

**City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group
Meeting Minutes**

August 11, 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 (Marlena Fleet)		X
Mira Mesa Little League (Walter Tschernkowitsch	X	
Mira Mesa Soccer-AYSO (Derek Church)		X
Mira Mesa Pop Warner Will Hudson, Michelle Tuscano	X	
Adult Organization Members		
Mira Mesa Town Council		X
San Diego Cricket Association		X
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
City Staff		
Claudia Apodaca		X
Anahi Felix, Lopez Ridge Recreation Center	X	
Derrick Monroe: Center Director III, GJ	X	
Bella Kalivas: City Council District 6 Representative	X	
Daniel Dorantes, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center		X
Guests		
Krista Clemen (Member)	X	
Mira Mesa Youth Baseball (Drew A)		X
Scott Krasten		
Jordan Nguyen (Viet)		X
Jennifer Kravlik		
Peter Baker	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Chairperson Frichtel. Motion to approve Kristen Clemen, second by Andreas Gillmeier

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.

- None

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:

- New Pool Manager coming to new Mira Mesa pool facility
- Ned Baumer pool is closing in January 2027
- Trail that goes to Lopez Canyon, Camino Ruiz Park. Discussion about renaming the trail after Les Braund
- Problem with Miramar College wanting to use more of our fields
- Chairperson Joe mentioned he may be resigning as chair of the MMCRG
- He would like younger people to get involved in Mira Mesa Rec Council

Hourglass Joint Use Field Committee

- Jeff Stevens attended Hourglass Meeting

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Sixty people attended the meeting. Discussion included Maddox and Salk Park
- Parking at Balboa Park upcoming changes
- Next meeting September 2nd, 6pm, type in Park Talk online for those that want to attend

Mira Mesa Park Phase 2-3 Expansion Committee

- Mira Mesa Community Park Phase II is 89% complete. Still waiting for plants to grow
- Salk is 99% complete

BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:

- Krista Clemens expressed frustration with people breaking rules with dogs

Council District 6 Report:

- Maddox will open sometime this month. Waiting on Parks and Rec to take over project
- Salk Park has delays due to contractor errors. Issues with soil not up to City standards. Salk delayed until the end of this year.
- People are welcome to email Council District 6 with inquiries about both parks
- Mira Mesa Community Park completion should be by end of summer. Working with Mayor's office to determine official opening date
- Final inspection of playground areas and basketball courts. Basketball courts have a few dead spots that need addressing before opening. District 6 working with Mayor's office on the issue
- They will be meeting with Parks and Rec to discuss funding sources for shade structure
- Council District 6 helped lead 10.35 million dollars restored in Arts and Culture. It was originally slashed from Mayor's budget.
- All cuts in Rec centers and libraries (hours) were also restored this fiscal year
- Epicenter opens on September 10th, 4:00pm, ceremony. Councilmember and County Supervisor will be there
- Chair Joe suggests when Mira Mesa pool opens have the high school swim teams participate in ceremony

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca, Mira Mesa Community

No Report

OCA Center Director Report Anahi Felix, Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park

- New staff on board will be creating arts and craft programs

Center Director Report: Derrick Monroe, Hourglass Field Community Park

- Fields are still closed until August 17, 2026
- Gym closed due to floor maintenance, opening again is pending floor review
- Fall recreation begins on Saturday, August 15, 2026

Pool Manager Report: Daniel Dorante, Ned Baumer Aquatics Center

- No Report

Community Group Reports

Mira Mesa Little League:

- Fifteen teams back on the fields next week
- Held 9-11 all-stars tournament last week at Mira Mesa

Mira Mesa AYSO:

- No Report

San Diego Crickett Assoc:

- No Report

Mira Mesa Girls Softball:

- Registration closes Monday, about 70 girls right now

PickleBall:

- Nothing more to report

Mira Mesa Pop Warner Football

- Fourth July parade good turnout however the ending was confusing leaving the event

Mira Mesa Youth (Pony) Baseball

No report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

ACTION ITEMS:

WORKSHOP:

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Joe Frichtel, at 8:07pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00pm
Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center