

**City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 18, 2021**

***“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”***

**Meeting Held by Teleconference:**

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**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 the Zoom Webinar 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 PowerPoint presentations and websites.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>City Staff Present</b>
Katherine Johnston, Chair Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair Nick Anastasopoulos David Baron Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell Ron Cho Rick Gulley Noli Zosa	Bobby Hughes (excused)	Andy Field, Director Karen Dennison, Assist. Director Michelle Abella-Shon Marisol Aguilar Anette Alvarez Christina Chadwick Marla Davis Gina Dulay Kristi Fenick Darren Genova Ilisa Goldman Michael Jones Mario Llanos Nusra Poomchongkho Shannon Scoggins Jennifer Scott Shelly Stowell

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnston at 2:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021**

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Anastasopoulos/Mr. Gulley**

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Gulley to approve the January 21, 2021 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 7-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, and Dennis Otsuji. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: Jon Becker and Noli Zosa. Not Present: Bobby Hughes.

**NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board did not receive any Non-Agenda Public Comment requests.

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Anastasopoulos to place Action Item 102 General Development Plan for Whitman Elementary Joint Use Facility onto the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Baron /Mr. Anastasopoulos**

The motion was approved 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes.

The Board next discussed Item 102 as part of the Consent Agenda.

- Mr. Otsuji had recommendations regarding Action Item 102
  - There should be additional tree canopy especially where described as an area for outdoor classrooms.
  - Use of asphalt on walkaround should be reconsidered (as opposed to decomposed granite) since asphalt is hot to walk/run on
  - The traffic circulation of the parking lot area may impact how drop-offs will work. The design seems to have created conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles.
- Public speaker Zach Jones agreed with Mr. Otsuji's comments about traffic conflicts; Mr. Jones explained that he lives across from Whitman Elementary; he agreed with the design, attended every meeting, vouched for the need for traffic calming, and suggests that speed bumps are needed to reduce traffic speeds and keep pedestrians safe.

- Whitman Elementary School Principal Carly Romero noted that she was available to answer questions related to traffic calming in and around the campus.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED      Mr. Anastasopoulos /Mr. Baron**

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda, which included Action Item 102 General Development Plan for Whitman Elementary School Joint Use Facility. The motion was approved 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Community Parks I Area Committee – Mr. Otsuji reported that no meeting had been held.

Community Parks II Area Committee – Representative not present

Balboa Park Committee – Ms. Johnston did not have anything to report.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – Ms. Bothwell reported that no meeting had been held.

**San Diego Parks Foundation**

- Ms. Bothwell reported that there were new members in the Foundation.
  - Monica Hernandez from Casa Familiar ED
  - Candace Wo from the San Diego Foundation
  - Jamar Williams, CEO Promo Drone SD
- At the recent annual meeting, the San Diego Parks Foundation appointed Michel Anderson as the chair; Vicki Granowitz became the Vice-Chair, Marcella Bothwell returned as the Treasurer, and Elisabeth Eisner returned as the Secretary.
- Last week, the San Diego Parks Foundation held its annual fund raiser, the Undertow at Torrey Pines. Next year, SDPF will ask the Department if the South Course can be made available along with the North Course for next year's Undertow. The event raised about \$25k. SDPF will look into increasing sponsorships to help build its donor

pool and expand its offering of support to the Department. Ms. Bothwell requested that she be contacted if anyone had any sponsorship ideas.

