

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Community Recreation Group
MINUTES
November 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Mailing Address:

North Park Recreation Center
4044 Idaho Street
San Diego, CA 92104

ATTENDANCE

Marc Johnson, Chairperson
Sol Schumer
Chris Milnes
Ernie Bonn, Corresponding Secretary
Stu McGraw
Andy Cameron

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rod Girvin
Jeffrey Taylor

CITY STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Council District 3 Representative – Marcela Miranda-Caballero
Rafael Padilla, Presidio Recreation Center Director
Tianna David, North Park Recreation Center Director
Shannon Scoggins, Park Planner
Frank Hunt, Park Planner
Andy Field – Parks and Recreation Director
Michelle Abella-Shon, Project Officer

GUESTS

Wendy Murphy	Ellen Christi
Lee Dulgeroff – SDUSD	Caitlin Coronel
Tracy Tincknell – SDUSD	Becca
Lindsey Roberts	Kristen Duarte
Anna Rae Graham	Hillary
Dan Weiss	Mallory Palatucci
Randwell	Rebecca Dugo
Danielle Odette	Kasia Gregory
Porshia Talbot	Kati Bennett
Javier Duarte	
Fox 5 San Diego	
Richard Barrera – President School Board	

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Chris Milnes) to approve October 7, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Marc Johnson requested approval from the Board members, to go out of order on the agenda since City Park Planner Shannon Scoggins has a presentation to share about the Ed Center Temporary Off Leash Dog Park. Board members agreed.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Michele Chicarelli reported Old Trolley Barn Park experienced less vandalism and graffiti. The park will be getting a new yellow slide. Birney Joint Use site is looking good. Ernie Bonn asked an update on the development of North Park Mini Park. Michele’s response: They are scheduled to open the end of December 2021; she will share the grand opening date with the Board.

City Council District 3 Representative – No Report

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – Ernie Bonn reported Principal Amanda Hammond-Williams is looking into a replacement representative for Liem Do.

University Heights Point – No Report

Uptown Planners – Sol Schumer reported their election committee meeting is scheduled for November 10th. They are having other committee meetings, in addition to their first Tuesday of the month full board meetings.

Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park – Under Michele Chicarelli’s report.

Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – Sol Schumer reported last month’s meeting was cancelled.

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – No meeting.

Education Center Redevelopment – Marc Johnson reported they will be moving to Kearny Mesa in 3 years.

Parks Master Plan – No Report. Board members agreed to remove this topic from the community group reports.

ACTION ITEMS -Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

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1. Lighting for Kiosk in Old Trolley Barn Park
Tabled, no action taken.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. New Joint Use Dog Park – Park Planner Shannon Scoggins shared a presentation on the proposed Ed Center Temporary Off Leash Dog Park. A review of questions and answers:

- Dan Weiss - Recommend one pen for all dog sizes. Appreciate the City working on the project.

- Marc Johnson – Community survey was conducted 2 years ago. Survey result: 1/2 the community wants one pen for all dog sizes, 1/2 the community wants a separate large and small dog pen.
- Andy Cameron – Will the entrance to the dog park be paved? Shannon Scoggins response: ADA (Americans with Disabilities) accessibility. Either DG (decomposed granite) or asphalt will be used in the entry way – southern access might be easier to use.
- Kati Bennett – Will the Ed Center parking lot be available to use after hours? Lee Dulgeroff response: The parking lot is technically not part of the Joint Use site and not part of the agreement. After hours might be an option.
- Anna Rae Graham – What are the hours? Shannon Scoggins response: open from dawn to dusk. At dusk the gate will be locked, no lighting available.
- Chris Milnes – Who will maintain the grass? Shannon Scoggins response: Maintaining the turf is a challenge. SDUSD has control of the irrigation system, the City will maintain the turf.
- Marc Johnson – Has the City investigated salt resistant turf? Shannon Scoggins response: The turf material won't change at this time.
- Dan Weiss – Who will maintain the dog park and repair damages? Grape Street Dog Park has a private organization who oversees the dog park, do we have this opportunity? Michele Chicarelli and Shannon Scoggins response: The City will maintain the dog park and repair damages. If the University Heights Community Recreation Group would like to entertain the possibility of a private organization overseeing the dog park, they can discuss this topic in the future.
- Stu McGraw – Who decided the north and south areas? Shannon Scoggins response: SDUSD wants a buffer area between the buildings and dog park. Annex Building wanted the north and south area. Lee Dulgeroff: Staff are still working in the Annex Building and use the area under the trees. Chat box: Southern buffer area seems unnecessary.
- Richard Barrera – Gratitude to University Heights Community Recreation Group, Parks and Recreation Department, and Council District 3, this is a tricky issue with best intentions. Marc Johnson – Thank you Richard for your help.
- Shannon Scoggins – Next meeting I will present two options: One dog pen and one small/large dog pen.

INFORMATION ITEM

Dan Weiss - Potential fires in the open space area near Old Trolley Barn Park which has overgrown brush. The slope in the area makes abatement challenging. The Board requests a Park Ranger to attend the monthly meetings to discuss open space concerns.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1605648661>

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Submitted by Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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