

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RECREATION CENTER  
COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

**Public Notice of Minutes**

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> ,  
2025 6:00 pm

**ATTENDANCE**

**Thomas Van**, Chair Person  
**Rickena Mills**, Vice Chair Person  
**Carmen Miner**  
**Francis Story**  
**Frances Simpson-Lang**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Iris Robersom, Treasurer  
Henry Wallace  
Brenda Lesane

**GUESTS:**

**Here Comes the Neighborhood**

**CITY STAFF:**

Angel Contreras, OCA Area Manager II  
Ahtthajiri Bell, Recreation Center Director III  
Michael Marcelino, Assistant Recreation Center Director  
Tosh Knight – MLK Pool Manager – Absent  
Council District 4 Representative – Anna Phounsavath  
Council District 4 Representative – Tiffany Harrison  
Mayor’s Office – Korral Taylor – Absent - Absent  
SDPD – Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer - Absent

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by R. Mills.

**APPROVAL OF April 2025 MINUTES:** Not approved, needed to add Rickena Mills to May minutes.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:**

**T. Van - Updating the MLK Day Celebration**  
**Bringing new stakeholders to the meetings**  
**Fundraising for park programs**  
**Maintaining a safe park environment**

R. Mills and T. Van expressed the desire for a job board at the park and monthly job training workshops.

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**MLK DAY COMMITTEE:** Set to be hosted on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

T. Van & R. Mills highlighted the need for theme for Dr. MLK Day, opened the floor for committee requests and sign ups.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:** Currently in a Legislative Recess

Get It Done Series

Office Dumpster Day

Encanto Southern Baptist Church Clean Up

Southeastern Micro transit

**MAYORS OFFICE REPORT:** Freeway encampment clearings

Balboa Park – Parking Enforcement

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Vehicle habitation

Lack of parking lines in parking lots

Lights are needed around the rec center for better visibility and safety

Call PATH for transients

**GEORGE STEVENS CENTER:** Fish Fry Fridays – 12pm – 2pm, Senior Center Open from  
Wednesdays-Fridays

Men’s Recovery Breakfast

**FRIENDS OF MALCOLM X LIBRARY:** N/A

**SDPD CRO:** N/A.

**PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

**Area Manager II:** OCA – Angel Contreras –Introduced as Area Manager

- Pool closure until further notice

MLK and Encanto combined staff to host a successful summer camp

**Center Director III:** A. Bell – Completion of Futsal

Transitioning into Flag Football

New Programs: Cooking Class

Halloween Carnival in October

**Pool Manager:** N/A

**Mtn. View Tennis Center:** GDP Amendment Presentation by F. Simpson-Lang

Updates on building process along with challenges

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** Here Comes The Neighborhood – Public Art

Adding Public Art by local artists that represent Dr. MLK Jr. and his legacy

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**ACTION ITEMS:** T. Van initiated a vote to approve of the rec center name being changed to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center. Was voted unanimously in favor.

**WORKSHOP:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by T. Van.

· The next Community Recreation Group Meeting will be held September 18, 2025, at 12pm in person at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center is at 6401 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114.