

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
University Heights Community Recreation Group
MINUTES
March 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Alice Birney Elementary School Library
4345 Campus Ave., San Diego, CA 92103

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rod Girvin
Jeffery Taylor
Marc Johnson, Chairperson

CITY STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II
Justin Necaie, Presidio Recreation Center Director - Absent
Tianna David, North Park Recreation Center Director - Absent
Council District 3 Representative - Absent

GUEST

Jane Bird, VOLO
Ducote Contreras, VOLO
Michael Nichols, VOLO

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson Stu McGraw called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Chris Milnes) to approve February 2, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS – Ernie Bonn recommended switching two kiosk doors at Old Trolley Barn Park with each other, so the clear door is available to insert community information or have the foggy plexi-glass replaced.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – No Report

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation – Michele Chicarelli reported no updates regarding the Ed Center Temporary Dog Park the paperwork is with San Diego Unified School District. Still moving forward, the school district and City are working on the details. There has been an increase in graffiti over the weekends at Old Trolley Barn Park. Ernie Bonn noted there were a lot of branches on the ground, due to recent storms.

North Park Recreation Center – Tianna David submitted a report:

1. North Park Field is open for rentals; it will be closing for renovations 5/15 – 7/24/23
2. Spring registration is now open
3. Spring Day camp begins 3/27-3/30

4. Adult Pickleball inside the gym Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
5. Egg Hunt Event is on April 8th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at North Park Recreation Center

Presidio Recreation Center – Justin Necaise submitted a report:

1. No storm damages to report, grounds continue to be well maintained
2. Increased interest in adult pickleball led to additional Saturday pickleball from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
3. Senior Women's softball season begins next weekend
4. Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
5. Registration for Spring classes are being accepted

City Council District 3 Representative – No Report

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Birney Elementary – No Report

University Heights Point – Stu McGraw reported no major issues, the usually homeless camping and trash on the hillside.

Old Trolley Barn Neighborhood Park – Sol Schumer reported there will be a Gardening Event on April 1st.

Parks and Recreation Community Parks II Area Committee – Sol Schumer reported there was a meeting last Monday, 15 people attended. They discussed Opportunity Fund Policy Update; money will be collected from rentals to be used for Movies in the Park, recreation programs, playground equipment and shared throughout recreation centers with communities of concerns. The City pools received a 2-million-dollar grant. The next Park and Recreation Board will meet on 3/16/23 which will review the Opportunity Fund Policy, and that matter is scheduled to go before the City Council on 4/11/23

Uptown Planners – Stu McGraw reported elections will take place on three dates: next Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Sol Schumer reported North Park Planners will meet the third Tuesday, 3/21, location TBA.

North Park Public Facilities Subcommittee – No Report

Education Center Redevelopment – No Report

ACTION ITEMS -Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Chris Milnes) to move the workshop item 1. VOLO sports request for extended permitting at Birney Elementary Joint Field, to Action Items - Adoption. Motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION ITEMS – Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

1. VOLO Sports request for extended permitting at Birney Elementary Joint Field

Motion: It was moved/seconded (Sol Schumer/Chris Milnes) to accept adult league permits at Birney Joint Use Field for a limited time of 8 weeks, June through July 2023 for three days a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Also request no cleats on the field. Motion passed (4-1-0).

WORKSHOP ITEMS

1. VOLO Sports request for extended permitting at Birney Elementary Joint Field. Item was moved to Action Items.

Item was motioned to be moved to Action Items – Consent.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. VOLO Sports recommended a moratorium at Birney Joint Use Field from September through April to give the field a chance to rest during the winter season.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – April 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., in person at Alice Birney Elementary School Library.

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Submitted by Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

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