

SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MIRA MESA RECREATION COUNCIL

May 12, 2015  
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 -Absent

Members At Large: Al Radick  
Fay Hamilton  
Jeff Stevens  
Ken Kaplan  
Barbara Shortill

Mira Mesa Girls Softball Esqueda Alex - Absent  
Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer Mina Vento -Absent  
Mira Mesa Youth Baseball League Allyson Adamo-Parsons-Absent  
Mira Mesa West Little League Greg Goonan  
Mira Mesa AYSO Soccer Julius Hitchens

Staff: Angel Castro, Area Manager II  
Christian Haupt, Center Director III  
Denise M. Lamb, Center Director III  
Trena Bennett, Center Director I  
Saunia Kammerer, Pool Manager

Guests: Bari Vaz  
Camille Woods  
An Nguyen  
Jerrod Ploof  
Samantha Howell

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joe Frichtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bruce Brown/Julius Hitchens) to approve the March 14, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion Carried 6/0/0

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bruce Brown/Jeff Stevens) to approve the April 14, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion Carried 6/0/0

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Ken Kaplan/John Grondona) to approve the agenda of May 13, 2015.  
Motion Carried 7/0/0

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE:

- None

## COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ken Kaplan reported Hudson Taylor, a former wrestler at the University of Maryland, started a non-profit in 2011 called Athlete Ally. The non-profit's goal is to educate all ages regarding tolerance for all sports athletes, no matter their race, sexual preference, and gender. Mr. Taylor will be a keynote speaker at Mira Mesa High School on November 10, 2015. The principal, Scott Giusti, has promised to make Tolerance in Sports a yearlong school program.
- Jerrod Ploof stated T-Mobile will be installing a cell phone tower at Winterwood Park to improve cell phone coverage in the Mira Mesa community. This will also improve emergency service coverage. The tower will be a 60 foot fabricated pine tree with eight antennas.
- Julius Hitchens thanked all Mira Mesa Recreation Council members for supporting the Volunteer of the Year Banquet.

## TREASURER'S REPORT: John Grondona

- Month End April 30, 2015 for both recreation centers \$152,880.59
- Hourglass: \$115,886.38
- Mira Mesa: \$36,994.21

## CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Joe Frichtel reported the following:

- D6 Night Market will be on May 30, 2015.
- Chalk the Walk took place on May 2, 2015. The Mira Mesa Recreation Council donated \$200 for a space to draw. All of the proceeds go to local schools.
- There is a Breakfast Budget Meeting for D6 to present the city's proposed budget. Mira Mesa Recreation Center is hoping to extend to 60 hours of operation a week.
- Mira Mesa Park Expansion Community Out Reach – No update
- Community Concerns – No update
- Mira Mesa Park expansion – Anticipating to start the project late September or early October 2015.
- Breen Park – The storm water project is completed and the park is in operating condition.
- Wangenheim Field expansion and upgrade- This project will take 3 to 4 years to complete.
- Salk Elementary School – No Update
- Canyon Hills – No Update
- Overlook Park – No Update
- Parkdale Neighborhood Park Neighborhood Park – No Update
- Sandburg Park – No Update
- Security Lighting at Mesa Verde and Maddox –No Update
- Shade Structures in Parks – The shade structure at Camino Ruiz has been approved and the project should be completed by July 1, 2015.

## VICE-CHAIR REPORT: Bruce Brown

- No Update

## SECRETARY REPORT: Karen Hower

- No Update

## STAFF REPORTS

### Area Manager II, Angel Castro

- Parks Fit San Diego is an exercise challenge to walk or run 30 miles in 30 consecutive days. San Diegans will have an opportunity to earn a free T-Shirt if the challenge is complete between June 20, 2015 and August 20, 2015. To wrap up the event August 22, 2015 there will be a 5K Fun Run at Liberty Station.
- Book Nook events took place on May 1, 2015. Lopez Ridge, Gil Johnson, and Hourglass Recreation Centers all offer a book shelf in their lobby for community use.
- Outdoor Adventures is a new program. This program encourages children to hike in the San Diego canyons. The children will receive a stamp for any canyon or trail hiked.
- Mesa Viking Park has had irrigation problem. Water has been leaking from the meter and going out into the street. The Water Department is going to complete repairs by May 13, 2015.
- The Asian Cultural Festival on May 9, 2015 was a success with no damage to the fields.
- The Park and Recreation Department's water restrictions have not been 100% confirmed.
- There is a leak under the floor slabs in the Gil Johnson Activity Room. City staff is unsure if the water is a sewer issue or if the old brass pipes are leaking.