- Finally, Ms. Bothwell noted that the goal is to continue wi-fi expansion into communities of concern and expand into all other recreation centers. City will do 6 centers leaving the Foundation with approximately 51 to do.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – None

**BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

- Mr. Baron requested an update regarding the Animal Control Presentation. His request was addressed by the Director in his report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Andy Field greeted Board Members and meeting participants. He gave the following update on the Department's status:

- COVID-19
  - The regional stay at home order ended 1/25/21
  - Southern California Region Triggers – case rate, ICU capacity, hospitalization rates – impact whether the State or County issue a stay at home order
  - Youth and Adult Sports Industry Guidance issued on 12/14/20 – assigns each sport a risk category based on indoor/outdoor, level of contact, and ability to sanitize
    - CIF pools, cross country, golf resuming currently
- Proposed FY 2022 Budget Development and FY 2021 Budget Monitoring
  - Council Budget Priority Memos at Budget Committee 2/1/21
  - Five-Year Capital Outlook at Council 2/9/21
  - Mid-Year Budget Monitoring Report at Council 2/22/21
  - Mayor's Proposed Budget will be released 4/15/21
- Letter to Community Recreation Groups regarding status of updates to Council Policy 700-42 – sent to Board members on 1/5/21
- Mission Bay Park
  - Proposed curfew and dog on-leash hours are en route to City Council
- Mission Trails Regional Park
  - Draft Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement between City of San Diego and County of San Diego – City Council 2/23/21
- San Diego Parks Foundation – thank you for all you do!
- Unclassified Recruitments – Interviews in February for the following positions:
  - Deputy Directors for Community Parks II, Developed Regional Parks, and Open Space
  - Assistant Deputy Director for MADs

- Golf
  - Farmers Insurance Open was January 27–31, 2021
  - US Open is coming in June
- Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) due to City Clerk's Office by April 1, 2021
- Announcement of the passing of Grounds Maintenance Worker Ron Richard, a 42-year employee who was most recently assigned to the Tierrasanta-area parks. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and two brothers.
- Director's Award Recipients
  - See attached list
- Upcoming Agenda Items:
  - Pickleball
    - Inventory underway
    - Conflict with tennis court striping
  - SD Humane presentation

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**101. General Development Plan for Southwest Neighborhood Park**

Presenters: Darren Genova, Park Designer, Engineering and Capital Projects  
Department  
JT Barr, Principal, Schmidt Design Group

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

**NOTE:** The Board received public comments from Armando Sepulveda and Bruce Dammann for Action Item 101.

Public Speaker Comment: **Armando Sepulveda**

*"How much water is projected to be used and how much is projected to be recycled? Will there be an increased amount of sustainable vegetation at this park that are not water-intensive with good mix of native plants.? I am supportive of the project and live in condos near Rhodes Avenue. Focus on sustainability."*

Consultant's Response: J.T. Barr, Schmidt Design Group:

*"There is no reclaimed water access at this location; the plant palette is intended to be drought tolerant."*

**Public Speaker Comment: Bruce Dammann**

*“Will restrooms be unisex?”*

Consultant’s Response: J.T. Barr:

*“Yes, gender neutral.”*

The Board members provided the following questions and comments:

- Mr. Becker requested confirmation that the park would be natural turf and not synthetic.
- Mr. Otsuji asked why there were so many parking spaces.
  - J.T. Barr responded that they had followed the consultant’s guide
- Mr. Otsuji asked if they had looked at eliminating parking lot on 27<sup>th</sup> Street side. He noted that 2 parking areas are connected by service road which removed significant park space. It Seemed like there was no need for a cut-through road.
  - J.T. Barr responded that it had been noted and thanked him.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired about the location of dog park – why was it placed there?
  - J.T. Barr explained that it had been located near the recreational field and children’s play area.
- Mr. Otsuji asked if it would be an inclusive playground. He noted that many cities are going in that direction. He requested that design consider this for eventual construction drawings.
  - J.T. Barr stated that it had been noted and thanked him.
- Mr. Otsuji asked how maintenance would be handled
  - J.T. Barr responded that the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department would maintain it.
  - Director Field added that the money needed to be found for CIP design and construction first. Assuming the full project is funded for design and construction, O&M costs would come around FY 2025, about four years from now.
- Mr. Otsuji requested that they make sure that the irrigation system for trees is separate from the turf irrigation, so that trees could be preserved when the next drought comes. Need to be able to save water.
- Mr. Otsuji further commented that the plan had good design and circulation, and a good layout of activities in the park.
  - J.T. Barr remarked that maintainability would be at the forefront when they moved to construction documents.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Baron /Mr. Gulley**

