

City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
7:00pm
Lopez Ridge Recreation Center
7245 Calle Cristobal
San Diego, CA 92126

Attendance

At-Large Members	Present	Absent
Frichtel, Joe: Chairperson	X	
Goonan, Greg: Vice chair		X
Hamilton, Fay	X	
Jackson, Craig		X
Nover, Lillith		X
Treasurer		X
Stevens, Jeff	X	
Youth Organization Members		
Legends San Diego		X
Mira Mesa Girls Softball		x
Mira Mesa Little League	x	
Mira Mesa Soccer - AYSO (Derek Church)	X	
Adult Organization Members		
Mira Mesa Town Council		X
San Diego Cricket Association ()	x	
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
City Staff		
Marcia McDowell	X	
Derrick Monroe: Center Director III, GJ	X	
Ana Serrano: City Council District 6 Representative	X	X
Guests		X
Kevin Lin Pony League	X	
Ricky Ylagan	X	
Peter Baber		
Krista Clemen	X	
Scott Aptsch	X	
Drew A Mira Mesa Youth Baseball	X	
William Hudson	X	
Willie Lessier	X	
Andrea Gillmeier	X	
Derek Church	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mr. Frichtel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Chairperson Frichtel. Motion to approve minutes seconded by Peter Baber and Scott Aptsch.

Discussion Item:

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Community Recreation Group Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. Limited to items not on the agenda and three minutes.

- Questions regarding the surface of Dog Park. Is there a planned time for plants and when is it going to open?

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no public comments have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

- None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

- None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Chair Joe Frichtel announced the passing of Angel Castro. One of the best people to work for the City
- Union Tribune article stated City of San Diego work force grown by two percent. Middle Managers increase by 70 positions.
- Whenever City budget issue, they come after Parks and Recreation and Libraries first. Meanwhile, City of Encinitas anticipates \$784,000 in unreserved money for next year. Meaning they don't spend the money until they get it.
- San Diego proposed tax increase two years ago on the ballot that didn't pass, spent money ahead of it passing now have a deficit
- Discussed City deficit, trash and fees.
- Questions regarding the surface of Dog Park. Is there a planned time for plants and when is it going to open?
- Big event Saturday April 18, Taste of Mira Mesa. The Vault, \$50 cost. Event includes fancy cars too look at. It's a fundraiser for schools. Organized by the schools.
- A meeting at Miramar Air Station. Noise complaints mostly from University City.

Council District 6 Report:

Council Representative Isabel Serrano:

- Mayor's proposed budget will be out tomorrow available for the public. Independent budget analysts will release their report at the end of the month. First week of May Budget Review Committee meeting. All City Council departments, IBA and auditors will present budget to City Council. Council Representative office will have a budget

town hall at Mira Mesa Library and University City later in the month. Mira Mesa Library will be on May 7th

- Public invited to give input. Parks and Rec would be helpful in bringing up important items.
- South Park and Maddox, Counsel Rep Serrano was able to tour the park about month ago. Punch list from project team, specifically dog park and playground.
- Doing stuff to make ADA compliant. At the end of 90 days make sure landscape is protected by fencing and is ADA accessible. The 90 days started a couple of weeks ago. Project pushed to use original material by City which is decomposed granite. Signs visible to the public and trash bags.

Hourglass Joint Use Field Committee

- No report

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Meeting on March 4th. Meeting every other month now online. Both North and south communities are included. There are 58 Recreation Centers. At 6:30, there were 36 people logged in. Twenty-five people were logged in at 7:30pm, the close of the meeting. Probably 20 rec centers. People don't care enough.
- Meeting is now called Park Talk. Meetings have good information with the director of Park and Rec.
- Comment came up in the meeting about some areas of San Diego that have light poles made from cement that last 50 years. Metal poles last 12 years fall and rust out. Chair Frichtel will encourage the City to use cement light poles.
- Mira Mesa CRG still don't have the by-laws from the City.

Mira Mesa Park Phase 2-3 Expansion Committee

- The park is 78% completed. Pictures are online and include beautiful pictures.
- Kids are skateboarding already.
- Security guard was hired for nights
- Swimming pool is not finished yet. Landscaping is happening, trees going in, sod getting done and its getting close to opening.

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

- None

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca, Mira Mesa Community

- No report

OCA Center Director Report: Marcia McDowell Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park

- Spring Egg Hunt 100 kids participated
- Movie in the park June 27. Showing the movie Cars

Center Director Report: Derrick Monroe, Hourglass Field Community Park

- Derrick Monroe is on assignment as Center Director. Devon Austin returned to her position Assistant Recreation Center Director.
- Youth basketball league had 3 teams make the Citywide playoffs.
- March 14 the spring Egg Hunt was held outside a change from indoors previous egg hunts. Approximately 50 kids.

- Spring volleyball season is currently taking place. Six teams in 12U and 14U. Also, three teams from North Clairemont and Ocean Air Recreation Centers. Games are played on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Pool Manager Report: Daniel Doranted, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center
No Report

Community Group Reports

Mira Mesa Little League:

- Back from spring break and now halfway through the season.
- Problem with shades. Brought issue up with shade manufacturer. Met with the rep. shades are down over the bleachers, playground and general areas. Looked up warranty. Rep said the cause is vandalism, used as an excuse. Mentioned all the blue ones are down. Rep said it could be gangs. He said discuss with Claudia.

Mira Mesa AYSO:

- Halfway through the season after two weeks off. We tried to come back on Saturday but got rained out.
- Complaints about the field at Wagenheim. Why can't parks and Rec maintain fields like Miramar College. Field has a lot of dirt and dust patches causing trip hazards. Chair Joe Frichtel shared the college has bigger budgets to service Hourglass fields.
- Chair Joe Frichtel also commented that he asked that field at Wagenheim to be scraped down and bring in two feet of topsoil but told it's too expensive.
- Derek Church asked if there are plans of resting the field over the summer or restorative maintenance?

San Diego Crickett Assoc:

- No Report

Mira Mesa Girls Softball:

- No report

PickleBall:

- No report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Drew, from Mira Mesa Youth Baseball is interested in bringing back Pony Baseball to Mira Mesa. He intends to come to next three CRG Meetings to become a member.
- Drew emailed Claudia about their intentions of going back to Camino Ruiz fields and 3-Roots. Pony has players from different cities and is not tied to a zip code. They have players from different cities aged 3-15. The dimensions at 3-Roots look good.
- Mira Mesa Pop Warner. They have been to a few of the CRG meetings already and are advocating for field space at Gil Johnson when it opens. Currently at Westview, there is lots of uneven grass. Half the time grass doesn't get mowed, homeless problem, beer can caps all over grass. No lights in October. Chair Joe Frichtel suggested he talk to Claudia at Hourglass.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

WORKSHOP:

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00pm
Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center.