City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group
October 8th, 2026, at 7:00pm
Minutes

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group was held at Silver Wing Recreation Center at 3737 Arey Dr. San Diego, CA 92154.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (5)	Members Absent (1)	Staff Present (3)	Guest (0)
Dotty Giffen President	Sherri Gonzalez	CJ Saldana	
Mike Grzenia		German Fimbres	
Maria Carranza		Isabel Rosado	
Angelina Bravo			
Alberto Estrada			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September Minutes

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (A. Bravo/M. Carranza) to accept the September 2026 minutes, with adjustments to attendance numbers. The motion was carried with 4 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
None.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP
None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT
None.

COUNCIL DISRICT 8 REPORTS
None.

80th DISRICT REPORTS
None.

HISTORICAL TOPICS
None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES
None.

COMMUNICATIONS
Alberto Estrada discussed the following:

- Referenced article from SD Union Tribune in which City Council was discussing the Recreation Center Budgets and how multiple sites had funding that has not been spent. A. Estrada expressed concerns and requested information on why this money has not been put into other projects for the park.
- Response from Dotty – there is money promised for Little League upgrades from District 8 office. Awaiting response from Victor Caymaris.
- Response from CJ – working with Sarah Erazo, Deputy Director, to look for projects that can utilize this funding. There are maintenance projects already underway, including little league scoreboard, field lighting upgrades, and costs for annual Snow Day event. They will add maintenance project updates to monthly CRG meetings to keep members informed.

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS
President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Requests for permanent signs listing hours of operation for Silver Wing.
- Response from German – we have received a new bulletin board that will be put up to permanently display hours of operations and flyers.

Mike Grzenia reported the following:

- Attended a recent HOA meeting across from his residence. Updates on Grove Park – the project is going to bid in November and plan to start phase 1 construction in April / May.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE
None.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
None.

ATHLETIC REPORTS
None.

STAFF REPORTS

Center Director Isabel R. reported the following:

- Attended Haunted Trails visit with teens and staff. Hosted 2 weeks of fall camp – daily activities and weekly field trip. Hosting flag football leagues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Update on Toys 4 Tots program – recreation centers will no longer be distribution sites as they will only accept online registrations until November 15. We will continue to spread the word to residents and families.

Area Manager German F. reported the following:

- Caltrans project at Palm Ridge Park: crews have repaired damage done to irrigation.
- Message boards will be received soon for Silver Wing and Cesar Solis Park.
- Hidden Trails Park: contractor has started on August 31.
- Dennery Ranch: crews have cleared out overgrowing brush on the sidewalks.
- Preparing for upcoming time change with dialing in field and park light schedules.

Center Director CJ S. reported the following:

- Celebrated summer sports teams with an end of season banquet. Flag football and volleyball leagues are underway. Also attended Haunted Trails visit with teens and staff.
- Rock Star Gymnastics has begun permitting the gymnasium for youth classes and have been invited to attend future CRG meetings.
- Outdoor basketball courts are hopefully to be completed before Halloween.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

FY28 Budget Approval for Silver Wing Recreation Center

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (A. Estrada/M. Grzenia) to approve budget as presented. The motion was carried with 4 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

FY28 Budget Approval for Montgomery Waller Recreation Center

- MOTION: It was moved /seconded (A. Estrada/M. Grzenia) to approve budget as presented. The motion was carried with 4 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 7:34 pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 12th, 2026, at 7:00pm
Montgomery Waller Recreation Center, 3020 Coronado Ave. San Diego, CA 92154
(619) 424 - 0466

Submitted by:	Reviewed by:	Reviewed by:
Isabel Rosado Center Director II	German Fimbres Area Manager II	Dotty Giffen President

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