

City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
January 8th, 2026, at 7:00pm
Minutes

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Silver Wing Recreation Center at 3737 Arey Dr, 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 (4)	Guest (5)
Dotty Giffen President	Angelina Bravo	Liliana Barba	Eulid Campos
Mike Grzenia Vice President	Marco Espinosa	Carlos Edington	Max Gonzalez
Sherri Gonzalez		Agustin Ascencio	Mary Natividad
Maria Carranza		CJ Saldana	Juan Saludes
		Melissa Hidalgo	Alani Fouquette
		Oscar Hernandez	Gerardo Quintana
		Ashley Farfan	Michael Cortez
		German Fimbres	Amber Quintana
			Linda Porras
			David Porras

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 2025

- Approval of November minutes was tabled due to not all members from November meeting being attendance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Yasmeen Obeid of the Commission of Police Practices:

- As the director of Community Engagement with the Commission of Police Practices, we want to share who we are, what we do, and how to get in touch with us.
- The words “Commission on police practices” are associated with “Police oversight”
- Police oversight began in 1985

- What is the condition on police practice? We are an investigatory body in the City of San Diego.
- Independent from the Mayor, the police department in chief and state attorney, and we have three main powers: investigatory powers, review powers, and audited powers.
- Our mission is to hold law enforcement accountable to the community, increase to increase community trust and law enforcement, result in an increase of safety for both law enforcement as well as our community members.
- If you are interested in joining our mission, we meet regularly at the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 8pm and we also do work for our committee.
- Our upcoming meeting will be January 23rd at Southeastern Liverpool Center in the southeast San Diego.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer C. Edington reported the following:

- Increase graffiti in area. Mostly in Nestor, Imperial Beach and Palm City.
- Report any graffiti on Get It Done App.
- For any suspicious activities call non-emergency (619) 531-2000
- For any active graffiti activities occurring, call 9-1-1.
- Officer Agustin Ascencio will be the new Community Relations Officer in the area.
- If you are a resident of the City of San Diego, there are two things to have on your phone; Get It Done Application and the non-emergency number.

COUNCIL DISRICT 8 REPORTS

None.

80th DISRICT REPORTS

Liliana Barba reported the following:

- Friday, January 23rd, Assembly member Alvarez will be having a press conference at the corner of 27th Street and Grove Avenue to announce the State Fund Fee.
- Mayor Todd Gloria will also be present and will provide a timeline of the park construction.
- The estimated year of completion as of now is 2028.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Max Gonzalez with American Medical response reported the following:

- Promoting events that have been on going at areas like, Encinitas, Filiate.
- Events promoting; Free car seat inspection and installations, Hands only Heroes, First on the Scene.

- These events are for patrons of all ages. Patrons will learn how to do CPR, how to use an AED, and how to activate 911.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- The Christmas events at both parks were very well attended.
- The neighborhood appreciated the three dates Feed America program was at the park.
- Patrons have questioned, when the basketball courts will be ready? Will the gates to the basketball courts remain opened with lock? Why are sprinklers still running on rainy days? Staff Answered, "There must be something wrong with the Sprinklers Clock, they are set for off". Why is the park often dirty? Staff answered, "GMW was on vacation for holidays, but he is back". Lastly, Motorized bikes usage? Staff answered, "With the information we recently got, we are starting to educate the kids using the motorized bikes".

Vice President Mike Grzenia reported the following:

- Attended Montgomery Waller Snow Day event, went well, had a good turnout.
- Puddle of water 3 to 4 inches gets formed by baseball field 3 when it rains. Entered a get it done report on the app.
- Patrons walk by these paths daily, and its tough for some patrons to walk through those puddles.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

They have been clearing out the weeds, debris, and cutting down trees for the last week or so, it looks nice.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

Linda Porras of Sunset Pony Youth League stated the following:

- Second spring season is ready to start.
- Excited to see all our returners and new players in our league.
- Have been working on making Palm Ridge our home field.

Eluid Campos of Nido Aguila reported the following:

- New season has started.
- Started practicing for state cups.
- Nido Aguila organization has been working with the community.

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director Oscar Hernandez reported the following:

- Turkey trot on November 18th was changed to Turkey Bingo, with a good turnout as well.
- On December 13th the City of San Diego hosted City wide flag football tournament, our peewee, 10u and 12u participated.

- Cheerleaders also performed at a showcase on December 13th
- Cookies with Santa event and Toys 4 Tots distribution was on December 17th
- On December 18th we had our fall sports banquet.
- Some of our new classes are makeup tutorial class, perfume making class, clay making class, and Yoga for adults as well.
- Some of our events coming up include Loteria Night on January 30th. On February 12th we are having or Strawberries Workshop event.
- With our basketball season right around the corner our teams are getting ready for practices. Peewee, 10u and two 12u teams. With our cheerleaders are also starting a new season.

Area Manager German Fimbres reported the following:

- On Christmas eve, at Palm Ridge Park there was an incident where a vehicle got onto the grounds and knocked over our third base dugout and fencing while also damaging the bleachers.
- Will be looking into ordering a new bleacher.
- Friday the 26th after the big storms, had several branches fall at our parks, and had a light post fall at Ocean View Hills Neighborhood Park.
- Street Division came out quickly to take care of the damage.
- Silver Wing Recreation Center continues to be a sandbag distribution site. We offer 10 bags per patron, for free.
- We don't have sand for sandbags, nearest place that has sand is the Bonita fire station on Bonita Road.
- Last update on basketball courts was January 29th from the contractor and they were waiting on materials for the fencing.

Center Director CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Great turnout for our Toys 4 Tots distribution.
- Great season from our Flag Football teams. Both our volleyball teams made it to the finals.
- Fall sports banquet took place late in December
- Fields are closed December, January and February but for security reasons the field lights are turned on until 10pm
- Starting basketball with two peewee teams, two 10u teams, two 12u teams, 14u team and from the girl's teams we have 12u and 14u.
- Lunch program will continue
- Introduced Melissa as the new Assistant Center Director at Montgomery Waller Recreation center

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Silver Wing- Loteria Night January 30th
- Silver Wing- Strawberries Workshop February 12th

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

February 12th, 2026, at 7:00pm
Montgomery Waller Recreation Center
3020 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, Ca 92154
(619) 424-0466

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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