

SAN DIEGO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ROBB FIELD ADVISORY GROUP
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES

of the

Regular Meeting Held At:

Various attendee locations, using a Zoom platform

Attendance (Officers):

Whitney Wilkinson (High Tech High School), President
John McKaveney (Albion Soccer Club), Vice President
Rasheed Hassan (X Flag Football), Secretary
Jim Nickel (Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach), Treasurer

Attendance (Members):

Diana (Anna) Griessler (SD Surfers Rugby)
Scott Lewis (PYSA)
Conner Mariani (SD Old Aztecs Rugby)

Absent:

Raymond Barkley (Peninsula Little League)
Wendy De Leon (VAVi Sport and Social Club)
Gary Gilbert (Fitness Club)
Stephen Rowell, at large

Guests:

None

City Staff

Matt Ryan, Center Director III

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Whitney Wilkinson, called the regular meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group to order at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 2, 2021. This meeting was conducted entirely remotely using a Zoom platform. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The proposed agenda for the September 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group was presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John McKaveney/Rasheed Hassan) to approve the September 2, 2021 agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The proposed minutes of the June 10, 2021 special meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group were presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/John McKaveney) to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

PUBLIC FORUM:

No speakers.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson, Whitney Wilkinson, commented that the fields at Robb Field are becoming busy as the summer and fall sports programs are beginning or resuming.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jim Nickel, acting on behalf of Secretary Rasheed Hassan, reported that as of August 31, 2021 no council member or organization is currently at immediate risk for loss of membership due to three consecutive non-excused absences or four annual absences from council meetings. Jim reminded council members that if they have a valid reason for missing a meeting, they should notify the Robb Field office to request an excused absence.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer, Jim Nickel, reported the following unaudited financial information provided by the City of San Diego for the Robb Field account for Period 1 of Fiscal Year 2022. Period 1 encompassed the time period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending July 31, 2021. The beginning balance on July 1, 2021 was \$157,575. The total revenue for July, 2021 was \$1,605, consisting of -\$237 of interest income (loss) and \$1,842 of income from usage fees. The total expenses incurred but not yet paid (encumbrances) were \$1,714. The encumbrances consisted of \$180 for supplies (soil and conditioner) and \$1,714 for various and miscellaneous contract fees and charges. The net operating profit (gain), excluding encumbrances, was \$1,605. As of July 31, 2021, the closing balance in the Robb Field fund was \$159,136.99. The City's unaudited Fiscal year 2022 Budget to Actuals Report as of the end of Period 1 for Robb Field Recreation Center is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John McKaveney/Rasheed Hassan) to approve the Budget to Actuals Report for Robb Field for Period 1 of Fiscal Year 2022 as presented, subject to audit. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

SAN DIEGO CITY STAFF REPORTS:

Center Director III, Matt Ryan, reported the following items: 1) Area Manager Angela Black was not able to attend today's meeting; 2) the Robb Field Movie-in-the-Park movie night was held on Friday, August 27, 2021, and it was very successful, attracting an audience of at least 150 attendees; 3) volunteers from the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club served the popcorn and bottled water to the moviegoers; 4) a soccer tournament is scheduled to take place at Robb Field this coming weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (September 3rd through September 5th).

FITNESS CLUB REPORT:

Matt Ryan reported that the Fitness Club is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Finalization of the nominations for the 2021 officers.

Nominating committee chairperson Jim Nickel reported the following slate of nominees: John McKaveney – Chairperson, Rasheed Hassan – Vice Chairperson, Jim Nickel – Secretary/Treasurer. Each has agreed to serve for the balance of the 2021 calendar year and for the 2022 calendar year. No other nominations were received from the floor.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Conner Mariani/John McKaveney) that the nominations be closed and that the slate of nominees be elected by unanimous acclamation, and that the new officers take office immediately upon adjournment of this meeting. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