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Gulley to recommend approval of Item 101, General Development Plan for Southwest Neighborhood Park. The motion was approved 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**201.    Age Friendly San Diego Update**

Presenters:    Kristi Fenick, District Manager, Parks and Recreation Department  
                    Marla Davis, Supervising Recreation Specialist, Parks and Recreation Department  
                    Lori Clarke, Chief Program Officer, SDSU Social Policy Institute  
                    Brenda Bothel-Hammond, Aging Specialist, SDSU Social Policy Institute

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Presentation
- Discussion

**NOTE:** No written Public Comments were received.

- Chair Johnston thanked the presenters for their hard work. She noted that it was very helpful to know demographic trends and look at ways to help older adults.

**WORKSHOP** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Copies of the reports, attachments, PowerPoint presentations and video recordings can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>.

**Next Calendared Meeting:**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Submitted by,



Andy Field  
Director  
Parks and Recreation Department



# Director's Award - Individual



Sonya Thompson,  
Grounds Maintenance Worker I  
Community Parks I

Sonya is appreciated by the Rancho Penasquitos community. People approach her nearly every day to tell her how beautiful the park looks. City employees from other departments stop at the Hilltop Park bathrooms and say they are “the best smelling bathrooms in the city.” Sonya has played an integral part in restoring the large field after it was extensively damaged by vandalism. Several citizens have emailed and called the Department Director to recognize her pride and dedication. She embodies the heart of service!



Jesse Dawn,  
Assistant Recreation Center Director  
Community Parks I

Jesse has been an essential part of the San Carlos team since he arrived a year ago. He hit the floor running by taking control of the volleyball and basketball leagues. When the centers closed due to Covid, Jesse worked wherever he was needed, including parking lot monitoring and at the Convention Center Shelter, he then began to work directly with Grounds Maintenance Workers and not only assisted them on daily tasks but also special projects such as brush and storm drain brow ditch cleaning. Well done Jesse!





# Individual Outstanding Hourly Employee

## Jorge “Jorgie” Resendiz, Swimming Pool Manager I Community Parks II

When you hear the words reliable, professional, and easy to work with, the name that first comes to mind is Jorge “Jorgie” Resendiz from the Colina Del Sol Pool. Despite his facility not being open for nearly a year, Jorgie has worked over 1000 hours at the Convention Center Shelter during COVID. He was one of the first to volunteer for this assignment and continues to be an integral part of the Lead Team. Jorgie displays a high level of flexibility which is necessary to work in such an ever-changing environment. Jorgie deserves the kudos and praise for his work performance during this time.



Jennifer Walsten  
Recreation Leader II  
Community Parks II

The pandemic has challenged Parks and Recreation staff to think outside the box and serve residents in a new way. Jennifer has gone above and beyond the call of duty by creating a Virtual Veterans Appreciation Month, Poetry Party, Bingo, and Check in with Jen. She spent hundreds of hours on the phone with Age Well Services Volunteers who were experiencing their own isolation, loneliness, and depression. Her weekly check-in calls helped to mitigate their anxiety and fear. Jennifer is a shining example of how a City of San Diego employee steps up and meets a challenge head-on and serves as a lifeline to seniors.







# Individual Outstanding Administrative Performance

Rose Tajalle,  
Senior Management Analyst  
Open Space/Maintenance Assessment Districts

Rose Tajalle took on a three-month assignment as the department "Public Records Request Act Coordinator" in addition to her responsibilities of administering 55 Maintenance Assessment District Budgets in the middle of the fast-paced budgetary season. Not only did she support the department by performing this responsibility, but she did so with a selfless, team-player attitude, and a commitment to ensuring these tasks were accomplished with meticulous care. She's a shining example of what a City employee should be.

