

SAN DIEGO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ROBB FIELD ADVISORY GROUP

JUNE 10, 2021 MINUTES

of the

Special 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 Griessler (SD Surfers Rugby)
Miles Doughty (PYSA)
James Niblock (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:

Mehdi Rashidpour Aarisi, City of San Diego
Juliana Grotzinger, City of San Diego
Leigh Kyle, Spurlock Land
Erin Luegers, Spurlock Land
Kevin Oliver, City of San Diego
Rich Possanza, Fitness Club
Yuanchi Zhao, Spurlock Land

City Staff

Matt Ryan, Center Director III

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Whitney Wilkinson, called the special meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group to order at 2:03 pm on Thursday, June 10, 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 June 10, 2021 special meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group was presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Miles Doughty/Diana Griessler) to approve the June 10, 2021 agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The proposed minutes of the December 19, 2019 special meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group were presented for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/John McKaveney) to approve the December 19, 2019 minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

PUBLIC FORUM:

No speakers.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chairperson, Whitney Wilkinson, commented that Spring sports are winding down. There has been only minimal use of Robb Field during the pandemic. Some organizations that were previously regular users of Robb Field may now encounter some difficulties resuming their regular reservations for use of certain playing fields at certain times.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary, Rasheed Hassan, reported that as of May 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. Rasheed 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 the 2021 fiscal year-to-date ending March 31, 2021. The total revenue was \$7,898, consisting of \$1,895 of interest income and \$6,003 of income from usage fees. The total expenses were \$19,439, consisting of \$5,701 for fertilizer, \$11,244 for soil and conditioner, \$240 for recreation supplies, and \$2,255 for miscellaneous contract fees and charges. The beginning balance in the Robb Field fund was \$165,873, including \$873 of non -budgeted funds to be carried over to the next fiscal year. The year-to-date net operating loss including encumbrances was \$11,832. The current balance of the Robb Field fund available budget as of 3/31/21 was \$145,270. The City's unaudited Fiscal year 2021 Budget to Actuals Report as of Period 9 for Robb Field Recreation Center is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Jim Nickel/John McKaveney) to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Period 9 financial report year-to-date 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) Angela Black couldn't make it to today's meeting. 2) Permitting has started for the athletic uses of Robb Field. 3) Recreation center permitting is in a holding pattern awaiting the state reopening on 6/15/21. The City will re-evaluate permitting and any needed changes at that time. Robb may be permitting at 50% or more capacity beginning in July. 4) There is still a major problem with squirrels and gophers at Robb Field and mitigation efforts are continuing.

FITNESS CLUB REPORT:

Rich Possanza reported that there is good news to share. The broken windows that were busted out in February have been replaced with energy efficient dual-pane windows. There is also new drywalling and paint. Member activities will resume in the near future. Regular users are anxious to return. Some didn't even ask for refunds of membership fees during the pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of the FY2022 Budget.

Center Director III Matt Ryan presented the proposed FY2022 Robb Field budget for approval. The budget is basically unchanged from FY2021 and includes an estimated income totaling \$157,575 and estimated expenditures totaling \$165,000 with a FY22 deficit of \$7,425 after expenditure of the entire contingency fund of \$13,000.

The proposed budgeted expenses include \$117,000 for recreation programs, \$5,000 for special events, \$30,000 for maintenance, \$0 for other miscellaneous expenses, and \$13,000 for contingencies.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Rasheed Hassan/Miles Doughty) to approve the Robb Field FY2022 budget, as presented. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

2. Proposed Concept for the Robb Field Gateway Path.

Representatives from the City and from Spurlock Land presented the latest version of the proposed design plans for the Robb Field Gateway Path. It will be a longer and more gently sloped concrete pathway leading from the new Gateway Park at the corner of Sunset Cliffs Blvd. and West Point Loma Blvd. down to the adjacent south corner of Robb Field. The new path will be ADA-compliant. A bike path is also to be included in the plans. This presentation was for information only. It was not an action item, so no action was taken.

3. Formation of the nominating committee for the Advisory Group Officers.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John McKaveney/Rasheed Hassan) to approve formation of a nominating committee consisting of John McKaveney, Rasheed Hassan, and Jim Nickel, such committee to report its nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer at the September meeting. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0].

COMMUNITY/ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

Albion Soccer Club/John McKaveney: No new information to report.

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

Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach/Jim Nickel: The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach is planning to hold the 74th annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival at Robb Field on Saturday October 2, 2021.

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

Peninsula Youth Softball Association (PYSA)/Miles Doughty: No new information to report.

High Tech High School/Whitney Wilkinson: No new information to report.

SD Old Aztecs Rugby/James Niblock: No new information to report.

SD Surfers Rugby/Diana Griessler: No new information to report.

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

VAVi/Wendy De Leon: Absent, no report.

X Flag Football/Rasheed Hassan: No new information to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Miles Doughty/John McKaveney) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously [6|0|0]. Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Robb Field Advisory Group is scheduled for Thursday, September 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, Rasheed Hassan, at rasheedh227@gmail.com . This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

Submitted by:

Rasheed Hassan, Secretary

Date

Reviewed by:

Angelina Black, Area Manager, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Date

Approved by:

Whitney Wilkinson, Chairperson

Date