

City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
September 10th, 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 Recreation Center at 3020 Coronado Ave. San Diego, CA 92154.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (4)	Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (5)	Guest (10)
Dotty Giffen President	Sherri Gonzalez	CJ Saldana	Kim Mathis
Mike Grzenia		Jay Villanueva	Lilianna Barba
Maria Carranza		Officer Ascencio	Eliud Campos
Angelina Bravo		German Fimbres	Lydia Marshall
Alberto Estrada		Isabel Rosado	Alani Fouquette
			Joann Fouquette
			Dike Anyiwo
			Melissa Hidalgo
			Michele Hodge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April and May Minutes

- Approval of April and May minutes had been tabled at previous meetings due to voting members not in attendance.
- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (M. Carranza/M. Grzenia) to accept the April 2026 minutes as presented. The motion was carried with 3 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. FY2028 RCF Budget Proposal
 - a. Isabel R. presented Silver Wing's proposed budget items and will continue to keep members aware of any upcoming changes.
 - b. CJ S. presented Montgomery Waller's proposed budget items and will continue to keep members aware of any upcoming changes.
2. Montgomery Waller outside courts upgrade
 - a. Kim M. of San Diego Parks Foundation and Dike A. of San Diego FC presented an initial design for the new Parks and Pitches project.
 - b. MOTION: It was moved /seconded (A. Estrada/M. Grzenia) to make approval of basketball court renovation into an action item. The motion was carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.
3. DJ – Jacinto – information
 - a. No report – absent
4. Grove Neighborhood Park Information
 - a. Lydia M. presented project updates. Signs have been posted around the park site, and the project is 100% pre-designed. Park will include children's playgrounds, accessible walkways, comfort station, security lighting, new parking lot, and open lawn area as part of phase 1. There will be a public art installation. Timeline: final design wrapped up by the end of the year, 6 months bidding process, and 1 year of construction.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

Officer Agustin reported the following:

- Provided gratitude for everyone who attended National Night Out event.
- Discussed increase in gang activity and a recent shooting in the area. Advised members and guests to report any suspicious activity to authorities.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORTS

None.

80th DISTRICT REPORTS

Lilianna B. reported the following:

- State Assemblymember David Alvarez will have a College Opportunity Fair for students and their families to receive assistance in applying for college and financial aid. This event will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Castle Park High School.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Joann F., Secretary and Safety Officer of Luckie Waller Little League reported the following:

- Fall Ball season has started.
- They will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24th and members are welcome to reach out to get involved.

- Vivian Moreno donated funds for a new scoreboard for Luckie Waller Little League. Working with CJ and Jay to have parks and recreation department help with installation.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Was at all Parks After Dark events and Movies in the Park over the summer. They were great events.
- Expressed concern with Silver Wing and Montgomery Waller's special events taking place on the same day.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director Isabel R. reported the following:

- Fall programming has started, including flag football, cheer, ballet folklórico, lotería night, farm to table and adult yoga.
- Parks After Dark final attendance numbers. Total attendance for all 15 dates was 5,968 guests.
- Fall camp at Silver Wing and skate camp at Cesar Solis have 2 sessions. Dates are 9/21-25 and 9/28-10/2.
- Caltrans Palm Ave. project is underway with a complete parking lot. Next is the retaining wall along north side of the park.

Center Director CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Wrapped up the summer season with multiple softball and futsal teams making it to Citywide championships.
- Currently in TAC volleyball and flag football season.
- Teen Center field trip to Haunted trails on September 24th sponsored by the Parks Foundation.

Area Manager Jose Villanueva reported the following:

- Upcoming mulch volunteer project in the park on Sept. 26 from 9am – 12pm.
- Future tree planting volunteer project in the works to plant 5 trees around the entrance walkway.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Basketball court renovation at Montgomery Waller Park.

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (A. Estrada/M. Grzenia) to approve artwork with adjustments and pre-construction. The motion was carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- MWRC Pumpkin Carving Wednesday, Oct 28th at 5pm to 7pm
- MWRC Fall Carnival Friday, Oct 30th at 5pm to 8pm
- Cesar Solis Fall Festival – Friday, October 23rd from 2pm - 5pm
- SWRC Fall Festival – Friday, October 30th from 2pm - 5p

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

October 8th, 2026, at 7:00pm

Silver Wing Recreation Center, 3737 Arey Dr. San Diego, CA 92154

(619) 424 - 0465

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

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Isabel Rosado
Center Director II

German Fimbres
Area Manager II

Dotty Giffen
President

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