

**City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department  
Otay Mesa Recreation Community Group  
October 14, 2021 at 7:00pm  
Minutes**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Otay Mesa Recreation Community Group was held at Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center, 3020 Coronado Ave, San Diego, California 92154.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Members Present (6)</b>	<b>Members Absent (3)</b>	<b>Staff Present (4)</b>	<b>Guest (6)</b>
Dotty Giffen President	Wayne Dickey	CJ Saldana	Cindy Rodriguez
Sherri Gonzalez Vice President	Albert Hara	German Fimbres	Deshun Thomas
Maria Carranza	Angelica Bravo	Alissa Cordova	Rosita Haro
Carlos Eddington		Cristina Sanchez	Steven Dawid
Alex Gutierrez			Maritza Hernandez
Mike Grzenia			Vanessa Najera

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None to approve.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP**

None.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT**

- Carlos Eddington has been receiving reports of people setting up camp at South Bay Recreation Center

- People have been approached and addressed that they need to move and were offered resources

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT**

Cristina Sanchez reported the following:

- Legal Defense funds for residences facing evictions
- San Diego Housing Commissions has open enrollment for housing assistance.

### **HISTORICAL TOPICS**

None

### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Deshun Thomas: Lucky Waller Little League raised funds for new equipment to bring to their teams
- Looking to construct batting cage and a lighting system.
- Cindy Rodriguez: Presented an idea by presenting a farmer's market at the Montgomery-Waller Park. Was told to inquire with the city to see if permits were required.

### **RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS**

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Solis Park was left filled with litter after a soccer tournament during the last weekend in August.

### **COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE**

None.

### **OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK**

No Report.

### **ATHLETIC REPORTS**

Cindy R. (Aztec Soccer) reported:

- They need better fields

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Center Director II (OCA), Alissa Cordova reported the following:

- Silver Wing is hosting a Pee Wee flag football league
- 10U and 12U flag football teams play in the South Bay rec center league
- Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 20, 4:00-6:00pm

- Pumpkin Carving Friday, October 29, 3:00-5:00pm. SW was asked to change the time of the pumpkin carving as to not interfere with MW's Halloween event.

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- 20 teens attended the Haunted Trails event at Balboa Park, everyone had a great time.
- We took 6 kids to the fishing trip
- Intern will begin on Monday to assist the recreation center
- Toys for Tots registration happening soon
- Presented an inventory list of games and holiday decorations

Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Halloween carnival on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm, police presence would be appreciated.
- Registration for Toys for Tots will be starting in November.
- Friends of the Park donated money luncheon and thanked staff
- Feeding America has a food distribution program snack at 4:00pm and supper at 6:00pm, Monday-Friday
- Fall programs are out to advertise center programs, registration in full effect.
- Fishing event was a great turn out and
- Snow Day event booth charge \$50.00 for small businesses to participate
- Old Globe Shakespeare for All is a free event on November 6, 2021 at 4 PM.
- Old Globe acting performance event in the gymnasium as plan B

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- MWRC is looking for Snow Day funding to help with cost of snow

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Elections held during October's meeting. President Dotty G., Vice President Mike Grzenia, Secretary Alex G., and Treasurer Sherri G. will be the new advisory board for January 2022.

Motion to approve the 2022 election slate motioned by Mike G./Alex G. - 5 Yeah / 0 Abstain / 0 Nay

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- Snow Day event is set for Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:00 to 3:00pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

November 18th, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center

3020 Coronado Avenue, San Diego, California 92154

(619) 424-0466

Submitted by,

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Center Director

German Fimbres  
Area Manager

Dotty Giffen  
President

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