



**MINUTES PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Balboa Park/Morley Field Community Recreation Group

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:00pm

Balboa Park Activity Center

2145 Park Blvd. San Diego, CA 92101

Attendance

Board Members:

Patty Riddle – Chairperson

Chhem Young-Pen – Vice Chair **Absent**

Secretary – Vacant

Organization Members:

Balboa Park Committee – Patty Riddle

North Park Little League – Greg Spielman

SD Table Tennis Association – Ruben Guilloty

SD Badminton Club – Patty Riddle

The Thursday Club – Christine Khouri **Absent**

Balboa Park Pétanque – Michael Bratton

Soccer Kids America – Karleen Driggs

North Park AYSO – Rachel Oechel

Balboa Tennis club – Colleen Ferrell

FC Balboa – Chhem Young-Pen **Absent**

City Staff

Luis Ignacio Recreation Center Director III, Balboa Park Activity Center

Adriana Magdaleno Recreation Center Director III, Municipal Gym and Morley Field Sports Complex.

Alysandra Perez Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities Area Manager II

Anthony Harrington Balboa Park Recreation & Facilities District Manager

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Patty Riddle (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

Note: Budget to Actuals report is available at-

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/budget>

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES: None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: P. Riddle

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balboa Park Committee: P. Riddle reported that at the committee meeting, there was talk on fundraisers. Several committees support Balboa Park and they represent all the museums, and they registered a complaint about paid parking and museum attendance has gone down and we want to get as many kids as possible and people coming to Balboa Park. P. Riddle asked the CRG members if they have anything they want to have presented at the Balboa Park Committee meeting to let her know and she will share the information.

North Park Little League: M. Spielberg reported that they are in the middle of the season, and they have too many kids and had to rent field space at Golden Hill Recreation Center. He also reported that they celebrated "Girls Got Game." It is an initiative by Little League to recognize the impacts of women in little league. M. Spielberg also reported that they have 56 young girls playing, 10 female coaches and the Board has expanded from 0 female membership to 5 in the last 2 years. North Park Little League celebrated with a special game. Kira Azumi, 2nd round pick from the newly formed women's baseball league, came out and talked to the crowd. A former North Park Little League Alum, who made a film in college about the impact baseball had on her life, was there also. The game also had an all-female umpire crew. M. Spielberg talked about how Little League baseball is more than the game itself, it is about the community.

SD Table Tennis Association: R. Guilloty reported that San Diego Table Tennis has seen a reduction in attendance because of paid parking. He also reported that registration has gone from 250 to 210 members. R. Guilloty also reported that their annual Table Tennis Tournament, the San Diego Open, will be on May 22nd through the 24th. He stated that the tournament will be well attended, and they have most of the registrations in. R. Guilloty reported that the club has purchased 15 new tables to replace 15 older tables.

SD Badminton Club: P. Riddle has been away from badminton because of an injury and has nothing to report.

The Thursday Club Foundation: Absent

Balboa Park Pétanque: A. Santamaria reported that there used to be a homeless situation at the club, and they were able to fix the issue temporarily. He also reported that they will have a kid's camp starting soon. A. Santamaria also stated that the club is also trying to host an international tournament for the first time during the week of

August 29th. He also reported that they are working towards hosting a select open doubles international tournament in October. They are trying to bring teams from the US, Mexico and Canada.

Soccer Kids America: K. Driggs reported that she was recognized as Community Member of the Match at the San Diego FC game. She reported that they were able to get tickets for participants and members of their program, and she was able to get on the field before the players came out. K. Driggs also reported that members of San Diego FC, came to one of their games and met with the kids and signed autographs. K. Driggs also stated how she had been doing this for 18 years and how amazing it is to see kids that started when they were little are now adults and playing professionally. K. Driggs also reported on their regular programming. They have Futsal every Friday at Municipal Gym, and Saturdays at Colina del Sol. She reported that they have a camp June 8th – 12th. She also mentioned that they do after school classes year around at the elementary school.

North Park AYSO: R. Oechel reported that they have opened registration for the Fall season. They already have 250 kids registered. The first games of the season will on September 5th and they will go until November 14th.

Balboa Tennis Club: C. Ferrell reported that they were having an event spreading the word about the love of tennis. There will be 25 courts dedicated to the event. There will be professional players giving their time to feed balls and serving. The event will have demos and vendors and everything you can imagine. C. Ferrell also mentions that she has noticed a rodent problem for the first time in 30 years at the facility.

FC Balboa: Absent

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

District Manager: A. Harrington gave an update on the Morley Field Comfort Station. He reported that there are plans to demo and rebuild the comfort station near the ball fields. A. Harrington stated that the City is asking for at least 3 single-use restrooms with sinks on the outside. This comfort station will also include the irrigation clocks for the parks, an area for maintenance supplies. Concessions will remain, while adding additional water fountains and bottle refill stations. He also mentioned that it will be secured like other comfort stations, with an iron gate. There will also be an ADA on each side as well as a change station. A. Harrington mentioned that it could take a year and a half to complete. So, during that time, there will be portable restrooms.

