

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO SCRIPPS RANCH COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

March 12, 2026
6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Bob Ilko. Motion passed unanimously.

Members in Attendance

1. Denisse Macias – Assistant Center Director
2. Bob Ilko – SRCA
3. Jim Melville – Pickleball
4. Jany Staley - SDWSL
5. Jennifer Hays – SRWAC
6. Mary Lawler - SRWAC
7. Elizabeth Barker - Aquino – Soccer Shots
8. Douglas Lambell – SROP
9. Paloma Cuautenango – Mid-City CAN (guest presenter)

APPROVAL OF THE November 13, 2025, MINUTES:

Jim Melville made the motion to approve the January 8th, 2025, minutes, and Bob Ilko seconded the motion with no abstentions or oppositions.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jany Staley:

- a. Many bottom fence attachments/clips are missing and causing curl-up at Spring Canyon Park. Request to reattach across affected fields.

Bob Ilko:

- a. The donor is ready to fund a tree but cannot proceed until irrigation repairs are completed; coordination between contractor and City is unresolved.
- b. Repeated incidents last year of vehicle damage to turf. Consider vehicular deterrents where feasible/cost-effective for parks such as Stonebridge Neighborhood Park.
- c. Ongoing concern regarding sharp edges on the scoreboard at Jerabek Park. Interim mitigation proposed: landscape buffer to create a visual barrier for kids.
- d. Joint walk-through with Mayor's Office, Capital Improvements, Parks & Rec, & MADs. Where possible, MAD may execute projects directly and seek City reimbursement to save time/cost.

Jennifer Hays & Mary Lawler:

- a. SRWAC reports they are a 501(c)(3) but are not receiving non-profit permit rates leading to thousands in costs per season
- b. Request one extra hour for the gym to be open on Monday nights
- c. Requested to add a knock box for nets and equipment for pickleball league for outdoor pickleball courts

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA: None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT: None

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Assistant Center Director: Denisse Macias

- a. Provided updates regarding the re-opening of the Scripps Ranch Community Park fields
- b. Shared details regarding Spring Egg Hunt event

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mid-City CAN Presentation (Paloma Cuautenango) — Park Equity & Delivery Efficiency

- a. Youth-led effort at Officer Jeremy Kendall Memorial Park: secured \$4.25M for renovations; facing multi-year delivery timelines under CIP and high soft costs.
- b. Proposed solution to improve speed and reduce soft costs:
 - a. Add a deputized City Engineer dedicated to Parks & Recreation, empowered to approve plans and close out projects within Parks (instead of routing to ECP for sign-off).
 - b. Raise Parks' in-house project threshold from \$1M to \$5M, allowing more small/medium park projects to be delivered directly by Parks staff.
 - c. Ongoing conversations with Parks & Rec leadership, Engineering & Capital Projects (ECP), MAD, the Council President's office, and the Independent Budget Analyst on operational and budget impacts.

Request: CRG to send a letter of support to Council endorsing both measures; template and contact list will be provided (PDF/Word).

Letter of Support – Deputized Engineer

- d. CRG members agreed to include a letter of support for Mid-City CAN's proposal, endorsing a deputized engineer for parks and raising the Parks in-house project threshold to \$5 million, as an action item for the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: None

WORKSHOP: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Doug motioned and seconded by Jim Melville to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2026, at 6pm.

BOARD MEMBERS: Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by emailing Walter Ma'ake at wmaake@sandiego.gov to determine if a quorum will be reached.

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