

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
University Heights Community Recreation Group  
MINUTES  
July 1, 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  
Andy Cameron  
Ernie Bonn, Corresponding Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Stu McGraw  
Rod Girvin  
Jeffrey Taylor

**CITY STAFF**

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II  
Council District 3 Representative – Marcela Miranda-Caballero

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Ernie Bonn) to approve June 3, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT** – Marc Johnson reported 250K has been designated toward the installation of the temporary dog park which will be built in front of the Annex Building on district property.

**REPORTS**

**Parks and Recreation** – Michele Chicarelli reported:

- Maintenance staff have been busy with a huge increase in park trash.
- Experiencing more vandalism at Old Trolley Barn Park Playground structure. The department replaced a broken spring toy – fire truck, and now need to replace the yellow slide.

**City Council District 3 Representative** – Marcela Miranda-Caballero reported:

- Slowly transitioning into the CD3, working closely with Benny.
- No funding available for the proposed comfort station at Old Trolley Barn Park this Fiscal Year.
- Community requests solar lights be installed on the kiosk at Old Trolley Barn Park, Marcela will investigate funding options and the installation process.

**San Diego Police Department** – No Report

**Birney Elementary** – No Report

**University Heights Point** – No Report

**Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park** – No Report

**Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee** – Sol Schumer reported there will be a Park Master Plan meeting in the future.

**Uptown Planners** – Sol Schumer reported Board elections will take place, there are 16 candidates, 8 seats open, voting will be on 7/5 and 7/6, more information is on the website, in person voting, paper ballots.

**North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee** – Ernie Bonn reported:

- A presentation on the North Park Parking Garage was provided by Councilmember Whitburn's staff in response to questions from the North Park Planning Committee and how its use can be increased. Daily parking fee is 5 hours for \$5, businesses \$45-month, and residents \$35 per month. The garage has had net loss in revenue over several past years.
- 30th Street Bikeway new protected bike lanes, currently from Juniper Street to Polk Ave, with the loss of 450 parking spaces along that street. That Bikeway is planned to be extended North to Adams Ave. That area along 30th Street is in the North Park community, not part of University Heights.

**Education Center Redevelopment** – No Report

**ACTION ITEMS** – None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

1. **Dog Park concerns at Birney Elementary Joint Use Field** – Marc Johnson discussed possibly creating a temporary dog park committee. Suggestions for committee members; Representative from SDUSD, Marc Johnson, Ross Lopez, Sol Schumer, a representative from P&R department and CD3.

2. **Old Trolley Barn Park Restroom Project** – Marc Johnson reported no funding available this fiscal year for the Old Trolley Barn Park Restroom Project.

**INFORMATION ITEM** – Sol Schumer shared he will contact the elementary school about how to reserve the library room for September's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Submitted by: Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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