

**SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MIRA MESA RECREATION COUNCIL  
January 14, 2014  
MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD:** Lopez Ridge Park & Recreation Center  
7245 Calle Cristobal  
San Diego, CA 92126

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chairperson: Joe Frichtel  
Vice Chairperson: Bruce Brown  
Treasurer: John Grondona  
Secretary/UCLL: Karen Hower

Members At Large: Al Radick  
Fay Hamilton  
Barbara Shortill - Absent  
Jeff Stevens

Mira Mesa Girls Softball Jerry Moots - Absent  
Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer Mark Vidano - Absent  
Mira Mesa Youth Baseball League Darin Wright - Absent  
Mira Mesa West Little League Marybeth MacNaughton - Absent  
AYSO Soccer Julius Hitchens

Staff: Angel Castro, Area Manager II  
Craig Martin, Center Director III  
Denise Lamb, Center Director III  
Trena Bennett, Center Director I  
Saunia Kammerer, Pool Manager

Guests: Alex Nguyen – Tet Festival

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Joe Frichtel called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

MOTION: Not called: minutes for December 10, 2013 incomplete.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Grondona

- Month End Dec 2013 for both centers \$78,852
- Hourglass \$130,145
- Total Nov 30, 2013: \$193,970
- Year End 2013: \$198,942

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:**

- None

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Director of Sorrento Heights HOA inquired about the possibility of putting a dog park at Lopez Ridge
- Joe informed him that there are size restrictions about where a dog park can be built.
- Hired our own bookkeeper: Yuki Ziegler???

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**CONSENT ITEMS: Items are adopted without discussion \$**

**ADOPTION ITEMS: \$**

Equipment for HG

Item #102 tabled

Item #103 swim team sweatshirts

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Jeff Stevens/John Grondona) to table Item #102 and approve Item #103. The motion passed unanimously. 9/0

Senior Citizen Center: Crepe Myrtle trees

Tet festival 31<sup>st</sup>

Chalk the Walk – Women’s Club

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT:** Joe Frichtel reported on the following

- Vandalism at Camino Ruiz Park
- Proposal to put security lights at Mesa Verde Park: \$36,000, solar lighting
- Continue to pursue getting lights at Camino Ruiz Park
- Jeff Stevens inquired about increased security checks; informed they are being performed but vandalism is persisting.
- Angel reported that vandals are still digging holes in fields at Camino Ruiz Park

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Karen Hower

December 10, 2013 minutes incomplete. Need assistance in gathering information.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Area Manager II, Angel Castro**

- Field usage change. Youth until 6PM, Adults after 6PM
- Need input from community to report feasibility and common good to Parks & Rec
- Changes will affect leagues, tournaments, special events
- Reaching out to Carmel Valley for best language to express changes
- Determined that language should express that local leagues get preferential treatment.
- Need input from council members by mid-week ending January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Need to schedule meeting to finalize verbiage.
- City crew gave estimate to cut down old grass at Wangenheim field to replace sand, soil, reseed, fencing: \$22K

- Met with Aztec Landscaping to re-sod Wagenheim field: \$300K
- Wagenheim field will be closed March 1<sup>st</sup>; open only for school
- Cost of dumping refuse during repair of Wagenheim field is \$40K
- Mesa Viking sidewalks progressing well.
- All parks will have mulch replaced by year end.

**Hourglass Field Center Director III, Denise Lamb:**

- New benches installed at Mesa Verde
- New doors installed in HG bathrooms (5)
- Basketball league, 6 teams for children up to 10 years old, 5 teams for children up to 14 years old
- Bathroom leak; carpet needs to be replaced

**Lopez Ridge Center Director I, Trena Bennett:**

- Breakfast with Santa event successful
- Classes doing well
- Trees trimmed

**Mira Mesa Gil Johnson Center Director III, Craig Martin:**

- Gym floor recently refinished

**Ned Baumer Pool Manager II, Saunia Kammerer**

- Pools drained, refilled, tiles replaced, recreation pool being retiled
- Reopen 27 Jan 2014

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Parks I Committee: Joe Frichtel**

No report

**Hourglass Field Joint Use Committee: Joe Frichtel**

- Dark Dec/Jan

**Shade Committee: Al Radick**

- No report.

**MMRC FBA Committee: Bruce Brown**

- FBA assessment:
- Met downtown Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- Al Radick, Bruce Brown, Julius Hitchens and John Horst attended along with Cathy Ruiz, Assist. Director of Park and Rec, Angela Abeyta from Facilities Finance, Robin Shifflet from Park Planning and Sheila Bose Project Manager for Phase I.
- MM Park Expansion Phase I: All projects will be as much as 20% more expensive because of the new “Living Wage” ordinance that will go into effect January 2014.
- Phase I will stay on track but cost more, \$9.2M set aside currently;
- Won’t know about Phase 2-3 until mid 2014 after the living wage is factored in.
- Salk Elementary will open Sep of 2015.
- School District to pay City of San Diego \$2M this year. Once that is done Park Planning will come to the community for a workshop on the design of the Park next to Salk Elementary School.
- Form joint committee, with the Mira Mesa Planning Group, to discuss and make recommendations about what to do with the 4.24 acres of developable land on the west end Christa McAuliffe Park. Al Radick, Bruce Brown, Joe Frichtel, Jeff Stevens and Shaun volunteered to sit and the sub-committee.
- Maps for McAuliffe Park and Canyon Hills Park attached to the minutes.
- \$1.7M and \$5M will be available to plan Canyon Hills and Wangenheim expansion projects once the City Council approves the CIP budget in June. Once money becomes available Park Planning will set up workshops to discuss and plan these projects.

**Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer: Shawn**

- Registration up 25%
- Craig Martin approved banner placement
- NRP grant submitted
- First board meeting went well
- Seeking sponsorships
- 

**Mira Mesa Youth Baseball League:**

- Completed registration in excess of 500; increase in lower levels, and upper levels steady
- March 1<sup>st</sup> opening day
- Implementing field improvement
- 

**Mira Mesa West Little League: Marybeth MacNaughton**

- No report
- 

**Mira Mesa AYSO Youth Soccer: Julius Hitchens**

- Starting Spring Season
- 300 plus registered
- Planning Top Gun for May 24-26th
- Wagenheim closure affecting schedule

- 

**Shade Committee: Al Radick**

- Contractor refusing to sign ROE (right of entry)
- ROE is unreasonably restrictive, e.g., contractor “may be dismissed without defined cause”
- Extra fee for performance bond
- May have to go back to square one by Friday

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

- None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Joe Frichtel adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council will be held on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014** at 7:00 pm at Lopez Ridge Recreation Center.