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Karolynn Estrada,  
Senior Park Ranger  
Developed Regional Parks

Karolynn has made outstanding collaborations with various cooperative organizations within Mission Bay Parks and San Diego Beach Communities. Specifically, she has worked with the San Diego Police Department, Parking Enforcement, Beach Area Community Court, Discover PB, County of San Diego, San Diego City Attorney's office, San Diego Audubon Society, and various friends' groups. Her tireless efforts on behalf of city staff, Mission Bay parks, Mission Bay community organizations, and San Diego beach communities are a credit to herself and the department.



Jonathan Nieves,  
Swimming Pool Manager I  
Community Parks II

You may be wondering, “How can someone be nominated for a Customer Service Award in Parks and Recreation since most of our facilities have been closed?” Well, that has not stopped Jonathan. He works with hundreds of customers on a daily basis at the Convention Center Shelter and has been doing so since last summer. Despite the daily challenges of the environment, Jonathan maintains his professionalism, treats all patrons with dignity and displays a sincere level of kindness that has made all the difference to many of the clients there. Jonathan consistently sets a positive example to others on how to provide excellent customer service no matter the situation.





Justin Brown,  
Grounds Maintenance Worker I  
Developed Regional Parks

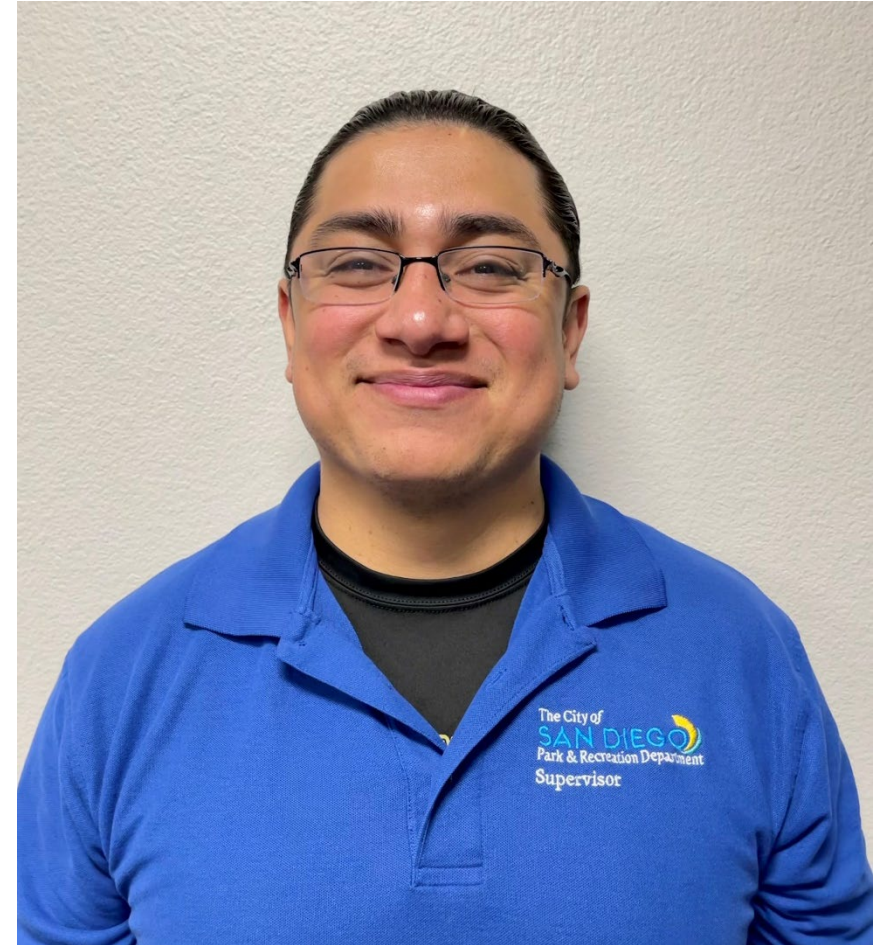
Justin is an outstanding Ground Maintenance Worker at Mission Bay Parks. He regularly goes above and beyond to provide excellent customer service, while ensuring adherence to safety for himself, colleagues, supervisors, and the public. He has a positive attitude and strong work ethic. The most notable example came at the beginning of the year, when he rescued a toddler who had become trapped under a piece of playground equipment at Tecolote Shores. Well done Justin!





