

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
7:00pm
Lopez Ridge Recreation Center
7245 Calle Cristobal, San Diego, CA 92126

Attendance		
At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Frichtel, Joe: Chairperson	X	
Goonan, Greg: Vice chair	X	
Hamilton, Fay	X	
Jackson, Craig		X
Pampo, Fidencio: Treasurer		X
Stevens, Jeff	X	
Youth Organization Members		
Legends San Diego		X
Mira Mesa Girls Softball (Kevin Harrell)		X
Mira Mesa Little League (Walter)	X	
Mira Mesa Soccer-AYSO (Derek Church)	X	
Gremio Football Club		X
Mira Mesa Pop Warner and Cheer (Frida Zavala & William Hudson)	X	
Adult Organization Members		
Mira Mesa Town Council		X
San Diego Cricket Association (Yashenh Zaven)	X	
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
City Staff		
Claudia Apodaca: Area Manager II, MM	X	
Derrick Monroe: Center Director III, GJ		X
DaVonne Austin: Assistant Center Director, HG	X	
Jennifer Walsten: OCA Center Director I, LR	X	
Ana Sonnenburg, District Director CPI		X
Daniel Dorantes: Pool Manager II, NBAC	X	
City Council District 6 Representative	X	
Mark Ross: Supervising Aquatics Rec Specialist	X	
Guests		
Krista Clemen		
Scott Kraetsch		

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mr. Frichtel, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Jeff Stevens motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Derek Church

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. Limited to items not on the agenda and three minutes.

- None

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no public comments have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

- None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

- Hourglass Field Joint Use Committee: The December meeting was only to discuss the budget. No meeting was held in January
- Community parks I Area Committee: Zoom Meeting wed Jan 7, 2026

Mira Mesa Community Park Phase 2 Improvements:

The project has reached approximately 69% completion these are the millstones achieved over the past month:

- Planting of trees and sod within Area 1 started the plant establishment period.
- Installation of flooring and interior painting within the existing recreation center,
- Installation of interior and exterior tile at the aquatic building
- Installation of 42" tall perimeter adjacent to Mira Mesa Blvd.
- Installation of playground equipment.
- Demolition and rough grading of the existing parking lot.
- Tile installation at main swimming pool.
- Installation of fence posts, rails, and chain-link mesh for the ballfield dugouts.
- Construction of trash enclosure walls and slab.

Salk Neighborhood Park Joint Use:

Construction has reached approximately 90% completion current ongoing work includes:

- Oval Park: veneer seat wall progress
- Comfort Station: priming and painting doors, floor coating, graffiti coating and paint interior progress
- Rectangular Park: finishing import and grading, fencing installation
- Maddox Park: installing stone veneer on wall
- Shade structures: Division of the State Architect (DSA) has approved the revisions for the shade structures

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT: None**Council District 6 Report:**

Council Representative:

Gold Coast Paving work expected to last through mid January. Cruz will start preparatory work Cul-de-sac on Gold Coast Court and Gold Coast Way until late January.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS: None

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca, Mira Mesa Area

- Trees down @Westiew and Wangenheim
- Homeless issue @ Mesa Verde and MMLL fields

Center Director Report: Jennifer Walsten, Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park:

- Cookie Decorating (30 kids/30 Adults)
- Spring Egg Hunt March 21, 2026
- Start of new program Play Golf

Assistant Center Director Report: DaVonne Austin, Hourglass Field House:

- Winter 2026 Basketball League
- Spring Egg Hunt March 14, 2026
- HG Fields Closed for the month of January

Pool Manager Report: Nicole Shaw, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center:

- Daniel Dorantes will be the new pool manager, this is Nicole's last meeting
- Pool reopening 1/20/2026
- Spring Brochure Release
- MM and Scripps Swim Season start February

Community Group Reports

- Mira Mesa Little League: 400 kids registered for the league, homeless issue, opening day is scheduled on February 28, 2026
- Mira Mesa AYSO: Fall teams done, 10u Girls all-stars softball won divisional
- Mira Mesa Girls Softball: No report
- Pickleball: none
- Mira Mesa Pop Warner and Cheer: Looking for practice space when Mira Mesa Rec reopens and mat storage

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS: None

ACTION ITEMS: None

WORKSHOP: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Joe Frichtel, at 7:54pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026, at 7:00pm
Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center.