

SOUTHCREST COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

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Minutes for April 11, 2023

Attendees: Felicia Moses, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Deb McKissack, Dwayne Hill, Diane Armenta, James Trowsdell, Cesar Lopez, Natalia Rosas, Ryan McDavid

Excused:

Absent:

Staff: Gordon Bordson, Area Manager II

Introductions: All those present introduced themselves.

Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Communication:

Action Items:

Staff Reports:

Gordon Bordson

1. The survey that Mr. Hill brought is an independent survey it's not with the city, it will be presented eventually along the line to us.
2. Presented the Opportunity Fund where we had studies from district Moreno's office, Elo-Rivera and from Montgomery to where they saw the inequalities North of 8 and South of 8, so the Opportunity Fund was created to serve the underserved communities. Asked for "Input" in which our priority is funding for the recreation to get funding for all sports.
3. Fernando and Johana put together a proposal for the Opportunity Fund to see in what areas we need funding. Ms. Felicia talked about a splashpad here at Southcrest. Asked for input from rec council and said, "security lightning" and "ball field lighting".

San Diego Police Report:

Emilio Galvan

1. Introduced himself as the Director of Community Wrap around, which is under the commission for The City of San Diego Gang Prevention and Intervention.
2. They offer case management services, groups for youth, and they work closely with probation officers. He oversees not just this region in San Diego, but North County as well. He works a lot with Omar Lizuriaga from the San Diego Police Department.
3. There will be a Peace at the Park event in Azalea park in City Heights. Traditionally they have done these events in parks in the Southeast, but they are hoping to expand this initiative where they can bring together community members, local residents and they want to bring resources and other type of services to the community.
4. In the future they are hoping to host A Peace at the Park event here at Southcrest with the help of SDPD and City Reps.

City Council Report:

Natalia Rosas, Director of Digital Communications, City Council District 8 Representative:

1. Lizzie could not make it, she had another meeting so representing her was Natalia Rosas Director of Digital Communications for District 8.
2. This Saturday the 22nd there will be a community clean-up, one of the biggest ones in The City of San Diego, it's a Creek to Bay Clean-up with I Love a Clean San Diego here at Southcrest.

3. Natalia Rosas passed out a community letter that they want to give to the Mayor Todd Gloria about homelessness in our area. They worked with a non-profit organization called Logan CDC to make the letter and what they do is help represent small businesses throughout District 8. They put together this letter to inform the Mayor Todd Gloria about what is happening with the homelessness. They want as many signatures as possible to bring to light this situation. This letter will be presented at the Land Use and Housing Commission this Thursday and to the mayor upfront.
4. There will be a homelessness encounter ordinance coming up with council member Stephen Whitburn from District 3. As of now there is no law that states encampments on the sidewalk are illegal. This ordinance states that it will become a law that it is illegal to have an encampment on the sidewalk as long as there are beds available at a shelter, which is the only time it will be enforced. This ordinance is mainly applied to parks and sidewalks that are North of the 8 freeway. So, by signing the letter and attending the meeting on Thursday it will help let the mayor know that we want equal inclusivity for all parks.
5. The Police Department has their own protocol on how they approach homelessness, first time they approach a homeless person they offer them services, if they deny the services, they get a citation. If it happens up to four times with the same person first the police officers offer services if they deny, then that's when they get arrested.
6. This letter will be presented at the meeting this Thursday at the Land Use and Housing Commission if the letter passes then it will go to Council.

Cesar Lopez, Southeastern Little League President

1. Wants to thank people for showing their support and want to create a baseball hub here at Southcrest.

Dwayne Hill Community Organizer and Educator

1. Passed out a red folder with pictures and Shelley Whites biography. Mr. Hill wants to honor Shelley White by changing the name of Southcrest park.
2. Mr. Shelley officiated more games in this park and kept this park clean for decades.
3. Mr. Shelley brought the San Diego Padres to Southcrest which were their sponsors for Southeastern little league a while back ago.

Ray McDavid representing Southeastern Little League

1. Introduced himself grew up around Southcrest, played ball here at Southcrest where Shelley White umpired games.
2. Played with the San Diego Padres
3. Sees that the park is missing funds, if it's a baseball park, it should be dedicated to baseball.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gordon Bordson, Area Manager II

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