Rafael “Rafa” Padilla,  
Assistant Recreation Center Director  
Community Parks II

Who would have thought that AgeWell Services and older adults could flourish during a worldwide pandemic? Thanks to Rafa and his expert PowerPoint skills, he was able to carry on with the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Art Exhibit and Contest, which received over 600 views on the Agewell website. Rafa also created a weekly virtual program for older adults at two recreations centers, providing them the necessary training and support to become independently successful in the virtual world. Rafa provides excellent customer service, is kind, compassionate, and patient. He brings a positive and friendly attitude to all virtual programs and meetings alike and is the epitome of an outstanding City of San Diego employee.



# Director's Award - Group





With the large increase of play at Mission Bay Golf Course, getting all the work assignments done, and providing a good product for our customers takes a lot of effort and teamwork. Even with the extra work, the team was able to work together to help solve a problem for the driving range operations. With little notice, one of the main sewer lines used for the driving range was permanently closed. The team worked quickly and was able to trench, lay new pipe, and reroute the drain, back fill, and lay new sod so that we could continue to operate the driving range and provide a quality product to our customers. Kudos to the entire team!

## Mission Bay Golf Course Staff:

- John Baasch, Greenskeeper Supervisor
- Lance Kodama, Grounds Maintenance Worker I
- Jose Luis Briones, Grounds Maintenance Worker I
- Lamont Pargo, Grounds Maintenance Worker I
- Robert Pino, Greenskeeper
- Brian Cooper, Seven Gang Mower Operator
- Eric Collins Sr., Recreation Aide





The Ocean Beach Recreation Center project not only transformed a thirsty turf area into sustainable drought-tolerant and pollinator friendly plantings, but it created access to fruits, vegetables and herbs. Once Covid-19 restrictions allow, the Recreation Center's culinary classes will have access to new fruit trees loaded with avocados and lemons. The adjacent Ocean Beach Library's innovative seed catalog offers a unique collaborative opportunity for Recreation Center culinary students to explore, share, and plant local seeds.





# Outstanding Group Maintenance Project

- Cynthia Comacho, Center Director III
- Alberto Cortez, GMW
- Albert Sais, GMM
- Alvaro Garcia, Cement Finisher
- Carlos Lopez, Equip. Operator
- Jorge Lozano, GMW
- Chad Pangelinan, Utility Worker
- Ramiro Zapata, Utility Worker
- Franchot Broy, GMW
- John Arce, Park Utility Supervisor
- Daniel Jaimes, GMW
- Noel Masing, GMW
- Tan Nguyen, GMW
- Jose Delgado, Equipment Operator
- Randy Tecson, GMW
- Francisco Lizagarra, GMW
- Thinh Huynh, GMW
- Ricardo Villapondo, GMW
- Angel Manuel Lopez, Tree Crew Leader
- Ulises Alvarez, GMW
- Pablo Antunez, GMW



- Andrew Duran, GMW
- Tony Van, GMW
- Michael Ahumada, GMW
- Bryan Shannon, GMW
- Shamli Tarbell, Park Designer
- Erich Kast, Horticulturalist
- Joseph Kearns, Park Utility Supervisor
- Hilario Grande, Equipment Technician
- Xavier Avila, Equipment Technician
- Joel Herrera, Equipment Technician





