

SAN DIEGO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
POINT LOMA COMMUNITY RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP  
JANUARY 9, 2020

**Meeting Held At:**  
Cabrillo Recreation Center  
San Diego, CA 92106

**Attendance (members):**

Martha Phillips: Secretary  
Mary Harder: At Large  
Don Sevrens: At Large  
Besa Smith: Point Loma Little League  
Mike Smith: Surf Soccer

**City Staff**

Center Director: Ron Agustin  
Assistant Center Director: Melissa Carver

**Guests:**

Korla Eaquina  
Margaret Virissimo  
Jesse Benson  
Richard Opper  
Angela Vedder

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

In place for Mike Moser, Martha Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A few members asked staff to review information under public comment and Tyler Canales' report for accuracy, and asked Melissa to revise the minutes if necessary. Nov 2019 minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Don Sevrens disclosed that the guests that were at the last meeting are his friends but was not aware they were attending the meeting. He thinks that the public is not aware of what is happening at Famosa Canyon. In 2009, land from the parks department was transferred to the housing department. He did not receive a response when he submitted two Freedom of Information Act requests to the parks department. There are speculations that Famosa was a dedicated park, which cannot be transferred unless there was a vote from the public.
- Jesse Benson, member of Save Famosa Canyon, organization spoke about the group's mission, which is to keep Famosa as an open space park. He solicited a letter of support from the Point Loma Community Recreation Group. Martha asked for clarification regarding his intentions for the next meeting. Jesse requested to be placed as an action item for the next regular meeting.
- Margaret Virissimo reported that the Peninsula Community Planning Group discussed a possible aquatic center at NTC Park. Save Famosa Canyon hopes to reallocate Famosa back to the Parks and Recreation Department. Margaret verified that the purpose of the action item is to provide information to the public in case the property reverts to the parks department. The group will continue to gather letters of support from various groups in the community.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Ron explained that the Budgets to Actual report for period 5 (November) states a revenue of \$46,322, and expenses of \$32,302, which net a revenue of \$14,020. This doesn't include turf maintenance that was completed in December.

**V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- Martha reported that the Point Loma Recreation Council agreed to dissolve the organization. The PO Box was terminated on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The CPA that filed the 2017 taxes, stated that after 3 years of non-filing, the IRS will automatically terminate the non-profit status. After 2020, the status will be terminated since 2018 and 2019 were not filed. Martha still plans on notifying the Secretary of State and the Attorney

General's Office. This meeting serves as a notice to the City of San Diego of their intent to dissolve the council. The remaining amount of \$454.64 will be donated to the San Diego Parks Foundation.

## **VI. CITY STAFF REPORT**

Ron Agustin and Melissa Carver reported:

- About 100 people attended the Cookies with Santa event. We had inflatables, raffle prizes, and photo ops with a Santa character. We received positive feedback from the community.
- Musco fixed the damaged light panel and now all lights are working; except for two burnt out light bulbs.
- Ron and Tyler Smith met with Diamond Design and agreed on what needed to be fixed. A lower quote of \$14,000 was received from Diamond Design. The PO was approved, and the service was scheduled on the 21<sup>st</sup>; however, the Purchasing Department notified us that the project must meet prevailing wage requirements. Ron will work with Tyler Smith and Diamond Design to determine the best course of action to repair the infields at Point Loma Park.
- The infield at Cabrillo was done last week, and basketball courts are being resurfaced on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently working with upper management to schedule the three summer movie events for 2020.

## **VII. COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION REPORT:**

### **Proposal for 191 Building at NTC Park- San Diego Bike Coalition**

- Richard Opper presented designs to repurpose the 191 building at NTC Park They have been working with the City for 3 years on a lease agreement. The coalition and City has agreed on a lease, which is pending federal approval. Richard distributed handouts, which are attached to these minutes. Estimated cost is \$2.6 million dollars. The architect has helped to redesign the building and has experience with Liberty Station buildings
- Martha had questions on the budget and funding source.
- Richard seeks the group's support but isn't sure if he needs a letter of support.
- The proposed design includes a conference room, a few offices for staff to run programs, and a large multipurpose room. The main purpose is to encourage bicycling and spread knowledge about bicycling.
- Don endorsed the idea. He inquired on the structural reliability of the building. He would like to donate to the coalition.
- A "drive-by" structural engineer review was done by the architects.
- Martha asked if the coalition plans to add more bike lanes in Liberty Station streets, and if the building will encourage more bike events at Liberty Station, which may be a concern for residents due to road closures.
- Martha clarified that he would need to be placed as an action item on the next meeting to obtain a letter of support.
- Richard asked if the minutes can reflect that the community group supports the proposal. Martha stated that the group cannot vote on the proposal because it was not listed as an action item.
- Richard requested to be placed as an action item at the next regular meeting.

Point Loma Little League: Over 450 enrolled and season will start beginning in February.

*Besa Smith left the meeting at 6:25pm.*

## **VIII. ACTION/ADOPTION ITEMS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Don Sevrens reported that the Planning Board's Parks and Recreation Committee met last night at Cabrillo Recreation Center. The meeting included an aquatic center presentation. A public proposal will be ready soon. There are many funding sources including the school district. The proposal will be for three pools.

- Don emphasized that this is the third meeting in a row with no updates regarding the Cañon St. Pocket Park despite numerous requests.
- Mary, after the November meeting, emailed Conrad Wear and Andy Field requesting to be part of the pocket park meeting that Tyler eluded to in the November meeting. She received a reply from Andy Field stating that someone from his office will contact her if a meeting is scheduled. No follow-up email as of yet.
- Martha asked Ron if he can initiate the department to provide the community group with an update regarding the pocket park.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION: It was moved/seconded (D.Sevrens/ M.Harder) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously [3|0|0] Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm***

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Point Loma Community Recreation Group will be held in the Cabrillo Recreation Center on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

If there are any questions regarding these minutes, please contact the Center Director, Ron Agustin, at [Ragustin@sandiego.gov](mailto:Ragustin@sandiego.gov). This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Submitted by:

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Ron Agustin- Center Director, Cabrillo Rec Center

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Date

Reviewed by:

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Tyler Canales- Area Manager, Downtown & Point Loma Parks

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Date

Approved by:

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Mike Moser- Chairperson, PL Community Advisory Group

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Date