

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
University Heights Community Recreation Group

MINUTES  
June 3, 2021 @5:30 p.m.  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Mailing Address:**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Members Absent:**

Josephine Salerno  
Pat Johnston  
Rod Girvin  
Stu McGraw

**Guests**

Bill Ellig

**City Staff**

Jay Villanueva, OCA Area Manager II  
Benjamin Cartwright, Council District 3 Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson - Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (Chris Milnes/Andy Cameron) to approve the April & May 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Andy Cameron discussed the proposed LED lights for the Kiosk at the entrance to the park. A test system would cost about \$150. A final system would cost \$350-\$1,500 - more likely to be at most around \$750. Ernie suggested maybe the Councilmember had some discretionary funds. Benny said not this month, but with the fiscal year starting July 1, maybe then.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – Marc Johnson reported the City's Parks Master Plan is being rushed through for approval, without community outreach. The points system is not equivalent to 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents under existing plan (such as signage earning excessive amount of points). 80% of DIF to be split, with half going to park deficient communities, and half going to

communities of concern, with no clear definition of those terms. The second hearing will be held on June 17, with final vote scheduled at City Council in early July. Marc proposed sending a letter to stop process, until community input is received. Chris agreed. Motion to do that passed.

**City Council District 3 Representative: Benjamin Cartwright**

Benny reported the City budget deadline is June 14th, 2021. Councilmember Stephen Whitburn will be at Old Trolley Barn Park this Sunday from 10am-12pm, in case anyone wants to stop by to discuss issues. Benny will soon be the Communications Director for the Councilmember's office, so there will be a replacement for him, who is yet to be identified. Ernie asked if there was funding in the proposed budget for Old Trolley Barn Park's unfunded needs? Also asked if the Old Trolley Barn Park's Restrooms study money allocation has been redirected to unfunded needs? Benny said it is not in this year's budget. The Councilmember is the featured speaker at the UHCA meeting tonight.

**San Diego Police Department** – No Report

**Birney Elementary** –No Report.

**University Heights Point** – No Report

**Old Trolley Barn Park** – Jay Villanueva reported the dead pepper tree from OTB was removed. The trees near the street with the branches close to the electrical wires were trimmed. We have a new District Manager for our division named Carlos Rios. Michele will be back in her position by next month.

**Park and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee** – No Meeting

**Uptown Planners** – Sol Schumer reported the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting agenda items, and noted they are planning to have an election with voting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup>. Bill Ellig noted that the City liaison, Michael Prinz, will be replaced by someone named Shannon.

**North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee** – Ernie Bonn reported she does not believe a meeting was held.

**Nominating Committee** – No Report

**Action Items** –

1. Nominations/Vote for new Vice Chairperson.  
Postponed for now until possibly next meeting discussion.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. Dog Park concerns at Birney Elementary Joint Use Field: The field is closed for the remainder of the school year (ends June 15).
2. Old Trolley Barn Park Restroom Project: Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (Marc Johnson/ Sol Schumer) to adjourn the meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

*Jay Villanueva*

Submitted by

Jay Villanueva – Center Director III

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