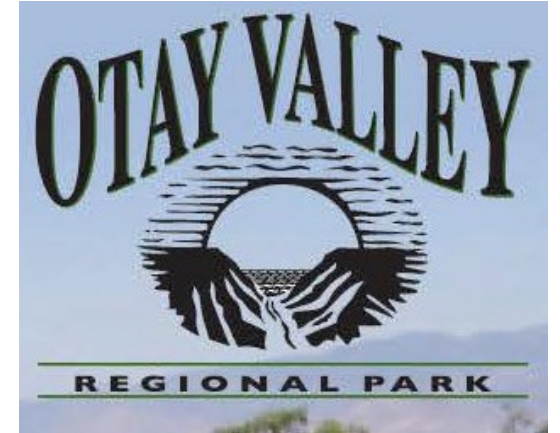
Civic Dance Arts' dance instructors, under the leadership of Supervising Recreation Specialist Andrea Feier, have excelled in producing high quality, online programming, servicing more than 1,200 children and adults during this difficult year when classes could not be conducted in person. Giving participants the opportunity to continue to dance from home has been invaluable in keeping this dance community together. This has been no easy task with limited resources and the requirements that had to be met. They are working with "Heart of Service" for all they serve.



## Civic Dance Arts Staff:

- Andrea Feier, Supervising Recreation Specialist
- Angelica Duarte, Recreation Leader II
- Jennifer Easo, Recreation Leader II
- Sheryl Easter, Recreation Leader II
- Tiffany Goff, Recreation Leader II
- Debbie Hardesty, Recreation Leader II
- Arika Keagy, Recreation Leader II
- Kathy Landry, Recreation Leader II
- Alexis Ledgerwood, Recreation Leader II
- Sabrina Marquez, Recreation Leader II
- Rachel Mitchell, Recreation Leader II
- Elizabeth Myrick, Recreation Leader II
- Leslie Padilla, Recreation Leader II
- Vincent Padilla, Recreation Leader II
- Elaine Remple, Recreation Leader II

Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) is a captivating stretch of ecological conservation land situated amid underserved communities and subject to harsh challenges associated with unsheltered individuals, crime, and habitat degradation. In response to prolonged vacancies, a team of rangers from around the City came together with support from their supervisors to serve this southern jewel of the Multiple Species Conservation Program Preserve. The team became the first OVRP Park Ranger Cross-Training Program, providing members with a broadened skillset and network of colleagues to approach their regular sites. Resulting in a new permanent OVRP ranger who possessed an intimate knowledge of the area. Treated as a pilot, this method could benefit the entire Park Ranger Program.



## Park Ranger Team:

- Carey Goldstein, Senior Park Ranger
- Gina Washington, Senior Park Ranger
- Levi Dean, Senior Park Ranger
- Mika Shimada-Cicirelli, Senior Park Ranger
- Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger
- Steve Smith, Senior Park Ranger
- Erika Weikel, Park Ranger
- James Ibelle, Park Ranger
- Melanie Fontana, Park Ranger
- Michael Cassidy, Park Ranger
- Moises Vasquez-Calderon, Park Ranger
- Najja Lyon, Park Ranger
- Mansour Habis, Park Ranger Aide
- Victor Nava, Grounds Maintenance Manager
- Steve Haupt, District Manager







# Outstanding Group Non-Maintenance Project or Program

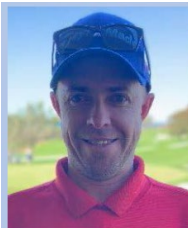
The Golf Division was one of the first to re-open during the pandemic while navigating the ever-moving target of health regulations. The division adapted well and provided a safe, healthy, and socially distant recreational activity. When resources were stretched thin and vacancies nearly forced closures, staff continued to deliver on the promise of providing a world class experience at an affordable price. The Division is thankful for everything they have done, and each is well deserving!



MIGUEL CASTILLO



ERIC COLLINS, JR.