A. Harring also reported that Morley Field has been selected as 1 of 5 fields to receive funding for LED upgrades to the fields. It is a retrofit, so there will not be any additional poles added. That is projected to happen during the summer. Mr. Harrington stated that the funding does not come from General Funds, instead it comes from a Loan

Program. The idea being the cost savings we are going to receive with the LED change will offset the cost of the loan.

Mr. Harrington also mentioned a couple of changes to the Pétanque building. They are changing the Pole Lights with new LED sports lighting. He mentioned they have a quote, a date and are now waiting for the PO. Mr. Harrington also mentioned that they will be replacing the timer. It will now be a digital timer, so there is no need to manually turn it off.

Mr. Harrington stated that the Committee of 100 is adding something to Muni Gym sometime in July. They are redoing the façade and marquee to replicate the original design. They will be adding a bronze sculpture identical to the one that was installed in 1935 along with a marquee upgrade identical to what it looked like in 1935.

Mr. Harrington stated that there is a scheduled walkthrough with our electricians at BPAC to get an idea of what can be done to improve the lighting, mentioning the purpose of this meeting is to see what our options are. Lastly, Mr. Harrington asked for feedback from the CRG members regarding the mayor's revised budget, stating that there will be opportunities to voice any opinions and concerns regarding the budget before it is finalized.

- **Area Manager-Alysandra Perez:** A. Perez reported on projects at both Balboa Park Activity Center and Municipal Gym. At Balboa Park Activity Center we are working on replacing some of the gym curtain dividers and at Municipal Gym they are working on replacing all the height adjusters to the backboards. This will enable staff to adjust the height of the rims for the younger kids that play and practice at the gym. P. Riddle brought up a question regarding the divider curtains and A. Harrington mentioned that one of the curtains took a lot longer than what was expected to fix the curtain. The problem being that the curtains were mismeasured. A. Harrington reported that staff are working with the contractor on getting the correct measurements and the curtain that is currently in place will be replaced with one that is the correct size.
- **Balboa Park Activity Center, Center Director III-Luis Ignacio:** L. Ignacio reported on events that have happened at Balboa Park Activity Center since the CRG last met. L. Ignacio mentioned the annual MLK All People's Breakfast in January, the West Coast Regional Drone Championships, noting that there were teams from as far away as American Samoa that participated in the event. He also mentioned that we were able to hire new staff and with the new staff we were able to offer new classes such as a volleyball program, traditional Lao Dance class and other new classes. L. Ignacio mentioned that the summer HS badminton summer camp will start in June, with 2 sessions being offered.
- **Municipal Gymnasium, Center Director III-Adriana Magdaleno:** A. Magdaleno reported that the Municipal Gym reopened on February 17th after being used as a temporary homeless shelter. Ms. Magdaleno reported that Municipal Gym had 2 10u basketball teams make it to City-Wide Basketball playoffs. She also reported that Municipal Gym is currently in soccer season, and they have both a 10u and 17u soccer teams and they are currently in the middle of their season. A. Magdaleno mentioned

that for the summer they will have a sports camp at the Morley Field Club House. Their will be 6 one-week camps, Monday thru Friday ages 8 to 12 and the cost is \$75. Per session. She also mentioned that Municipal Gym will be a part of the summer lunch program, and they will be able to provide free lunch to kids Monday thru Friday from 12-1. P. Riddle asked how they are getting money for the lunch program and A. Magdaleno responded that it is a partnership between the City of San Diego and City Schools. She also mentioned that they were able to hire more staff and provide more programming. Adriana also mentioned that the fields at Morley Field will be closed July 1st to August 17th for maintenance. She also mentioned that they will have their first Movies in the Park on June 13th on the baseball field, and they will be showing Goonies. They are hoping to add more things for the kids to do before the movie in addition to soccer and arts and crafts. P. Riddle asked about insurance for the camp and how that works. A. Harrington mentioned that to register for the camp they will have to sign a general waiver form. A. Perez mentioned that all staff participating in the camp will have training prior to the camp. A. Magdaleno also mentioned that they had a successful egg hunt at Morley Field with over 250 people participating. She also mentioned that they are going to try and use the Club house as a youth center

CONSENT AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. North Park Little League Snack Bar Enhancement Proposal

- a. **Presenter: Brent Fosnaught, North Park Little League:** North Park Little League presented a proposal for a snack bar enhancement at Morley Field. The North Park Little League is raising money to create a Patio Plaza from the bleachers to the snack shack and around the scoreboard with pavers. They were also looking to make some improvements to fencing and a shade structure. They also had a plan for improving ADA accessibility to the plaza from the parking lot. North Park Little League mentioned that they raised \$40,000 last year and \$40,000 this year with their goal for phase 1 at \$120,000. They also stated that the next step for them would be to present to the Balboa Park Committee in June followed by starting the permit process, with the goal to have it completed by next season. A. Harrington mentioned that the City's Assets Management team has been working with North Park Little League to get the plans to where they are now. He also mentioned that the next steps will be presenting to the Balboa Park Committee. He said there is still the permitting process that North Park Little League needs to go through.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:48

Motion: It was moved/seconded (K. Driggs/G. Spielman) to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7/0/0 (Unanimously).

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
6:00pm