### Gil Johnson Recreation Center - CD III Christian Haupt:

- Meeting with different user groups at various parks. Met with Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager, Barbara Schwartz, and the Principal from Challenger Middle School.
- Gil Johnson Recreation Center has a new Recreation Leader I, Nicole Belcher. Kyle Marrison, Recreation Leader I, has resigned.
- All programs at the center are increasing in attendance.
- Anticipating a 10 and under basketball team this summer. Also, expecting to start a 16 and under basketball league.

### Hourglass Field House - CD III, Denise M. Lamb:

- Camino Ruiz security inspections will cost \$7.92 per inspection.
- Miramar College has their graduation on May 15, 2015 at 2:00 pm. They are relocating the graduation ceremony to the gym because of forecasted rain.
- Book Nook event was successful. Denise Lamb read a book then had the children play games in the gym.
- Saturday May 16, 2015 is Hourglass Park Spring Fair. This event is free for all ages.

### Lopez Ridge Center CD I -Trena Bennett:

- The Book Nook was successful.
- The Pee Wee Sports program is at the maximum of 10 children. Cooking and Creative Arts has 5 children. The Fitness program attendance is low.

### Ned Baumer PM II - Saunia Kammerer:

- Hage Elementary School swim lessons ended this week.
- May 30, 2015 to June 19, 2015 the pool will be closed for maintenance.
- Summer swim programs will begin on June 22, 2015.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Parks I Committee: Joe Frichtel

- Meeting was on May 6, Kathy Ruiz was in attendance.

Hourglass Field Joint Use Committee: Joe Frichtel

- Mira Mesa Girls Softball and AYSO are moving storage units from Hourglass Recreation Center to a cargo container.

MMRC FBA Committee: Bruce Brown

- No Update

Mira Mesa Girls Softball: Alex Esqueda

- No Update

Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer:

- No Update

Mira Mesa Youth Baseball League: Allyson Adamo-Parsons

- No Update

Mira Mesa West Little League: Greg Goonan

- Season only has 3 weeks remaining. June 6, 2015 will be the last weekend.

Mira Mesa AYSO Youth Soccer: Julius Hitchens

- Top Gun Tournament is the weekend of May 23 -25, 2015. The tournament officials are expecting 7,000 to 10,000 people.

Shade Committee

- No further information

## ACTION ITEMS

111. Movie in the Park up to \$1,200 – presented by Denise Lamb.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Al Radick/John Grondona) to approve up to \$1,200 for the Movie in the Park event.

Motion carried 9/0/0

112. Recreation Operation Budget July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 – presented by John Grondona

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bruce Brown/Ken Kaplan) to raise the 4<sup>th</sup> of July budget from \$4,200 to \$5,000.

Motion carried 8/0/0

113. Gil Johnson Recreation Center – Ceramics Free Form Clay and Supplies \$105.75

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (John Grondona/Bruce Brown) to approve \$105.75 for Free Form Clay supplies.

Motion carried 9/0/0

114. Two Community Bulletin Boards \$3,000

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bruce Brown/Jeff Stevens) to spend up to \$3,000 for two community bulletin boards.

The motion carried 9/0/0

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

- None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Bari Vaz reported the D6 Night Market will be on May 30, 2015 from 4:00 pm -10:00 pm. There will be food vendors, retail vendors, and an arts and crafts station. All of the vendors are from the Mira Mesa Community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Joe Frichtel adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Lopez Ridge Recreation Center.

Submitted by: Christian Haupt

Approved by: Joe Frichtel