CHARLIE CURZON



BRENT DUCLOS



Sean Farrell



GREG GAGLIARDI



BRENDA GARCIA



GARY MATTHEWS



LARRY MICHAELS



DAN MIELKE



JASON PLEAS



JOHN BISHOP



CHRIS BOUDREAU



MARK BROWN



JOHN CARTERETTE



CHRIS WOWCHUCK

Not Pictured  
John Brosnan  
Yesenia Fonseca  
Trevor Arellanez  
Felipe Delgado  
Lance Dillon  
Stephen Howell  
Thai Lay  
Marty Medrano



ROBERT GEILER



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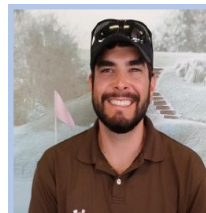
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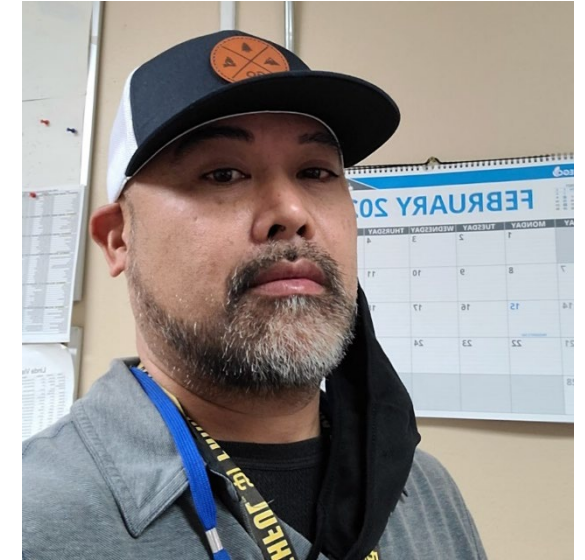


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This past November, this team was tasked with working with County personnel on coordinating the use of Parks and Recreational facilities for training and election site usage. This was an extremely complex process which required regular communication, with multiple County liaisons, coordination with over 40 plus Parks and Recreation supervisors, and the implementation of various protocols and procedures. This was an unprecedented process, with several obstacles and opportunities for failure presenting itself at every turn; however, this team worked tirelessly, identifying, and anticipating those challenges. Way to go gentleman!

- Ron Agustin, Area Manager II
- Robert Lara, Recreation Center Director III
- Adolfo Herrera , Assistant Center Director



Balboa Park Palisades Phase I Project: Collaboration between departments included Parks and Recreation, Transportation and Storm Water, and Public Utilities for the transformation of the Palisades area into a public plaza and more pedestrian friendly environment. Parks and Recreation staff installed irrigation systems, light pole bases, topsoil, landscaping, tables/chairs/umbrellas, benches, and trash receptacles throughout the area as well as contracting for various goods and services. Beautiful!





# Outstanding Collaborative Group Project

## Balboa Park Palisades Project Winners:

- Manuel Abeyta, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Rosa Abrego, Senior Management Analyst
- Francisco Aguirre, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Michael Ahumada, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Ulises Alvarez, Tree Trimmer
- Pablo Antunez, Tree Trimmer
- John Arce, Park Utility Supervisor
- Cristian Arroyo, Utility Worker II
- Alex Avila, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Xavier Avila, Equipment Technician I
- Noe Avila Flores, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Franchot Broy Jr., Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Gary Burns, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- Maria Castillo, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Carlos Castillo Ortiz, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Maria Cummins, Clerical Assistant II
- Charles Daniels, Park Designer

