City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

COLINA DEL SOL COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

5319 Orange Ave, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 – 619-235-1144

MEETING MINUTES – JULY 15, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT
Sue Richardson, College Community, Chair
Denise Armijo, Rolando Resident, Secretary
Daniele Laman, CLLL
Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park Comm. Council
Scott Graff, New Vision Urban Impact
Karleen Driggs, Soccer Kids America

MEMBERS ABSENT
Sidney Michael, Treasurer
Peaches Turner
Paul Smith, Mid-City CPG, El Cerrito CC
Leslie Burton, El Cerrito
Jose Lopez, Sunshine Little League
Arlette Bianconi, California Soccer
Bettina Rausa, Redwood Village Comm. Council
Darrell Johnson, Rebel San Diego
Ramon Aldana, City Heights Soccer

STAFF
Jonathan Aranda, Asst. Center Director
Ashley Soto Jimenez, Pool Manager
Anisa Mohamed, District 9 Representative
Joshua Cummings, Mid-City CRO (absent)
Fernando Jumillas, Center Director III (absent)
Victor Johnson, Area Manager (absent)

GUESTS
Roberto Perez, Rolando Village Comm. Council
Dike Anyiwo, San Diego Football Club
Melania Platt
Mayra Nunez, Director of Operations, StarPal

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION 6:37

It was noted that Approval of Agenda needs to be added to the agenda format

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved with corrections, 6-0-0 (unanimous). Daniele requested posting 72 hours in advance.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

COMMUNICATIONS **(limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable).**

- Daniele stated she was going to request the removal of the Colina del Sol Park monument sign due to graffiti and fading due to past removal efforts.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Susan Richards

- Tubman School – There have been emails from the District regarding activity in the joint use area. Residents are still concerned about negative effects to the trees in the right of way which are very old (75+ years) and are petitioning the school not to remove. It was noted that they are not part of the joint use but they are including Parks and Recreation in communications. Denise asked about city plant points that are assigned to trees based on size and whether they could be used to negotiate for larger containers or more replacement trees if they must be removed.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Chollas Little League– Daniele Laman All finished with tournaments for now. Getting the electric pole fixed at the end of this month. Fall ball registration is under way with fall ball games Sept 6 up to Sunday before Thanksgiving.
2. Rebels Soccer Club – Darrell Johnson absent
3. California Soccer – Ricky Franchi absent
4. City Heights Soccer – Ramon Aldana absent
5. Soccer Kids America- Karleen Driggs Soccer Kids is active year round at Balboa park gym. They had two more camps this summer. They will be starting up at elementary schools for fall. Karleen noted that Mann has enclosed turf fields, futsal which is a nice option. They may do winter camp.
6. New Vision- Scott Graff They are in between summer and fall. Free club for youth in City Heights.

PARK AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. Council District 9- Anisa Mohamed Pendleton park has had progress on utility work over the past couple months and will begin new construction in the next 6 weeks. Construction to be completed before end of calendar year. Fields will be renovated in spring 2027.
2. Chollas Triangle – going through the right-of-way process which has caused delays. It is now under review, then can begin the 12-18 month appraisal phase and provide clearer timeline. Sue noted that the City still has to purchase the land.
3. Community watch party this Sunday at Colina for World Cup.
4. The councilmember is working with both groups (PANA and SVOA) on getting approval for Portia's memorial. Sue invited them to attend our meetings. Daniele will try to dig out old letters of support.
5. Curfew – Daniele heard D9 is not on board with the request, despite planning group and CRG support. Sue pointed out this was a request initiated by Police officers to support their efforts.
6. SDPD Community Relations Officer- Joshua Cummings - absent
7. Pool Manager – Ashley Soto Jimenez They are halfway through summer. They got another grant (10K) from Price Philanthropies. Water fitness classes are being added. Parent-tot classes will be at Colina 8/1. (The flyer says $5 but per Ashley it is free.) Polo team and swim team have 10 kids each. They are still working with Crawford and hope to start up classes with school. They want to do 6 weeks instead of 12 due to past declining participation.
8. Recreation Center Director- Fernando Jumillas In the middle of camp which is going great, with up to 17 kids. Started futsal peewees, overall 70 registered all ages. Movies in the park: Colina will show Wicked on 7/31. Rolando Park will have Movie in the Park the week after. Park beautification with SDFC happened last week. .
9. Area Manager II– Victor Johnson II – Absent. Daniele asked to get an update on Sunshine Bernardino GDP for next meeting from Victor.
10. StarPal – Andy is now CEO as of last week. SDPD used to run for this position before the pandemic, but officers have been taken back to the department. It is now all civilians with SDPD officers lended to them for mentoring programs. National Night out will be August 4th or 5th. Backpack school supply giveaway Sat 8/8. They also do gift baskets for teachers with supplies for classrooms. All items are

donations.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

1. None

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Adoption (**Each item requires individual action**)

1. Move / Donate $840.00 CRG account funds. Sidney and Victor absent. Karleen moved to table, Daniele second, passed, 5-0-1 (Sue abstains). It was noted that StarPal is a501C3.

PUBLIC COMMENT-**(Limited to 2 minutes non debatable) duplicated on agenda**

WORKSHOP ITEM: none

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- SDFC update: 5 different community initiatives under way with about 30 volunteers. Since completing the court at Colina they try to do an event quarterly to activate and check maintenance. They are working with the Mayor, D9 for a watch party. (Doing the watch parties in Mission Beach at Fit Social). Looking to do an event in October around the anniversary of the grand opening. Parks and Pitches program has multiple projects throughout the county. Looking to complete up to 25 projects, almost done with their third. They use local artists for the designs. 8/1 will have block party at Henderson. They are adjusting the season start and end to coincide with the school year better. Next year will start August 2027 to May 2028.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sue will be gone 9/16 next meeting. Denise has a conference up in LA. The group discussed possible changing the date of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 7:33

The next regular meeting for the Colina Del Sol Parks & Recreation Group will be held on September 16, 2026. This information will be made available in an alternative format upon request. To request an agenda in an alternative format or request a sign language or an oral interpreter, please call Recreation Center Director III, Fernando Jumillas at 619-235-1144.