

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Montgomery Waller Community Recreation Park
May 14th, 2026, at 7:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Montgomery Waller Community Recreation Park

CALL TO ORDER

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (3)	Members Absent (3)	Staff Present (7)	Guest (1)
Dotty Giffen President	Angelina Bravo	CJ Saldana	Eulid Campos
Mike Grzenia	Maria Guerrero	Officer Ascencio	
Alberto Estrada	Sherri Gonzalez	Nayelli Juarez	
		Ashley Farfan Garcia	
		Melissa Hidalgo	
		Victor Caymaris	
		Lilianna Barba	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April Minutes

- Approval tabled. Not enough voting members in attendance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer Agustin reported the following:

- Discussed a new SDPD outreach program Junior Cadet Program for 6th-7th graders.
- Every session, a police officer will attend to provide insights and build community trust.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

Victor Caymaris reported the following:

- Discussed the new budget cuts that have zero impact on Montgomery Waller, Robert Egger, Silver Wing, and South Bay, though 25 other centers will be receiving cuts.
- Concerns were raised by President Dotty and CJ from the newspaper, who noted that Montgomery Waller and Silver Wing could still face cuts if Tier 3 is implemented.
- Assured everyone that the information provided today is the most current and credible.
- Promoted a free event at Southwest High School where the community can take advantage of local resources and learn about upcoming events.
- Promoted "I Love My Park Day" at South Bay Recreation Center.
- Promoted "Movies in the Park" (Lilo & Stitch) held at Cesar Solis Park.
- Promoted the Cross Border Community Agenda meeting at the Estuary Research Center on May 27.
- Promoted the MAAC Head Start program.
- Promoted the upcoming Dumpster Drop-off on June 27 at Montgomery Waller, noting the May 9 drop-off was a success.

80th DISRICT REPORTS

Lilianna Barba reported the following:

- Updated us in AB 2117, which this year passed the assembly on Monday and is now heading to senate for further consideration.
- Revised State proposal was released today but is still being reviewed today.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Trash is not being cleared along the east side of the houses, bushes are piling up, and residents report not seeing GMW Jose at Silver Wing.
- Raised concerns that residents have built stairs extending onto park property at Silver Wing.
- Four coyotes are seen more frequently at Silver Wing.
- Individuals experiencing homelessness have been seen camping at Silver Wing.
- Attended the Mother's Day Event at Silver Wing.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

Eulid Campos of Aztec Soccer reported the following:

- Informed everyone of an upcoming game this Saturday for ages 4 and up.
- Reported an increase in league participants.
- Thanked everyone for assisting him and his league to make each game possible.

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Great turnout for their event, supported by the Police Department (PD).
- Received a lot of feedback regarding the cuts to the Aquatics division.
- Thanked Council District 8 (CD8) for their significant support with the special events.

ACD Melissa Hildaldo reported the following:

- The 12U volleyball games started three weeks ago on Wednesdays and are running smoothly.
- Promoted "Movies in the Park" (*Upper*) held at the park on August 1st at 6:00 PM.

OCA Center Director Nayelli Juarez reported the following:

- Promoted "Parks After Dark," which will run for 6 weeks during the summer from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- Promoted volunteer outreach and community resources for upcoming events, including opportunities to host an information booth.
- Promoted "Movies in the Park" (*Lilo & Stitch*) at Cesar Solis Park, featuring multiple free vendors.
- Promoted "Movies in the Park" (*The Wild Robot*) at Silver Wing Recreation Center, featuring multiple free vendors.
- Promoted "Movies in the Park" (*GOAT*) at Cesar Solis Park, featuring multiple free vendors.
- Reported tconstruction on Hidden Trails Neighborhood Park is on hold due to issue with contractor
- The pile of mulch at Silver Wing will be dispersed for next week's project.

ACD Ashely Farfan Garcia reported the following:

- The current soccer league is running smoothly with no issues.
- The 10U and 12U soccer teams advanced to City Wide.
- Ballet Folklórico will be performing at the "I Love My Park" event at 11:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

June 11th, 2026, at 7:00pm

Silver Wing Recreation Center, 33737 Arey Dr. San Diego, CA 92154

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Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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Nayeli Juarez
OCA Center Director II

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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