

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department
 Mira Mesa Recreation Council
 August 8, 2017

Meeting Location

Lopez Ridge Recreation Center
 7245 Calle Cristobal
 San Diego, CA 92126

ATTENDANCE

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Bruce Brown, Chair	Fidencio Pampo, Mem. At Lrg	Chris Cate, CD 6 Councilman
Joe Frichtel, Vice Chair	Craig Jackson, Mem. At Large	Marilyn Stern, District Manager
John Grondona, Treasurer	Greg Goonan, Mem. At Large	Yovanna Lewis, Civil Engineer
Karen Hower, Secretary	Lillith Nover, Mem. At Large	Luis Pallera, CD 6 Representative
Fay Hamilton, Mem. At Large		Kevin Oliver, Project Manager
Al Radick, Mem. At Large		Tim Manion, Area Manager
Jeff Stevens, Mem. At Large		Denise Lamb, RCD III
Ken Weidmann, Mem. At Lrg		Christian Haupt, RCD III
John Pollard, Mem. At Large		Trena Bennett, RCD I
Ken Kaplan, Mem. At Lrg		Saunia Kammerer, Pool Manager
Barbara Shortill, Mem At Lrg.		
Mitz Lee, Senior Center		
Scott Potter, AYSO		
Eric Christian, MM Little League		
Andrew Aragon, MM Youth Baseball		
Charlene Ellsworth, MM Woman's Club		
Guests		
Dylan Skola	Clay Bingham	
Antonia Shtereva	Art Saldana	
Rick Francis	Vince Patron	
Shere Shaw	Geniese Ligon	
Lynn Curtis	Jonas Salkelem	
Debby Angel	Ted Brengel	
Deborah Cueves	Donna Glassy	
Adan Cueves	Sandy Smith	
Jeannetto DeLaTorre	Debbie Lamb	
Deb Coleman	Barbara Ukele	
Urenla McNeil	Jackie King	
Mary Mufu	James Pressler	
Derrick Wagner	Manpreet Mumman	
Sandra Wagner	Tom Burger	
Diana Stockdale	Karen Burger	
Irene Balfour	Michael Devilla	
Boopathi Palamisany	C Marcelino	
Michael Dvorak	Khoa Nguyen	
Teresa Duokail		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bruce Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (John Grondona/Jeff Stevens)

A motion was made by John Grondona and seconded by Jeff Stevens to approve the June 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 10 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (John Grondona/Jeff Stevens)

A motion was made by John Grondona and seconded by Jeff Stevens to approve the August 8, 2017 Meeting Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved with 10 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

REQUEST FO CONTINUANCES

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Clay Bingham stated the construction on Westmore Rd. has created a safety concern. The street is too narrow and cars are still traveling 50-55 miles per hour. The community is very concerned and want a solution.
2. Diana Stockdale reported Westmore Rd. is used by the community to avoid Mira Mesa Blvd. and with the street more narrow than normal it is creating much more traffic on Westmore Rd. Diana also asked if emergency vehicles could get through safely and timely.
3. Rick Francis stated when he is riding his bicycle on Westmore Rd. he is afraid a car is going to hit him. Cars get stuck behind him because the street is too narrow.
4. Dylan Skola reported that narrowing Westmore Rd. is not a good way to slow traffic down.
5. James Pressler stated he is concerned that \$13 million was spent on Mira Mesa Park Expansion Phase I, but why is Westmore Rd. so narrow? The original plan called for wider streets during construction.
6. A community member stated Westmore Rd. used to be 40 feet wide and now it is only 25 feet wide. People don't walk along Westmore Rd. because the cars are too close to the sidewalk.
7. Sandra Wagner stated an ambulance cannot get through because Westmore Rd. is too narrow.
8. Deb Coleman reported she has been in contact with Council District 6 representative, Luis Pallera, regarding the narrowing of Westmore Rd. Colony Homes has been heavily impacted by the poor design of the street. There have been two accidents since May.
9. Councilman Chris Cate reported the following:
 - a. Mr. Cate is seeking answers to all the questions asked at the August 8, 2017 Mira Mesa Recreation Council Meeting.
 - b. The money being used on the Mira Mesa Park Expansion has been raised through the Community of Mira Mesa's FBA fund. The recreation council has done a good job spending the money to benefit the community of Mira Mesa.
 - c. Mr. Cate would like to reduce speeders and one way to reduce the speed of vehicles is to narrow the street.
 - d. Mr. Cate will forward all concerns to the Traffic Department and work on a solution. They have installed "smart" lights on Mira Mesa Blvd and that has reduced traffic by 24% since installed.
 - e. On Saturday August 19, 2017 at Mira Mesa Community Park there will be a charity cornhole event. The money raised is going to the San Diego Police Officers Association Charity Fund and the Drowning Prevention Foundation San Diego.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Grondona reported the following:

