

**City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
 Otay Mesa Recreation Advisory Council
 October 22, 2020 at 6:30pm
 Minutes**

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

This meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform and livestream.

NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Board members, City staff, and presenters during the meeting. Board members and City staff utilized the chat function in Zoom to share comments and web links which were visible to those who viewed the meeting. City staff also used the screen-share function to allow viewers to view content shared by the speaker which included Zoom presentations and websites.

CALL TO ORDER

President Dotty Giffen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present (8)	Members Absent (2)	Staff Present (11)	Guest (9)
Dotty Giffen President	Christine Plascencia Secretary	Albert Hara	Darren Genova
Sherri Gonzalez Vice President	Wayne Dickey	CJ Saldana	Ryan Barbrick
Michael Volk (Treasurer)		Alissa Cordova	Nusra Poomchongkho
Sam Aleman		Johnny Chou	Jeff Justus
Alex Gutierrez		Caitlin Weston	Bruce Engelbert
Maria Carranza		Dolores Covarrubias	Jenn Montgomery
Angelina Bravo		Carlos Edington	Obed Ferrari
Mike Grzenia		Gerardo Ramirez	Christopher Gris
		Robert Lara	Francisco Castellanos
		Mari Jo Ricnor	
		Manny Gonzalez	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (M. Volk/A. Gutierrez) to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (S. Gonzalez/M. Volk) to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Project Coordinator, Darren Genova reported the following:

- February 2017: San Ysidro & Otay Mesa Rec. Council were presented overall site construction preplanning.
- February 2018: Asked for feedback of any other preferred alternative sites.
- 2018: San Ysidro Rec. Council approved project site.
- July 2020: Project presented for public review.
- September 2020: Unanimously approved by Park and Recreation board. Project ready to move forward to construction drawing and go out for bidding.
- October 2020: Looking for grant funding. Designs already funded. Need 8.5 million grants for skate park, playground, amphitheater and park permits.

Schmidt Design Group Jeff Justus reported the following:

- Jan Montgomery/landscape architect recommended design should have connections to nature for kids, gathering spots, amphitheater seating for concerts/movies, central plaza for education area and shows/geology area. Also, rustic playground with comments from high schools about design elements for skatepark.

Question:

- Sam Aleman asked Darren if grant covers all or a portion of the new park. Is the cost of the entire park defined including all factors such as utilities, drainage, electrical/ lighting etc. ?
- Sherri asked Darren "In the first phase are the costs of the skatepark side and restrooms covered? In Phase II on the West side, is the future dog park and comfort station funded?" Answer: "No".

Next meeting at San Ysidro Advisory Group late November or early December.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP

None

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT

Geraldo Ramirez reported the following:

- Silver Wing Neighborhood Park moving forward on improvements, more info coming in early 2021.
- 13 miles of paving project to improve streets in CD8.
- Ocean View Church food distribution 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00-10:00 am.
- Councilmember Moreno will be present at the Scare Zone event on Oct 30th at Montgomery-Waller.

HISTORICAL TOPICS

None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Looking forward to the Silver Wing Rec. Craft/Candy Grab-and-Go on Oct. 28.
- Montgomery-Waller Rec's, Scare Zone Oct. 30 from 5 to 8pm.
- Secretary Christine sent her written resignation letter to Albert.

Vice President Sherri Gonzales reported the following:

- Parks are looking nice. Found some graffiti at Palm Ridge park.

Treasurer, Michael Volk:

- District Manager Manny Gonzalez was asked about why the standard operating bylaws have not been approved by city council. Manny hopes that the bylaws will be approved this coming year.
- Staff are doing great on park grounds and parks are looking awesome.

COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE

Canceled.

OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

No Report.

ATHLETIC REPORTS

LWLL representative Sam Aleman reported the following:

- Youth baseball hands tied due to limitations of the play, coaches frustrated.

Alex Aztec Youth Futbol Club president reported the following:

- Youth continue to practice, making the best with COVID restrictions.

STAFF REPORTS

Area Manager, Albert Hara reported the following:

- Mulch was delivered and spread.
- Up to 2 family households can have a small gathering at the park however they must wear masks & practice social distancing.

Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Toys for Tots registration now through November 30th.
- Scare Zone Oct 30th, 5-8pm, asking for police assistance with traffic control.

- Lunch program extended to December 30th.

Assistant Center Director, Alissa Cordova reported the following:

- Staff busy working on Scare Zone, lots of good booth ideas.
- Lunch program still handing out 130 lunches.

Center Director II, Dolores reported the following:

- Silver Wing Rec. Craft/Candy Grab-and-Go on Oct 28.
- Toys for Tots registration now through November 6th

Assistant Center Director, Caitlin Weston reported the following:

- Lunch program is strong with 50 lunches daily.

Area Manager, Johnny Chou reported the following:

- Staff busy with maintenance of parks.

NEW BUSINESS

- District Manager Manny Gonzalez asked for the Advisory Council to postpone the voting of new board members until the board meets again in person.

ACTION ITEMS

- Taxes update on 2019 filing, moved to 501C3 meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- SWRC Grab-and-Go Craft and Candy Oct. 28 from 12 to 2pm
- Montgomery-Waller Rec's, Scare Zone Oct. 30 from 5 to 8pm.

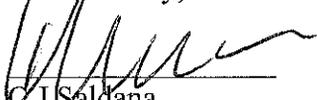
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

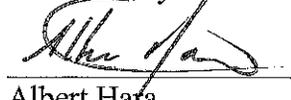
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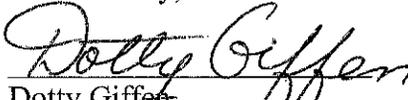
C.J. Saldana
Center Director

Reviewed by



Albert Hafa
Area Manager

Reviewed by,



Dotty Giffen
President

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