question, how much has the Mow Crew been cutback? V. Johnson responded with; they have been cut back and they actually just started hiring staff on the maintenance side. M. Hopkins stated that there are useable fields, but the issue is that maintenance has been deferred or neglected due to staffing or the lack of a budget. P. Riddle asked the question, "is it the fields itself or is its other things?" M. Hopkins responded with there are other things, kids finding needles and drugs in the parking lot, human filth in the dugouts and parks, people breaking into sheds and stealing equipment and the homeless issue.

**SD Table Tennis Association:** R. Guilloty, treasurer for San Diego Table Tennis Association, reported that he will meet with the board to decide who would be the best representative to attend the CRG meetings. R. Guilloty said the clubs main concern is the members paying for parking and how that could affect membership. R. Guilloty stated that if there is anything the club can help with, let them know and maybe they could help. R. Guilloty also reported that they had their table tennis tournament in May, with over 200 participants. The tournament had participants from different states, Colorado, Wisconsin, Northern California, just to name a few. R. Guilloty stated that this year they were able to provide lunch for everyone. Overall, the

tournament was great and over \$10,000 in prizes were given out to the winners. Tournament lasted 2 days. R. Guilloty also reported that they have round robin tournaments every Thursday and Sunday as well as a member appreciation tournament in October. R. Guilloty also mentioned the club has 20 tables and play 6 days a week until 8:30pm. He also mentioned that they will lose members because parking has always been free. He stated that they are not visitors to the park, the members come to play table tennis every day.

**SD Badminton Club:** P. Riddle reported that there were 2 summer camps that were terrific for the kids and now they are all back in school. P. Riddle mentioned that both Club and Open play badminton are both doing well.

**SD Track Club:** **Absent.** P. Riddle asked L. Ignacio if there has been a response from the San Diego Track Club. L. Ignacio stated that there has not been.

**Thursday Club:** C. Khouri reported that she attended the Thursday Club meeting in the morning, and they are reviewing 75 to 80 applications from various San Diego County 501c3 charitable foundations for our rummage sales proceeds, which will be in March of next year. C. Khouri reported that 50% of the proceeds go to park institutions/Museums, Forever Balboa Park. P. Riddle asked if BPAC could apply for funds to help fix the roof. C. Khouri responded with no because their donation threshold is \$15,000. C. Khouri stated that The Thursday Club only gives money to 501c3 organizations as well as the Point Loma HS Marching Band, who kicks off the sale Marching and playing on Saturday morning. C. Khouri also mentioned that they are approaching their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of fundraising in San Diego and how personal it is to all the Thursday Club members.

**SD Pétanque:** **Absent**

**Soccer Kids of America:** K. Driggs stated that they have been very busy but a lot of fun. K. Driggs reported that the whole month of August, they are conducting an after-school Soccer program for parents that need the extra care after school. K. Driggs also reported that they are continuing Futsal on Fridays at Municipal gym, and the summer camps just wrapped up. They held 1 camp each month (June, July, August) at Golden Hill Recreation Center. K. Driggs also reported that their next camp will be over the Thanksgiving break.

**AYSO Soccer:** N. Armstrong reported the AYSO registration is waitlist only at this time, with practice starting on Monday at Morley Field. N. Armstrong also reported that they have over 560 kids registered, and 60 kids waitlisted because of a lack of space and issues for various reasons because come November, there are not enough lighted fields and teams will only be able to practice once a week. N. Armstrong reported that there will be 60 teams total and around 100 volunteers. Games this year will start September 6<sup>th</sup> and will go until mid-November. Two weeks before Thanksgiving, AYSO will be having their annual Cup event. N. Armstrong mentioned that they lost one of their long-time volunteers, Nessa Suarez and they are planning to Honor him and celebrate his life. N. Armstrong stated that because of the gopher holes and the uneven surface that created the mounds, Morley field is bad. N. Armstrong asked the question, has watering been cut back, because there is a lot of dead grass. V. Johnson responded that we would have to contact the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor regarding the watering schedule. V.

Johnson also mentioned that there have been several water line breaks within the past 5 months that have affected the watering schedule. N. Armstrong stated that, the dry fields, gopher is the worst it has been in the 8 years he has been around, and he worries about the safety aspect and if they did not already start registration, they would consider delaying the start of the season. P. Riddle asked about the gopher x machine. N. Armstrong responded with a question if it has ever been used. M. Hopkins responded that the Gopher X is effective around the fence line. P. Riddle asked who is the City crew that takes care of the gopher issue. V. Johnson responded with that there are 2 potential gopher crews, the Grounds Maintenance crew assigned to the West Mesa/Morley Field area and a City-Wide crew. N. Armstrong asked the question, what is the schedule for Maintenance of the gopher issue. V. Johnson said that A. Magdaleno would email the contact information for the Grounds Maintenance supervisor, overseeing that area. M. Hopkins stated that the best way he found to have the gopher problem addressed was through the Get It Done app. N. Armstrong asked the question, did the mowing schedule change to every other week? V. Johnson responded with he does not aware of any change in the mow schedule.

