

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
COLINA DEL SOL COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
5319 Orange Ave, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 – 619-235-1144

MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 21, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Richardson, College Community, Chair
Denise Armijo, Rolando Resident, Secretary
Daniele Laman, CLLL
Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park Comm. Council
Bettina Rausa, Redwood Village Comm. Council

MEMBERS ABSENT

Josh Vonck, East County Surf
Jose Lopez, Sunshine Little League
Arlette Bianconi, California Soccer
Scott Graff, New Vision Urban Impact
Sidney Michael
Darrell Johnson, Rebel San Diego
Leslie Burton, El Cerrito
Paul Smith, Mid-City CPG, El Cerrito CC
Karleen Driggs, Soccer Kids America
Peaches Turner, Treasurer
Ramon Aldana, City Heights Soccer

STAFF

Fernando Jumillas, Center Director III
Joshua Cummings, Mid-City CRO
Juan Alcala, Pool (for Ashley)
Francisco Peralta, D9 (absent)
Ashley Soto Jimenez, Pool Manager (absent)

GUESTS

Anisa Mohamed, District 4 Representative

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS 6:45 call to order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA 501-C-3 tabled, El Cerrito property struck from agenda. Add new member vote. Daniele 1st, Denise 2nd, passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approved with corrections, Daniele 1st, Lynn 2nd, passed 4-0

WORKSHOP ITEM - none

ACTION ITEMS

1. 501 © Status – Tabled
2. El Cerrito Property item – Struck from agenda
3. Letter of support for purchasing land in Talmadge for a park
 - a. Daniele shared slides prepared by David Moty. Talmadge has 0 park points for population of 9,000 people. 93% deficit for planning group. Seeking letter of support for City to look into possibility of purchasing park. The group will take proposal to mayor and council members soon. No staff currently assigned to land acquisition to fulfill parks master plan.
 - b. Location is .87 acres, 2 parcels with parking lot (4481 and 4482 Estrella Avenue). Price has dropped from 6.9 to 5.2 million.

- c. Lynn suggested talking to Groundworks. Denise suggested specifically requesting a feasibility study. Sue encouraged members to bring possible purchases to CRG to provide letter of support to fulfill CRG mission to support recreational availability. Josh mentioned Xena Canyon as a possible park site.
- d. Lynn 1st, Denise 2nd, 3-0-1 Daniele abstained. Sue will write letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT – (Limited to 2 minutes non debatable)- None

STAFF REPORTS

1. Council District 9 –
 - a. Anisa Mohamed No updates. Daniele mentioned Teralta tree planting January 9th near Elementary and Wilson Jr. High, beautification January 31st by Park de la Cruz, and Ward Canyon beautification scheduled for February 7 and thanked councilmember. D9 would like to see these types of events spread to other Districts. March 7th will be Sports Day at de la Cruz.
2. SDPD Community Relations Officer – Joshua Cummings
 - a. New captain is prioritizing training.
 - b. Homicides down from last year. Violent crimes down 6%, arrests up 20%, property crimes down 20%. Being more proactive.
 - c. Wightman still in good shape, no other encampments. Lights in mini- park above should be on line soon, waiting on bulbs. Then will focus on graffiti.
 - d. Colina Park – some vehicle habitation. Had meeting with Andy Fields to discuss golf course, closing hours, etc. Andy suggested Joah obtain letters of support from groups for desired changes. Park currently closes at 10, lights go off. The group discussed “closing” versus “curfew”. Letter of support to be on next agenda as action item. Fernando to check what other City parks with lights do. All La Mesa parks are 7-10 per Sue.
3. Area Manager – Victor Johnson - No report. No set date for Victor to come. At least another 6 weeks.
4. Recreation Center Director – Fernando Jumillas
 - a. Basketball just starting, 100-120 registrants.
 - b. Spring event egg hunt will be March 21 or 28. Dates based on Colina staffing. Will try not to overlap with other spring events.
 - c. Saturday 1/24 there will be a volunteer event to clean Colina, organized by SD Futsal (Dike).
 - d. Basketball rim was damaged in process of attempt to steal it, using sawzall. Dave is trying to get cameras but per Josh the process is very involved. The group discussed closing gates early (8:30). New rim has been obtained, needs to be installed. Josh to coordinate with StarPal to see if their camera system can be utilized.
 - e. Daniele requested Josh to follow up with StarPal regarding Portia’s memorial.
 - f. February 2 will be the re-grand opening for repaved courts. 4-5 PM. Fernando to send flyers.
 - g. Fernando to fix pool phone number on website.
5. Pool Manager – Ashley Soto Jimenez
 - a. Back from winter break, now open on Fridays. Youth polo starting up. Lessons

start up again next month, can do drop-ins.

- b. Crawford graduates got t-shirts and snacks in lieu of ceremony. It was noted that the program was started after a student died in rip current. D9 expressed interest in program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Update on Montezuma's GDP Design - No update
2. Update on starting date for construction at Pendleton Elementary - Fernando reached out to Kevin Oliver, haven't heard back. In City emails on 1/8 to Community, City said work was anticipated 5-10 days. No notices posted yet. Community noted other street work projects nearby, concerns about traffic.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

1. College Area Community Plan was adopted with very few changes, almost no park land added. Verbal commitment from councilmembers that something needs to be done to support efforts.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES – 501-C-3

COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. Chollas Little League
 - a. Had sign ups and assessments, will do notices in early February, opening end of Feb. 8 teams, 4 fields. Will use Pendleton during the week. There is a leaning SDGE pole near snack bar, they are trying to get D4 to help since there is no area manager currently. The Senior team is 15 and 16 year olds. Batting cage to be re-netted.
2. East County Surf (Correct name to Rebel)
3. California Soccer
4. City Heights Soccer
 - a. Group discussed attendance and need for regular presence
5. Soccer Kids America
6. Sunshine Little League
7. New Vision

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Daniele noted that Park and Rec Board got minutes approved for GDP project for Sunshine improvements. Project had to go back to City Heights.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:16

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting for the Colina Del Sol Parks & Recreation Group will be held on January 21, 2026. This information will be made available in an alternative format upon request. To request an agenda in an alternative format or request a sign language or an oral interpreter, please call OCA Recreation Center Director III, Fernando Jumillas at 619-235-1144.