- Jose Delgado, Equipment Operator I
- Jaime Diez, Grounds Maintenance Manager
- Mark Dorius, Utility Worker II
- Andrew Duran, Tree Trimmer
- Octavio Ferrer-Dunn, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Alvaro Garcia, Cement Finisher
- Alexander Glenn, Park Ranger
- Oscar Gomez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- David Gonzalez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Hilario Grande, Equipment Technician I
- Portia Gregory-Burnette, Administrative Aide II
- Jose Gutierrez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Alexis Guzman, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Edwin Heller, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Salvador Hernandez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Joel Herrera, Equipment Technician I
- Thinh Huynh, Seven-Gang Mower Operator
- Paul Jacob, Associate Engineer



# Outstanding Collaborative Group Project

- Daniel Jaimes, Seven-Gang Mower Operator
- Erich Kast, Horticulturalist
- Jamie Leal, Equipment Operator I
- Francisco Lizarraga, Seven-Gang Mower Operator
- Mario Llanos III, District Manager
- David Lockwood, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Angel Lopez, Tree Maintenance Crewleader
- Juan Lopez, Equipment Operator I
- Jorge Lozano, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Noel Masing, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Maria Mondragon, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Sabas Moreno Peru, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Soledad Morris, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Joe Najera, Irrigation Specialist
- Tan Nguyen, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Chad Pangelinan, Utility Worker II
- Mario Parra, Aquatics Technician Supervisor
- Andrew Rivas, Grounds Maintenance Worker II

- Jose Rivera-Martinez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Albert Sais, Grounds Maintenance Manager
- Alejandro Sanchez Reyes, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Salvador Serrano, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- Bryan Shannon, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Magen Shaw, Horticulturalist
- Randie Tecson, Equipment Operator I
- Manuel Thomas, Utility Worker II
- Carlos Torres, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Moises Torres Corral, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Tony Van, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Dan Verdin, Irrigation Specialist
- Ricardo Villalpando, Seven-Gang Mower Operator
- Charles Warren Jr., Equipment Technician II
- Jessika Weitz, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Laura Yanez, Grounds Maintenance Worker II
- Ramiro Zapata, Utility Worker II



# Outstanding Collaborative Group Project

Operation Shelter to Home has provided shelter, food, and a safe environment for thousands of San Diegans since April 2020. The Lead Parks and Recreation staff have been instrumental, working alongside and in collaboration with shelter partners such as the County of San Diego, San Diego Housing Commission, Regional Task Force on Homelessness, Alpha Project, Father Joes Village, and Veterans Village of San Diego; as well as other city departments such as the Mayors Office, Fire-Rescue, Libraries, Print Shop, and the Auditors Office. Lead staff attended weekly conference calls, recorded updates using Google Docs to share with one another, providing valuable input to ensure a safe environment for staff and residents, and training support for staff on safety protocols and job duties. This crew has been extremely helpful in continuing the partnership with shelter providers and other city departments. This IS the Heart of Service!



**City Parks & Rec staff were some of the first to help with Operation Shelter to Home**



# Outstanding Collaborative Group Project



## Award Winners:

- Nicole Shaw, Swimming Pool Manager II
- Lane Harris, Swimming Pool Manager III
- Edgar Jimenez, Swimming Pool Manager II
- Aldo Cordova, Swimming Pool Manager I
- Rae Weber, Swimming Pool Manager III
- Wendelien Anderson, Swimming Pool Manager III
- Jorge Resendiz, Swimming Pool Manager I
- Chris Velasco, Swimming Pool Manager I
- Jonathan Nieves, Swimming Pool Manager I
- Sinthya Carranza, Supervising Recreation Specialist
- Toriano Thomas, Swimming Pool Manager I

- Juan Alberto Gonzalez, Pool Guard II
- Nicole McNeil, District Manager
- Kristi Fenick, District Manager
- Julie Gregg, Supervising Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Jon Richards, Supervising Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Gerald Cunanan, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Nick Hurd, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Juan Razo, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Victor Ortiz, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist
- Marla Davis, Supervising Recreation Specialist
- Tianna David, Assistant Recreation Center Director
- Theresa Davis, Recreation Leader I
- Ricardo Arteaga, Recreation Center Director I