Mira Mesa GF	\$ 31,541.64
Other Des GF Accts	\$ 11,753.86
Mira Mesa Program Funds	\$ 21,946.99
Hourglass GF	\$ 167,786.60
Hourglass program funds	\$ 28,696.78
Shade Structure	\$ 68,790.84
Other designated funds	\$ 8,116.11
Checking balance total	\$ 338,632.82

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT -**WORKSHOP ITEMS** – Salk/Maddox design workshop.

1. Community members gave a few suggestions of what they would like to see in the park. One patron said he would like walking path signage to notify park users of the distance around the park.
2. Al Radick stated he did not want to see a third playground in the new park. The new playground is a waste of funds. The maze feature is going to be a maintenance “nightmare”. Mr. Radick also stated he is concerned skateboarders are going to destroy the ‘sitting wall’.
3. Joe Frichtel stated there does not need to be a 30 foot fence separating the park and the school. The fence only needs to be 10 feet high.

COMMUNITY REPORTS**STAFF REPORTS**

Area Manager II Tim Manion reported the following:

1. Members of Canvas Church volunteered to do a park clean-up at Mira Mesa Community Park on July 16, 2017.
2. A new bulletin board has been installed at Gil Johnson Recreation Center.
3. Chris Cate’s office donated \$10,000.00 to the three recreation centers in Mira Mesa for more equipment.
4. The Veteran’s Memorial Wall will be rededicated on Veteran’s Day.

Recreation Center Director III Christian Haupt reported the following for Gil Johnson Mira Mesa Recreation Center:

1. All summer programs have been sold out.
2. Thanks the Mira Mesa Recreation Council for their donation for Teen Nites. Teen Nites have been successful with 40 kids on average per night.
3. Summer basketball is complete and everyone had fun.

Recreation Center Director III Denise Lamb reported the following for Hourglass Field House:

1. Hourglass fields are closed for maintenance during August.
2. The gymnasium is also closed to resurface the basketball courts.
3. There were approximately 300 patrons in attendance for the summer youth basketball league banquet.

Recreation Center Director I Trena Bennett reported the following for Lopez Ridge Recreation Center:

1. Lopez Ridge Recreation Center has a new Recreation Leader I, Gina.
2. The Parks Fit Finale event is on August 12, 2017 at NTC.

Pool Manager III Saunia Kammerer reported the following for Ned Baumer Aquatic Center:

1. The Junior Lifeguards program started this year and is sponsored by the Jr. Lifeguard Foundation with 25 participants registered.
2. All programs at the pool are very busy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee: No report

Hourglass Field Joint Use Committee: No report

Mira Mesa Park Expansion: Joe Frichtel reported the following:

1. T.B. Penick, the construction company is doing a bad job of managing time and resources.
2. The first phase of the expansion is expected to be complete in February 2018.

MMRC FBA Committee: No report

Mira Mesa Youth Baseball: Andrew Aragon reported the following:

1. There have been several attempted robberies of the snack bar. Police pulled a fingerprint from one of the successful robberies and looking to make arrests.

