

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department - Developed Regional
Parks Division
BALBOA PARK/MORLEY FIELD RECREATION COUNCIL
2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, Ca 92101

MINUTES
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Attendance

Board Members: Ricky Franchi – Chairperson
Bill Aaron – Vice Chair - **Absent**
Karleen Driggs – Secretary

Organization Members: Mark Hopkins – North Park Little League
Bill Aaron – San Diego Track Club **Absent**
Joe Young – Open Play Badminton
Christine Khouri – Thursday Club Foundation
Michael Bratton – San Diego Petanque
Steve McGrew – SDTTA
Ricky Franchi – California Soccer League
Ben West – AYSO Soccer - **Absent**
Karleen Driggs – Soccer Kids America
Vacant – Velodrome
Glenn Elgin – San Diego Badminton Club - **Absent**

Members at Large: Bill Aaron – BP Committee
Christine Khouri – Thursday Club Foundation –
Glenn Elgin – Open Play Badminton
Mark Hopkins – North Park Little League
Ben West – AYSO Soccer

City Staff: Vacant – Pool Manager III
Oscar Eusebio – Recreation Center Director III
Audrie Magdaleno – Assistant Center Director
Latece Foster – OCA Center Director III
Vacant – BPAC Recreation Center Director III
Vicky Hara – Area Manager II

Guests:

Call to Order: Chairperson Ricky Franchi called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Mark Hopkins /Dawn Sassi) to approve the minutes from December 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Treasure's Report: No Report

Request for Continuances: No Report

Communication: No Report

Chairperson's Report: No Report

Organization Reports:

Balboa Park Committee: Absent

North Park Little League: Mark Hopkins will take over and Dan Olsen is no longer part of North Park Little League Organization.

SD Table Tennis Association: Steve McGrew reported that they will host Table Tennis Tournament in May (first week). Steve suggest that floors need to be swept daily, floors slippery and dusty.

SD Badminton Club: Joe Young reports that Dave Freeman Tournament will be held at the end of February at the Balboa Park Activity Center. Players understand mask mandate and hopeful it will end February 15, 2022. Joe Young agrees with Steve McGrew that floors do need to get swept daily. There was complains about the floors. Vicky Hara stated that construction across from BPAC is not helping the dust issue and a lot of outdoor maintenance also not helping. The floor cleaner is not working but will speak to staff about keeping the floors clean and leaving a dust mop for Badminton Club to use and sweep if they can.

Open Play Badminton: Absent

SD Track Club: Absent

Thursday Club: Christine Khouri reported that unfortunately the Rummage Sale held March 2022 will be cancelled due to Corona-Virus Pandemic. The Rummage sale has been active since 1960's in different parts of Balboa Park and hopeful next year will come back.

Petanque Club: Michael Bratton/ VP Dawn Sassi asking when the painting/drywall is going to be scheduled at the Senior Building at Morley Field. Dawn Sassi is asking if there was any report on the Eucalyptus tree hanging over the clubhouse since it can damage the club if it breaks. Oscar Eusebio will follow up with Arborist and a request for a work request has already been submitted. City Staff is short staffed but will follow up.

Soccer Kids America: Karleen Driggs reported that the organization has been mainly focused on outdoor activities, classes, leagues and camps due to the pandemic.

California Soccer League: Ricky Franchi is interested in soccer league at Morley Field and will contact Oscar Eusebio, Center Director III at Municipal Gym for availability. Season will start end of February.

AYSO: No report

Velodrome: No report

Park and Recreation Facilities Reports:

BUD KEARNS SWIMMING POOL: Vacant

BALBOA PARK ACTIVITY CENTER: OCA Center Director Latece does not have a mic. Vicky Hara informs that they are fully open with badminton and table tennis numbers picking up. The Science Fair and Rummage Sale will be cancelled. There is a staff shortage and interviews will be held monthly. Center Director III is open and OCA opportunities will come up. Janette Montero (Recreation Leader) is OCA Assistant Center Director.

MUNI GYM/MORLEY FIELD: Center Director, Oscar Eusebio states Winter programs are in full swing. All staff are coaching and having successful

seasons. Spring program is being worked on ideas such as a walking group, basketball class and exploring other programs in the gym. Oscar Eusebio states public is using masks to play basketball.

AREA MANAGER: Vicky Hara reported the Susan Lowery–Mendoza retired in June and new District Manager is Johnny Chou. Marie Wiggins retired in January and Victor Johnson has promoted to Area Manager II for Cultural Arts/Facilities. The new District Manager for maintenance is Victor Nava. Municipal Gym is at modified hours and the department is experiencing a shortage of staff. There are about 80 vacancies for Recreation Leaders throughout the City and a lot of vacancy for custodial. The month of February events are still slow but starting in March 2022 it will pick up starting with the St. Patrick’s Day Parade which was cancelled last year. Vicky Hara reported that SUP’s are being worked on. Vicky Hara reported there is an increase of homeless in the park.

Action Items:

Election of Boards for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
Chairperson – Karleen Driggs, nominated by Ricky Franchi
Vice Chairperson – Ricky Franchi, nominated by Joe Young.
Secretary – Bill Aaron, nominated by Ricky Franchi

Workshop Items: None

Information Items/Announcements: Audrie Magdeleno’s baby arrived 3 weeks early November 19, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Motion: It was moved Ricky Franchi/Joe Young seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 7/0/0.

Submitted By: Adriana Magdaleno–Assistant Center Director

Approved By: Vicky Hara, Area Manager II

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
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