

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
November 13, 2025, at 6:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Montgomery Waller Recreation Center at 3020 Coronado Ave., San Diego, CA 92154

CALL TO ORDER

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (4)	Members Absent (2)	Staff Present (7)	Guest (1)
Dotty Giffen President	Sherri Gonzalez	Liliana Barba	Eulid Campos
Mike Grzenia Vice President	Marco Espinosa	Carlos Edington	
Angelina Bravo		German Fimbres	
Maria Carranza		Jay Villanueva	
		Victor Caymaris	
		CJ Saldana	
		Melissa Hidalgo	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2025

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (M. Grzenia/A. Bravo) to accept the October 2025 minutes as presented. The motion carried with 3 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer C. Edington reported the following:

- Elderly lady assaulted on November 8th by transient on corner of Beyer Blvd. and West Park. Suspect was later captured and charged with felony assault.
- Advised to always be aware of surrounding and keep head up when walking.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Victor Caymaris reported the following:

- Grove Park memo submitted to Mayor's by Vivian Moreno's office. Waiting on response.
- Last dumpster drop off event of the year will be November 22 at Montgomery Waller.
- Budget priorities list submitted to council. Voting will take place November 18.
- Discussed timeline for Council District elections. Primaries in June 2026, general election November 2026. Results take effect January 2027.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- Assemblymember was able to secure \$4.3 million for phase 1 of Grove Park. Funding was approved in 2024.
- College fair is on November 15. Event will be moved to indoor.
- Open house for Assemblymember on December 16. Office located on Church Ave in Chula Vista.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Attended all three Halloween events.
- Guests at all events were very happy.
- Montgomery Waller event was very well attended. Highlighted the decorations.

Vice President Mike Grzenia reported the following:

- Attended Montgomery Waller Halloween event.
- CJ decorated very nicely, and DJ was outstanding.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

Eluid Campos of Nido Aguila stated the following:

Soccer season has ended with most games being played at Montgomery Waller. Thanked for all the support from SDPD. They continue to practice as tournament season begins soon.

STAFF REPORTS

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Basketball court project started on October 27. Concrete pouring will November 14th.
- Silver Wing is sandbag only distribution site. Sand is available at Bonita Fire Station.
- Feeding San Diego will have pop up distribution at Silver Wing on 11/24, 12/22, and 12/29.
- Turkey trot is on November 18th.
- Toys 4 Tots distribution December 17th.

Center Director C.J. Saldana reported the following:

- Hosting Volleyball league at Montgomery Waller
- Have flag football teams in pee wee, 10U, and 12U Division.
- Pumpkin carving event lead by Melissa was well attended.
- Approved by Director to turn on field lights on north side of park for security reasons. Lights will be on 5pm-10pm on during the week and 5pm-8pm on weekends.
- Old Globe Shakespeare in the park had around 160 people.
- Snow Day December 6th.
- Don Maurer shows will be at Montgomery Waller March 16-22.

Area Manager Jay Villanueva reported the following:

- Welcomed new Assistant Center Director Melissa Hidalgo, Recreation Aide Efren, and new GMW Valentin.
- Completed project at Sunnyslope Park. Removed bushes and planted new trees and plants.
- New gate installed at Nestor Park.
- Gym floor scheduled for resurfacing in December.
- Mrs. Dotty recommend purchasing a mat to protect floors.

NEW BUSINESS

Silver Wing RCF FY27 budget

- Area Manager German presented Silver Wing RCF Budget. Added funding for tables and canopies as suggested by Mrs. Dotty previous meeting.
- Budget supported by CRG.

Montgomery Waller RCFY 2027

- Center Director CJ presented Montgomery Waller RCF Budget.
- Budget supported by CRG.

ACTION ITEMS

CRG election for 2026 officers: Ballots were distributed and tallied. Vice president was a tie between Mike Grenzia and Marco Espinosa. Ballots were redistributed to re vote.

- President: Dotty Giffen (4-0-0)
- Vice President: Mike Grenzia (4-0-0)
- Secretary: Mike Grenzia (4-0-0)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Montgomery Waller Snow Day December 6
- Montgomery Waller Toys 4 Tots event December 12
- Silver Wing Toys 4 Tots event December 17

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

January 8, 2026, at 7:00pm
Silver Wing Recreation Center
3737 Arey Dr. San Diego, Ca 92154
(619) 424-0465

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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Oscar Hernandez
Center Director II

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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