

City of San Diego  
Greater North Clairemont Parks and Recreation Advisory Group  
Minutes  
February 18, 2026

Meeting Location:  
North Clairemont Recreation Center  
4421 Bannock Ave.  
San Diego, CA 92117

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**Members Present**

Dave Pursel, Chairperson  
Roger Otterson, Vice Chairperson  
Lisa Bacling, Legends Soccer  
Robert Murillo, High Tech High  
Mary Kay Schmidt, PYSL  
Jared Oberland, Member At Large

**City Staff Present**

Marcia McDowell, Assistant Center Director  
André Delaverdac, Recreation Center Director I  
James De Simone, Recreation Center Director II  
Hannah Turner, Area Manager II

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Pursel at 6:31 PM.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Each member present introduced themselves. Please see sign in sheet for the full list of members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda February 18, 2026

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Otterson/ Mr. Murillo**

A motion was made by Mr. Otterson and seconded by Mr. Murillo to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was approved with 3 ayes, 0 nays. Mr. Pursel made remarks about the items on the agenda. Nominations for officers of advisory group, discussion of pickleball courts at South Clairemont, an update on tables at Cadman, and a vote of support for Clairemont Family Day special event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes

1. Approval of the minutes for January 21, 2026

**MOTION:**

**MOVED/SECONDED**

**Mr. Murillo/ Mrs. Bacling**

A motion was made by Mr. Murillo and seconded by Mrs. Bacling to approve the minutes for January 21, 2026. The motion was approved with 3 ayes, 0 nays

Request for Continuances

Mr. Pursel asks if there is something the group can do to amend South Clairemont's GDP to add pickleball courts. He discusses and makes motion to change the GDP. Area Manager Hannah Turner states if the GDP shows multipurpose courts in the area, then it is ok to put pickleball lines on the court. If it says basketball or something specific, the GDP must be changed. Mrs. Turner explains that changing the GDP can be voted on if added to the agenda, and voting to expand the courts to add pickleball is ok to do. If approved, item can be moved forward to potentially be added to the Unfunded Projects list. Mr. Otterson speaks to previous meetings that were filled with citizens in support and opposed to adding pickleball courts in this area, and states that it needs to be prioritized more than adding to the Unfunded Projects list. He requests to put it out to community groups and spearhead this project as a desire of the community. Mr. Pursel speaks to the overrunning of the existing pickleball courts and the need to have urgency in adding courts at South Clairemont. Mr. Murillo asks to vote on the motion. Mr. Otterson wants this item pushed up the chain and to be prioritized more than being put on the list. He wants action over bureaucracy. Mrs. Turner informs the group that a quote can be obtained to provide an idea of potential costs.

INFORMATION ITEM

Mrs. Turner states that the purchase of new tables for Cadman has been approved and that the cost will be built into Cadman's budget. Mr. Pursel states the budget for this project has been doubled and he is upset it hasn't moved forward yet. No update on Family Day discussion as the presenter was not present at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None given

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None given

TREASURER'S REPORT

None given

## RECREATION CENTER DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Center Director, Marcia McDowell, reported the following for North Clairemont Recreation Center: NCRC has basketball playoffs starting, districts are next, and Citywide tournament is in March. Their Spring Egg Hunt special event is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am.

Recreation Center Director I, André Delaverdac, reported the following for Tecolote Recreation Center: The Snow Day special event on January 17<sup>th</sup> was a big success, with attendance of likely 150 or so. He provided photos of the event for the group, which was happy to see the results. Tecolote Spring Egg Hunt special event is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 3pm. Tecolote Youth Baseball's Opening Day ceremony and season kickoff is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>. New recreation staff has been onboarded and are getting up to speed. Will be offering new youth basketball program in the Spring, other programs to follow soon.

Recreation Center Director II, James De Simone, reported the following for South Clairemont Recreation Center: Their Spring Egg Hunt is March 28, 2026, and will also include a Car Show and Carnival. The Carnival will be from March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. They are starting a new yoga class in the spring, and have 20 kids signed up for their Kids Night Out program scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hannah Turner reported the following for Cadman Recreation Center: Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 1pm. They have new programming coming in the near future.

## AREA MANAGERS REPORT

Area Manager Hannah Turner presented the following: Hickman Phase #1 is almost complete. Olive Grove soil amendments are done, 90-day establishment period will be starting soon. The sod at Holmes is laid, they are in final stages but not yet sure when site will open up. New Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Jose Martinez is prioritizing projects in the Clairemont area. The department as a whole is in budget season, and the Citywide Recreation Services Department is scheduling meetings with staff to smooth out financials for the upcoming year.

## ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Pursel describes his philosophy on running meetings, encourages members to consider nominations for all positions. He desires to support the community but is willing to step aside if someone wants to step up to take over the Chairperson position. He states his desire to see bottom-up programming, not top-down, in the Parks and Recreation Department. He states he will accept nominations up until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM  
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Respectfully Submitted by André Delaverdac  
Recreation Center Director I

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Date

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Reviewed by Hannah Turner  
Area Manager

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Date

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Approved by Dave Pursel  
Chairperson

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Date