Mira Mesa Little League: Eric Christian reported the following:

1. The spring season is complete and Fall Ball will start again in September.

Mira Mesa AYSO Youth Soccer: No report

Verne Goodwin Senior Center: No report

Mira Mesa Women's Club: No report

Shade Committee: Al Radick wrote a report regarding the Shade Committee (document attached).

Outreach Committee: No report

ACTION ITEMS

169. a. Vote on the design of the GDP for Salk/Maddox Neighborhood Park that the MMRC wants to forward to the Park and Recreation Board.

b. Vote on renaming Salk/Maddox Neighborhood Park and merging the old Maddox GDP and the newly designed park into one GDP. Presented by Bruce Brown.

Community discussion:

1. Ken Kaplan stated the following regarding the name change:
 - a. Jeff and Pamela Stevens have lived in this neighborhood for nearly four decades.
 - b. Lobbied the school district, City of San Diego and Congress to have Salk Elementary School built for over 30 years.
 - c. Both, Jeff and Pam Stevens, have been named Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year.
 - d. Both have been President of Mira Mesa Town Council.
 - e. Jeff chaired the Northern Area Committee that put construction of Salk in proposition MM that lead to funding the construction of the school.
2. Sandy Smith stated if the board wants to rename the park, then it will delay the development of the park.
3. Mitz Lee asked the board to engage the neighbors of the name change.
4. Bruce Brown stated they have engaged the community regarding the name change. They have received over 100 renaming suggestions to "Stevens Neighborhood Park" from community members. The Mira Mesa Recreation Council has had four workshops regarding the new park, so neighbors have had chances to voice their concerns.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (Ken Kaplan/Al Radick)

A motion was made by Ken Kaplan and seconded by Al Radick to approve a. the design of the GDP for Salk/Maddox Neighborhood Park that the MMRC wants to forward to the Park and Recreation Board and b. to approve that the newly created park and the Maddox Neighborhood Park be merged into one GDP and that this merged park be renamed "Stevens

Neighborhood Park” in honor of Jeff and Pam Stevens. The Mira Mesa Recreation Council Board approved the following on the GDP: One multipurpose field, joint-use bathrooms, a walking path around the park, expansion of dog park, parking lot, a passive grass area, and a shaded playground. The motion was approved with 8 ayes, 2 nays, and 4 abstentions.

170. Request for approval for Neighborhood Basketball Association becoming an independent contractor at Gil Johnson Recreation Center. Presented By Christian Haupt

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (Jeff Stevens/Al Radick)

A motion was made by Jeff Stevens and seconded by Al Radick to approve Neighborhood Basketball Association becoming an independent contractor at Gil Johnson Recreation Center. The motion was approved unanimously with 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

171. Request for funds up to \$400.00 for baseball screens for softball games. Presented by Joe Frichtel

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (Jeff Stevens/Al Radick)

A motion was made by Jeff Stevens and seconded by Al Radick to approve funds up to \$400.00 for baseball screens for softball games. The motion was approved unanimously with 12 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

172. Request for Donation up to \$200.00 to the Mira Mesa Woman’s Club for a square for Chalk the Walk event. Presented by Christian Haupt

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (Jeff Stevens/Al Radick)

A motion was made by Jeff Stevens and seconded by Al Radick to approve \$200.00 to the Mira Mesa Woman’s Club for a square for the Chalk the Walk event. The motion was approved unanimously with 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Jeff Stevens reported Mira Mesa’s Got Talent is September 16, 2017 at Mira Mesa High School.
2. Bruce Brown reported there will be a Canyon Hills workshop at the October 2017 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bruce Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Christian Haupt _____

Reviewed by: Tim Manion _____

Approved by: Karen Hower, Sec. of MMRC _____

Approved by: Bruce Brown, Chair of MMRC _____