

**City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department  
 Otay Mesa Community Recreation Group  
 February 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm  
 Minutes**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Members Present (7)</b>	<b>Members Absent (3)</b>	<b>Staff Present (5)</b>	<b>Guest (7)</b>
Dotty Giffen President	Alex Gutierrez Secretary	Taevee Davis	Rosalinda Arce
Mike Grzenia Vice President	Cindy Rodriquez	German Fimbres	Steven Dawid
Sherri Gonzalez	Mayra Hernandez	CJ Saldana	Miguel Navarro
Rosita Haro		Gerardo Ramirez	Deshun Thomas
Maria Carranza		Albert Hara	Miguel Navarro
Angelina Bravo			Gloria Garcia
Vanessa Najera			Rosa Ruesga

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of January meeting minutes. Motion approved: Mike G./ Rosita H.  
 4 yeah/0-Nay/1-Abstain

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- Vanessa has submitted her fingerprints and is now allowed to vote as a member.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT**

Carlos Edington reported the following:

- 66 vehicle citations have been issued.
- Update on the female suspect. Investigation was concluded and she was booked on \$300k bail and they are working on 2 other suspects.
- German notified of a suspicious vehicle which was stolen from Spring Valley located at Silver Wing Park.
- Please reach out to Carlos for more resources on Fentanyl and Narcan.

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 REPORT**

Gerardo Ramirez reported the following:

- Council Member's Appointments are Chair of Land Use and Housing Committee along with Vice Chair of Audit. She is making a big push for housing here in the city.
- Dumpster Drop off at Montgomery Waller on January 28<sup>th</sup> was successful. Planning to have the next one at March 4<sup>th</sup> at Robert Egger South Bay Recreation Center.
- Reminder on Get it Done to check app to follow up on vegetation issues due to rain.
- Update on streets resurfacing. 40% of all the streets in Otay Mesa should be completed by this December. About 38% has been completed.
- Home Avenue clean-up with overgrown vegetation on medians will be happening soon with the Council office. The Council office has purchased 3 weed whackers for this project.
- Gerardo responded to a community member concern about speeding on Del Sol Blvd and Beyer Way at the stop sign. Please inform the council office.

### **HISTORICAL TOPICS**

None.

### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayra Hernandez with Assembly member David Alvarez 80<sup>th</sup> District Office was absent, but Dotty reported the following:

- Bonita Community Town Hall Meeting Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 at the Bonita Museum.

Ms. Sherri reported the following:

- They are going to choose the artist soon for the Hidden Trails Park.

### **RECREATION COUNCIL OFFICERS REPORTS**

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- Donut issues on fields
- Too many loose dogs/too much dog poop in park

Vice President Mike Grzenia reported the following:

- Attended a meeting at the Southern Division with an informative resource for Fentanyl and Narcan. Suggested maybe recreation staff to get some information on overdose situations and what to do.

### **COMMUNITY PARKS II COMMITTEE**

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- A meeting will be held February 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK**

President Dotty Giffen reported the following:

- February 16<sup>th</sup> at Chula Vista Civic Center from 2-4pm in Building C in Room 111 and 112.

### **ATHLETIC REPORTS**

DeShun Thomas, Luckie Waller Little League reported the following:

- Had to pause registration with 290 kids due to not enough coaches.
- Scotts Turf quote for the top field was submitted.
- Opening ceremony will be Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> with scrimmages.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Center Director II, Taevee Davis reported the following:

- Basketball is currently going on with games being played at various recreation centers.
- Follow us on our Instagram with basketball scheduled uploaded.
- Valenteens Party on 2/10 from 4:00-6:00pm.
- Spring Registration opens this Saturday at 10am.
- Spring Break Camps happening. Skate Camp at Cesar Solis and half day camps at Silver Wing.
- Please go on sdreconnect.com for more programming info.
- Chocolate Covered Strawberries Workshop on 2/14.

Area Manager, German Fimbres reported the following:

- Phase 2 of the Tree Planting Project completed on January 28<sup>th</sup>. A total of 24 trees have been planted that came with new irrigation for it.
- Park looked nice and green due to all the rain and weather we had.

Center Director III, CJ Saldana reported the following:

- Basketball Leagues are going on and there are 12 teams in the Waller League.
- Egg Hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm.
- Water Damage on roofs in the gym. Floors should be getting a finish.
- 2 new staff; Recreation Leaders Nico and Claudia.
- Spring Schedule is out, and registration begins on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Roof will be getting fixed by the City and not the phone company.

Area Manager, Albert Hara, reported the following:

- Graffiti issues have no longer been an issue since the arrest of the individual.
- Issues with speeding, birds, and litter in our parking lots. Suggested to install wires but the City declined.

- Clean up Project on Grove and 25<sup>th</sup> Street picking up litter and cutting weeds on both sides of the fence.
- 8 sidewalk panels were repaired at Waller.
- Sports Services will be fertilizing the fields this coming May.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Sherri/Mike) to name the 27<sup>th</sup> and Grove Park to Grove Neighborhood Park.

Motion carried (6) ayes, (0) nays, and (0) abstentions.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- Chocolate Covered Strawberries Workshop February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm – Silver Wing
- Spring Egg Hunt - Silver Wing
- Day of the Child - Montgomery Waller
- Spring Egg Hunt - Montgomery Waller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

April 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm  
 Silver Wing Recreation Center  
 3737 Arey Drive San Diego, CA 92154  
 (619) 424-0465

Submitted by,

Reviewed by

Reviewed by,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Taevee Davis  
 Center Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
 German Fimbres  
 Area Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Dotty Giffen  
 President

This information will be made available in alternate formats upon request. To request an agenda in an alternate format, or to request a sign language or oral interpreter for the meetings, call Taevee Davis at (619) 424-0465 at least five working days prior to the meeting to ensure availability. Alternative Listening Devices (ADL's) are available for the meeting upon request.