2. Advisory Group recommendations regarding the City's Parking Lot Memo.

Views were expressed that significant nighttime parking restrictions already exist and that the installation of more gates, additional signage, and implementation of other restrictions would result in substantial costs and would inconvenience legitimate park users without producing significant reduction of homelessness or drug transactions.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Jim Nickel/Conner Mariani) that the City keep the parking lot restrictions unchanged in the Ocean Beach area and not make them either more restrictive or less restrictive than they already are. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

3. Timeline for resumption of in-person meetings.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Jim Nickel/John McKaveney) to follow Public Health Department directives and state and local government rules and recommendations regarding public meetings and to continue to hold meetings by Zoom until at least a quorum of Advisory Group members agree to attend in person meetings. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

4. Discussion of timing of the Kite Festival.

Concerns were expressed the Kite Festival attendees include hundreds of elementary school aged children, none of whom have been vaccinated, and that the Kite Festival could therefore become a super-spreader event for the delta variant of COVID-19. The Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club supports postponement to May 21, 2022, the third Saturday in May, thereby avoiding conflicts with other major events already scheduled for May, 2022.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/Diana Griessler) that the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club should postpone the Kite Festival currently scheduled for October 2, 2021 at Robb Field until May 21, 2022 or other future time when the event can be held more safely. Motion passed [5|0|1]. Abstained: Jim Nickel.

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach/Jim Nickel: The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach will be cancelling all of its usual October events including the Kite Festival at Robb Field, the Fishing Derby on the OB Pier, and the Canine Carnival at Dusty Rhodes Park. Jim thanked the Advisory Group for their input regarding the Kite Festival dates and will advise the Kiwanis Club Board to take immediate action to postpone the Kite Festival to May 21, 2022.

Peninsula Youth Softball Association (PYSA)/Scott Lewis: PYSA has new leadership and Scott is Vice President. Fall ball has launched with a record number of 743 girls signed up. Practices have already started and games will be on Sunday afternoons beginning on September 12th and running through mid-November. Spring ball is expected to be big. The Cool Breeze tournament will be around Memorial Day, either on May 28th or June 3rd. Scott plans to be an active participant in the Robb Field Advisory Group.

Albion Soccer Club/John McKaveney: Albion has been busy The San Diego area team won a National Championship and Albion has a couple more teams that are also vying for National Championships in their divisions. The women's coaching was recently named the National Affiliate of the Year. Albion's had a lot of college signings and currently have the most college players in the Ivy Leagues. Albion's tournament season ends this weekend and the fall gaming season starts at Robb Field on September 11th and 12th.

X Flag Football/Rasheed Hassan: X-flag football had a very successful summer season and a successful tournament in August. The fall session will be starting in a couple of weeks and it will be good to get back to Robb Field on Saturdays in the fall.

SD Surfers Rugby/Diana Griessler: SD Surfers have resumed playing rugby games. The WPL and P-1 teams will have their seasons combined for playing in the fall. They have significant constraints including field availability and getting teams to travel. They have had several scrimmages already at Robb Field. They are expecting about a half season games-wise planned for this fall but a full season planned for next spring. They are happy to be playing and back together again.

SD Old Aztecs Rugby/Conner Mariani: They just had a very successful Oasis which is their summer invitational series with over 32 teams participating, one of the largest in recent memory. The new season is coming up in January and they will start training early to get back in shape after Covid.

Fitness Club and Handball Courts/Gary Gilbert: Absent, no report.

Peninsula Little League (PLL)/Raymond Barkley: Absent, no report.

Stephen Rowell (at-large): Absent, no report.

VAVi/Wendy De Leon: Absent, no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Jim Nickel/Rasheed Hassan) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0]. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group is scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Jim Howard Hall at Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street, San Diego, CA 92107.

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS: If you expect to miss the meeting, please email Matt Ryan at msryan@sandiego.gov or call (619) 531-1563.

If there are any questions regarding these minutes, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Jim Nickel, at jimnickel@earthlink.net. This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Submitted by:

James R. Nickel, Secretary

Date

Reviewed by:

Angelina Black, Area Manager, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Date

Approved by:

Whitney Wilkinson, Chairperson

Date