

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
 PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Linda Vista Community Recreation Group
3/10/2026
MINUTES

Meeting Location:

The meeting of the Linda Vista Community Recreation Group was held at the Linda Vista Recreation Center at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

<p>Members Present: Kim Sharp-Chairperson Gill Abelon-Vice Chair Lori Walker – Member at Large Margarita Castro – MAD Tomas Marquez – Member at Large Dawn Essington – Member at Large</p> <p>Members Absent: Patrick O’Shell-Secretary Brandy Proppe-Member at Large Tam Nguyen – Vovinam Xuan Nguyen – Tai Chi</p>	<p>City Staff: Jia Arnell, (OCA) Center Director III(Left at 6:45pm) Leticia Barron, ACD</p> <p>Guest: Steve Rodriguez</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Kim Sharp at 5:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved/second (Marquez/Abelon)to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes.
 The motion was approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES: None.

RECREATION CENTER FUND UPDATE: None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Margarita Castro brought up the Playground equipment.
- Kim asked Miles to respond in the moment.
- Margarita Castro said that she has already sent the letter of concern and the request to remove the playground equipment to the Head of Parks & Recreation.

Public Notice Clarification:

This item was **not listed on the publicly posted agenda**. The action is recorded; however, the item will be placed on a future agenda for **formal public notice and confirmation**, if required.

Additional Notes:

- Miles confirmed that the sanitation response indicated *no substance detected during their inspection*.
- It was suggested to bring the issue to the Mayor's Office.
- A test area/zone may be identified prior to removal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor's Office: None

City Council District 7: None

- Miles reported upcoming Town Hall meetings.
- Over 40 community events are planned.
- A **Coffee with a Cop** event is scheduled.
- **April 25 – Multicultural Fair.**
- Information for both the **Coffee with a Cop and April 25 – Multicultural Fair** will also be shared via email.

Police: Officer Tiffany, Community Relations Office:

- A community relations platform is being used to keep residents informed.
- 30-day reports will be sent to Linda Vista Recreation Center Director.
- Current statistics indicate the area remains relatively quiet.
Area Manager – Jia read the report Ira provided her. Playground Surface Testing Update
The Department is aware of the test results provided by Margarita and a response will be provided once the City completes a review of the findings.. Additional information will be shared with the group as soon as it becomes available.

Patio Fence Installation

- The patio fence installation once the vendor receives the materials. The materials are expected sometime next week.

Linda Vista Theater Arts Performances

Ira attended five of the six Theater Arts performances to provide support and observe the program. The actors delivered excellent performances, and he strongly encourages attending future productions.

OCA Recreation Center Director III – Report by Jia Arnell

- **Spring Registration – Programs and Activities**
Spring registration is currently active, and staff have been working diligently to assist community members. Many programs are filling up quickly, and the community is encouraged to register early to ensure availability.
 - **Youth Basketball – District Playoffs**
Youth basketball teams have entered District Playoffs with strong participation and sportsmanship. Staff will continue to update the group as standings and results become available.
 - **Banquet – Pee Wee Basketball, Theater Arts, Youth Basketball**
The Pee Wee Basketball and Theater Arts banquets have already taken place, and both events were highly successful. The Youth Basketball banquet is forthcoming and will take place after the teams complete their final games during the week of March 21st. Staff is currently finalizing event details.
 - **Spring Egg Hunt**
Preparations are underway for the annual Spring Egg Hunt. Staff is coordinating logistics to support a safe and enjoyable experience for all ages.
 - **New Staff Introduction – Intern Kelsey Kruse**
Intern Kelsey Kruse has joined the Linda Vista Recreation Center team and has begun supporting daily operations and program activities. Staff is excited to welcome her to the center.
- Assistant Center Director Report – Leticia Barron**
Assistant Center Director Leticia Barron none.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION:

A motion was made by Margarita and seconded by Tomas to approve the removal of the playground equipment due to health concerns.
The motion was approved unanimously.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next Linda Vista Community Recreation Group meeting will be at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

SUBMITTED BY:

Jia Arnell
Center Director III (OCA)

REVIEWED BY:

Ira Patron
Area Manager