

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

October 13, 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		
Gremio Soccer, Andre Sana		X
Mira Mesa Girls Softball (Kevin Harrell)	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 (Amit Dudhola)	X	
Mira Mesa Pickleball (Andreas Gillmeier)	X	
City Staff		
Ana Sonnenberg		X
Christian Rivera, Mira Mesa/Gil Johnson 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, (Member)		X
Scott Krasten (Member)		X
Jordan Nguyen (Viet)		X
Isabella Kalivas	X	
Peter Baber	X	
Neil Pesarillo (Pacific Crest Soccer Club)	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Chairperson Frichtel, motion to approve the minutes Jeff Stevens

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:

- The pool, skate park and gym are open October 5, 2026, at Mira Mesa Community Park
- CPI Meeting last month not many people attending the meeting
- Fall Festival Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Senior Center
- Saturday, October 24, grand opening of the Mira Mesa pool and park

Hourglass Joint Use Field Committee

- Miramar College projects include sidewalk repairs, and the installation of solar panels to the pool
- Field 4 light repair is discussed
- College wants to expand all their activities
- Gym will be closed for 6 weeks in June 2027

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Dog owners to bring own water until the fountain is fixed
- Maddox wrong dirt was brought in upper field

Mira Mesa Park Phase 2-3 Expansion Committee**BOARDMEMBER COMMENT:****Council District 6 Report:**

- Mira Mesa Community Park celebration on October 24th starts at 10:30am, Skate Park will be the focus
- Songs of Mira Mesa on the playground art installation with Art presentation.
- Food trucks, DJ will be there
- Upcoming event at Challenger Middle School will be the turkey distribution starting at 11:00am until 1:00pm

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager Report: Claudia Apodaca. No Report

District Manager Anna Sonnenburg:

- Claudia is on vacation
- Mira Mesa is open. Some security lights and drinking fountains are not working. If anyone sees anything not working let her know.
- Shade shells for bleachers have been ordered. Should be installed by the end of the year

OCA Center Director Report DaVonne Austin: Lopez Ridge Neighborhood Park. No Report

District Manager Anna Sonnenburg:

- Interviews are taking place this week for the Center Director. Currently there is an OCA. There will be someone permanent by next meeting or meeting after that

Center Director Report: Derrick Monroe, Hourglass Field Community Park

- Hourglass is busy with youth volleyball leagues two divisions of play 15U and 12U.
- Open gym basketball is the busiest time at Hourglass. After 1:00pm basketball is very popular.
- Badminton, volleyball and pickleball also on open gym schedule
- Pickleball play on three courts but not always full
- Anna announced that new pickleball courts are coming to Doyle Recreation Center and Hilltop Community Park was approved for pickleball lines on outdoor basketball courts

Center Director Report: Christian Rivera, Mira Mesa

- Fall Festival is Saturday, October 17, 2026, Senior Center, bounce house for the kids, vendors, Movie in the Park, showing the movie Casper, on the field. Trick or treat and Halloween costume contest
- Gil Johnson opened on October 1st. No programs now. Coming soon, adult fitness class run by Assistant Recreation Center Director Michelle Allen and youth ceramics class.
- Taking feedback for open gym scheduling. Will try to accommodate everyone

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

Community Group Reports

Mira Mesa Little League:

- League just started. Fall baseball practices started also. Games will start this weekend

Mira Mesa AYSO:

- Season started late August, 600 kids participating. Only issue is lights not coming on half the field at Wangenheim field

San Diego Crickett Assoc:

- Season will play until December, 300 people playing at Challenger and Hourglass

Mira Mesa Girls Softball:

- Halfway through fall season, spring registration is opened

PickleBall:

- Signage examples sent to Claudia
- Anna reports signs are standardized with all rules and times
- Andrea would like pickleball court to play outside evenings at Mira Mesa

Mira Mesa Pop Warner Football

- No Report

Mira Mesa Youth (Pony) Baseball

- No Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ann reports some recreation centers went from 60 to 40 hours due to budget that was approved fiscal year 27,

Information was brought to the CRG to discuss hours of operation for feedback. Maybe stay open later than 9:00pm due to skate park. Normally open until 8 some nights. CRG can discuss propose different hours. Required opening hours are 2pm-8pm Monday-Thursday, 2pm-7pm Fridays. Must be open four straight hours on Saturdays.

Question from Jeff Stevens is there a plan for more staffing Fiscal year 28 for pool to be open more hours? Council Representative response anticipates 40 hours per week. Working on hiring staff right now. Also considering open Saturdays. Next summer full operation possible.

ACTION ITEMS:

WORKSHOP:

Three Recreation Center budgets proposal discussed. Approval next month.

Items discussed, equipment replacement, programming, Recreation Center Funds and Opportunity Funds

Andrea suggested adding pickleball nets if not enough currently at Hourglass

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Joe Frichtel, at 7:24pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00pm

Meeting will take place at the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center