**Balboa Tennis Club:** C. Ferrell reported that the Balboa Open, in Honor of Maureen Connolly, was a great success, and there are a couple of other tournaments coming up. C. Ferrell also reported that the United States Tennis Association (USTA) just awarded the Balboa Tennis Club as the Club of the year, for large facilities across the nation. They will fly out 2 Board Members to the next US Open. The Balboa Tennis Club also won the award in 1989 and 2003, but this is the first time under C. Ferrell's watch. C. Ferrell also reported that she celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> year. C. Ferrell stated that she appreciates the work that their Grounds Maintenance worker does and that the club just signed their 3-year lease agreement. P. Riddle asked C. Ferrell to send her some information regarding the club's award, so she can present the information at the next Balboa Park Committee meeting.

**FC Balboa:** Absent

**Balboa Park Activity Center:** L. Ignacio reported that we just finished up our summer camps, with over 8 kids participating in the 2 camps. There was also a Little Person's badminton tournament, where one of the participants was a medalist in the last Paralympics. L. Ignacio reported that pickleball has resumed.

**Municipal Gym/Morley Field:** A. Magdaleno reported that they just had their last movies in the park, which was this past Saturday, along with the movies they showed in June and July. C. Ferrell asked how many people attend? A. Magdaleno responded with the first movie had over 300 people and the last one had around 200 people. A. Magdaleno stated that the first movie, North Park Little League opened their snack bar for the event. A. Magdaleno also reported that they are finishing up their Futsal league. The Municipal gym has a 10u team that is going to make the City-Wide Tournament this year, which will be held at the Municipal Gym this year. C. Ferrell asked what is Futsal? A. Magdaleno responded that it is indoor soccer. A. Magdaleno also reported that they are finishing up their 5-team peewee basketball league with participants

from North Park Rec and Golden Hill Rec Centers. Municipal gym is also getting ready for registration for their fall programs, Flag Football and basketball.

**Area Manager Report:** V. Johnson reported that Brian Carroll has been promoted to Assistant Recreation Center Director at the Municipal Gymnasium. V. Johnson stated that Brian has been working as an OCA before he was hired. V. Johnson also stated that Audrie and Brian will be your points of contact for all issues regarding the gymnasium. V. Johnson also reported that the city has just finished their interviews for ground maintenance workers for the Balboa Park area and will soon start to interview for recreation and custodial maintenance staff.

### **Action Items:**

**Consent** (Items are adopted without discussion): No consent items.

### **Action Items:**

**Adoption** (Each item requires individual action)

1. Utilizing Mission Hills/Pioneer Park Tennis Courts for Tennis Lessons  
**Motion 1:** Moved/seconded (M. Hopkins/C. Khouri) to not allow the courts at Mission Hills/Pioneer Park to be rented out for Tennis Lessons. Motion Carried 4/2/1.  
**Motion 2:** Moved/seconded (C. Ferrell/K. Driggs) to allow 1 court to be used as a rental. Motion denied 2/4/1.
2. Removal of San Diego Track Club as a member of the CRG.  
**Motion:** Moved/seconded (C. Khouri/K. Driggs) to remove San Diego Track Club from the CRG. Motion carried 4/0/2.

**Workshop Items:** None

### **Information Items/Announcements:**

1. Parking Fees at Balboa Park.  
P. Riddle reported the proposed fees for Balboa Park. K. Driggs stated that everyone on the committee is against it but doesn't feel they have any power. P. Riddle stated that she will share our vote with the Balboa Park Committee. K. Driggs also stated that people who do not want to pay for parking will look for alternate places to park like the surrounding neighborhoods. N. Armstrong presented other alternatives to create a revenue stream. K. Driggs likes the idea of possibly 2 hours free before charging for parking. N. Armstrong suggested a monthly pass for people that regularly use the recreation facilities. M. Hopkins asked P. Riddle to relay the CRG's concerns over the parking. R. Guilloty stated that member of the San Diego Table Tennis Association does not come there to visit the park. They go to play table tennis and some play 6 days a week. He said the club can work with 4 hours, but 2 hours is not enough.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

Motion: It was moved/seconded (K. Driggs/M. Hopkins) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6/0/0 (Unanimously).

**Submitted by:** Luis Ignacio, Center Director III

**Approved by:** Victor Johnson, Area Manager II

**Next Regular Meeting:**      **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm.**  
Balboa Park Activity Center  
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