

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Community Recreation Group
MINUTES
April 7, 2022 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rod Girvin
Jeffery Taylor
Andy Cameron

CITY STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Council District 3 Representative – Ryan Darsey Absent
Rafael Padilla, Presidio Recreation Center Director – Absent
Tianna David, North Park Recreation Center Director – Absent

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Marc Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Ernie Bonn/Stu McGraw) to approve March 3, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS – Marc Johnson reported an architect-general contractor from the Mission Valley area, near the car dealerships, asked him if the University Heights Community Recreation Group is interested in developing the open space land that has two trail heads leading up to Old Trolley Barn Park. The group discussed the topic and decided on no plans. Michele Chicarelli recommended forwarding this information to the P&R department.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – No Report

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Michele Chicarelli reported The area has been quiet, maintaining park clean ups, the Spring Festival is on April 16th at North Park Mini Park, new recreation programs will be posted on the website next week, the department is moving forward with two dog parks; Education Center and North Park, the department has a new fencing vendor that will be constructing the dog parks – South Bay Fencing Company.

City Council District 3 Representative – No Report

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – Chris Milnes asked Marc Johnson if he heard back from Principal Amanda on joining the CRG in the monthly meetings, Marc responded no. Chris recommended reaching out to PTA for volunteers.

University Heights Point – Stu McGraw reported he attended the Cookies with a Cop event on March 14th. Park Ranger Michael Cassidy was in attendance and went down the hill near the area with a few residents to look for encampments. No one was in the area; they did find debris left behind.

Marc Johnson reported he spoke with Park Ranger Michael Cassidy about attending the monthly CRG meetings, unfortunately he is finished with work before 5:30 pm. Ranger Michael did say he would provide Marc a monthly report to share with the group.

Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park – Marc Johnson asked if any new trees will be planted in the park to replace the ones that died. Michele Chicarelli reported no new trees are scheduled to be planted at this time. Marc stated PATH is the first line responders in establishing relationships with unsheltered people to connect them with housing opportunities. PATH also works with San Diego Police department.

Ernie Bonn reported the summer concerts are scheduled on each Friday starting July 8th, four bands have been reserved. She will complete a park use permit with North Park Recreation Center. Ernie invited Senator Toni Atkins and Council District 3 Benny Cartwright to the concerts.

Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – Sol Schumer reported there was a Zoom joint meeting with Community Parks I & II Area Committees. He shared three documents with Rafael Padilla to be shared with the group before the meeting. The documents discussed vacancies, spring events throughout the city, 600-33 Council Policy and overall Regional National Plan.

Uptown Planners – Stu McGraw reported the re-elected board took place naming Mat Wahlstrom as Chair and Stu McGraw as Vice Chair.

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – Ernie Bonn reported there was no meeting, the recent elections have been challenged by someone in the community.

Education Center Redevelopment – No Report

ACTION ITEMS -Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)
None

WORKSHOP ITEMS - None

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Adding comfort station at Old Trolley Barn Park

Marc Johnson reported the recent community survey that is posted online. The overall results indicate whether the community wants restrooms at Old Trolley Barn Park.

72.5 % No

27.5 % Yes

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Meeting: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1605648661>

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Submitted by Michele Chicarelli

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