

**City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Otay Mesa Recreation Advisory Council
October 8, 2020 at 7:00pm
Minutes**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A virtual meeting of the Otay Mesa Recreation Advisory Council was held online.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (6)	Members Absent (4)	Staff Present (7)	Guest (0)
Dotty Giffen President	Christine Plascencia Secretary	Albert Hara	
Sherri Gonzalez Vice President	Wayne Dickey	CJ Saldana	
Maria Carranza	Michael Volk Treasurer	Alissa Cordova	
Sam Aleman	Angelina Bravo	Johnny Chou	
Alex Gutierrez		Caitlin Weston	
Mike Grzenia		Geraldo Ramirez	
		Carlos Edington	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

San Diego Police Department: Officer Carlos Eddington reported the following:

- Nothing to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT

Geraldo Ramirez reported the following:

- The council is trying to combat racism. They are providing low interest relief money to small businesses
- A City Staff Member tested positive for COVID 19. They are now working from home.

- Money is tight, and there probably will not be wish list money distributed this year or next year.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

(Not discussed unless there is new information)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Thanked the Board for attending the virtual meeting, and she acknowledged that the Advisory Board has not met since February. In March we had our volunteer function.
- Both parks look great. She stated that she sees staff working hard to keep the parks clean, and they are handing out lunches.

Vice President Sherri Gonzales reported the following:

- Parks look good.

Secretary, Christine Plascencia

- absent

Treasurer, Michael Volk

- absent

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

No Report.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

No Report.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

LWLL representative Sam Aleman reported the following:

- All is at a standstill.

STAFF REPORTS

Caitlin W. reported the following:

- The lunch program has now been extended to October 30.
- Staff has been working on a garden project growing flowers and vegetables.
- Halloween candy bags will be given out with the lunch program.

Area Manager, Johnny Chou reported the following:

- There was a leak on the main water line on Sunday. Thank you, Dotty, for calling us to let us know. Cement will be poured around the main line on Friday.

- Palm Ridge and Solis have been hit with graffiti.

Assistant Center Director, Alissa Cordova reported the following:

- Lots of changes – cleaning, field restoration, sidewalk work “busy work”.
- Staff is busy working on the October 30 candy distribution.

Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Serving between 130 and 160 lunches per day.
- Hoping to have 8 booths on our October 30 candy distribution. Candy will be given out at the end. Flyers are coming and distribution will be from 5 to 8 pm.

Area Manager, Albert Hara reported the following:

- Playgrounds are now opened. They are not being sanitized. Families need to practice social distancing, masks and handwashing.
- Fields are open for teams to practice with a permit, but not for games or competitions.
- Staff is doing lots of work and mulching to keep the park looking good.
- There have been a few break-in attempts, as well as the parking lots being trashed and loitering in the parking lots.
- Asked members to share the virtual tutoring that Waller is currently doing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Need to select an officer slate and vote for the new board.

ACTION ITEMS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- Montgomery Waller Halloween candy distribution on October 30 from 5 to 8 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

October 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Virtual meeting mostly dealing with Beyer Park. See the flyer for information.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

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C.J Saldana
Center Director

Albert Hara
Area Manager

Dotty Giffen
President

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