MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARADISE HILLS/PENN COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center
7445 Tooma Street, San Diego, CA 92139
(619) 527-7632

Thursday, October 1st, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:	**City Staff:**
Don Houston, Chairperson John Mooney, Vice Chairperson Sal Morales, AYSO	Jordan Oden, Center Director I Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center Denisse Figueroa, Center Director I Penn Athletic Field Mariah Cote, Center Director III Penn Athletic Field Viviana Zermeno, Area Manager II Carlos Rios, District Manager Aaron Jurell Sarmiento, District 4 Rep. Chris Jones, San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer Robin Todd, Assembly 79th District Rep. Jason Rogers, Library Manager
MEMBERS ABSENT:	**COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS:**
Guy Preuss, Member Wayne English, Member Dolores Hawkins Eddie Enriquez Margert Glenn Pureza Ransome Joy Vicente Aida Mooney	Kevin Brown, Skyline Youth Football Dominic Marostica, Library Manager Paradise Hills Library

CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Don Houston at 6:11pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Sal motioned, Guy second. Pass unanimously.

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

None

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Requested for the website to be updated.

- Reviewed the programming in each area and noticed many programs are already closed due to the mid-season.
- Noted about the upcoming elections and to be prepared. Also, encouraged everyone to vote.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer**

- Due to the temporary closure of the Southern Division, personnel have been temporarily relocated to the Southeast location until further notice. All staff, including police officers, continue to report to the Southern Division, which has resulted in an increased police presence in the Southeast area.
- The Southeast Division continues to act with the reports on Get it Done App, including the parking issues in the area, and are acting with vehicles reported and continue to be non-compliant.

2. **City Council District 4**

- Fall Harvest Pumpkin Patch is scheduled for October 3rd at City Heights.
- Distributed information to prepare for El Nino, trash distribution and how to report illegal dumping.
- He also reported that the Council Member was impressed with the Older Adult Resource Fair event held at Bay Terrace recently.

3. **AYSO**

- The fields at Penn Athletic Field have been taking a tole since there has been so much movement in the area. Would like to meet with the maintenance team to address the watering and the gopher concerns.
- Also, would like to have a schedule of the days/times for the Flag Football games and practices.

4. **Assembly Member District 79th Member Representative**

- Acknowledged that bills have passed and the Assembly Member has signed the following bills: AB 1755 on Cower Restrictions, AB1965 on Cannabis testing, AB2518 on a pilot program for utility energization timelines, AB2573 on voter registration information confidentiality, AB2613 on Health Plan notification, AB2652 on teacher language credentialing, and AB2760 on taser removal.
- The Assembly Member vetoed AB2395 on child support debt reduction.
- Lastly, a Health and Wellness event will be held at Crawford High School on Saturday, October 24th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5. **Skyline Hills Library**

- Celebrating 10-year anniversary on Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m. with crafts and other scheduled activities.
- October Calendar is out for public to view.
- Some libraries will open extra hours for cool zones. Please check out the flyer or City's website for more information.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Carlos Rios, District Manager, reported:**

- Introduced himself and noted he is responsible for the sites and centers in District 43, which consists of everything between the 54 and the 94 freeway from Skyline Hills all the way to the 805 freeway. With 36 years total with the City of San Diego and 33 of those years have been in District 43 area.

- City Cool Zones, nearest location to Paradise Hills will be Mountain View Recreation Center in the Southcrest area, will be opened from Sunday – Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Welcomed back Mariah Cote, she has returned to the Paradise Hills area.
- Welcomed the new Area Manager, Vivi Zermeno. She has come from the Permit Center office in the Developed Regional Parks area.
- Haunted Trails partnered up with the City of San Diego and Parks Foundation to bring over 600 teens throughout all the recreation centers to attend a private free night. This event has been happening for about 20 years.
- Perry Elementary School will be a new joint use park in the area and has a scheduled Grand Opening Date of November 12th.
- To prepare for El Nino, pre-filled sandbag distributions will start October 10th at Encanto Recreation Center, Mountain View Recreation Center, and either MLK Recreation Center or Skyline Recreation Center.

2. **Paradise Hills and Skyline Hills Area –** Viviana Zermeno reported:

- Introduced herself to the group and included her 14-year background in the Parks and Recreation Department which includes the Community Parks I area north of the 8 freeway and Community Parks II at South Bay Recreation Center to the Developed Regional Parks area which includes Balboa Park, Mission Bay and Shoreline.
- Currently in the middle of the Fall Season and will be attending many events throughout the next few months.

3. **Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center** – Jordan Oden reported:

- No new programming to report
- Senior Spooktacular Event is scheduled for October 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., which includes car shows, trunk or treat, jumpers, etc.
- Volleyball Tournament scheduled for 14U girls team this Saturday.
- Joint program with Council District and Monica Montgomery Office included an Older Adult Resource Fair. Had a good attendance and the Seniors enjoyed.

4. **Penn Athletic Field** – Denisse Figueroa Reported:

- Really excited to join forces with the local recreation centers in the area for many programs to better the community.
- Pumpkin Painting Activity is scheduled for October 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. which will include treat bags.
- October 23rd will be a Spooky Event with costume contest, haunted maze, and other activities.
- Invited to all Girls Volleyball Tournament hosted by the Big Sisters Workshop this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to promote women empowerment. Includes a tournament, workshop, and food.

5. **Paradise Hills Recreation Center** – Mariah Cote reported:

- Halloween Carnival is scheduled for October 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Which includes carnival games, craft and working with the Parks Foundation to have food and face paint etc.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paradise Hills, Penn Athletic Field and Bay Terraces Proposed FY28 budget reviewed

ACTION ITEMS

None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT
Don Houston adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular Paradise Hills/Penn Community Recreation Group meeting will be held at Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center at 7445 Tooma Street, San Diego, 92139, on December 3rd, 2026.

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Submitted by:
Jordan Oden, Center Director I

Reviewed by:
Viviana Zermeno, Area Manager II