

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
**JOINT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MEETING NOTES**

April 17, 2024  
Meeting held Virtually on Zoom

**Attendees:**

Andrew Huelskamp  
Brian Midkiff, Groundwork San Diego  
Daniele Laman  
Glenn - TD  
Harley Davis  
Joe Frichtel, Community Rep  
Lynn Elliott  
Marilee Pacelli  
Mid-City CAN  
Paulena Lam  
Dave Pursel  
Roger Otterson  
Rachel P.  
Ramon Uribe - Groundwork San Diego  
Reed Vickerman  
Rene Smith  
Robin Kaufman  
Sol Schumer  
Todd Sprague

**Parks and Recreation Staff Attendees:**

Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, MADS/Open Space  
Gordon Bordson, District Manager, Community Parks II  
Jerry Abbott, District Manager, Community Parks I  
Michelle Abella-Shon, Program Manager, Asset Management  
Salome Martinez, Program Manager, Citywide Recreation Services  
Sarah Erazo, Deputy Director, Citywide Recreation Services

**GUESTS:** 1 call-in person

**STAFF REPORT:**

Gordon Bordson, Community Parks II Area Representative reported on the following:

- The Aquatics District continues to hold monthly hiring events. Over 100 Pool Guards have been hired over the past year. The next Aquatics hiring event is scheduled for

April 27th at the Allied Gardens Pool. Interested candidates need to apply in advance online. Swimming skills are a prerequisite, but all training and required certifications are provided on the job.

- The Aquatics District was recently selected as a recipient for the American Red Cross Centennial Campaign. \$20,000 annually in grant funding will be dedicated to the City Heights and Martin Luther King Jr. pool sites to provide \$5 swimming lesson programming for the next 3 years.
- The Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego is sponsoring a Portable Pool in Southcrest this summer for 3 weeks, from July 15- August 2.
- Active CIP Projects - Mt. View Sports Court Reno; SB Robert Egger Playground, ADA, lighting upgrades; Riviera Del Sol (opening this summer); Carmel Mountain Ranch Pool Renovation (opening this summer); Olive Street NP (opening this fall); Marie Widman GDP Amendment; DVA GDP Amendment
- Encanto, City Heights, Golden Hill, Martin Luther King Jr, San Ysidro Activity Center and Mountain View Recreation Centers provided prefilled and empty sandbags to their local communities.
- Several Spring Egg Hunts held throughout CP II, many enhanced with vendors provided by SD Parks Foundation. Kids and parents had a great time Rain or Shine.
- CPII hosting Park Ambassador Program at Memorial Pool this spring.
- Preparing for summer camps, special events, and Teen Nite.
- There is a 45% increase in teams and participation for citywide sports leagues: from 273 teams and 2,962 participants in 2022 to 396 teams and 4,294 participants in 2023. The department is adding to new sports this year Futsal and Cheer.
- Some improvements or progress for cityside sports leagues including online schedules via Gotsport software, offered 7 trainings and trained over 374 staff and volunteers, and coordinated with City college to host Basketball tournaments in the gymnasium.

Jerry Abbott, Community Parks I Area Representative reported on the following:

- Parks that have opened in 2024 so far include Children's Park, Allied Garden's Dog Park, Taft Middle School Joint Use, and Marston Middle School Joint Use
- Parks currently under construction including Canon St Mini Park, Wangenheim Middle School Joint Use field, Walker Neighborhood Park, Salk Joint Use field, and Maddox Neighborhood Park.
- Some updates on Personnel/Management are Anna Sonnenburg, District Manager for District 44, is currently out on maternity leave. Jaime Diez is temporarily filling in for District 44 in her absence. Angelina Black is temporarily filling in for District 40 as this position is vacant at this time.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **101. Asset Management updates**

Paulena Lam, Geographic Information System Technician, showcased the new Design & Development website. She reviewed the information that can be found on the website including current park projects, existing parks, park planning documents, Capital

Improvements program overview, Park Master Plan, and more. Website link:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/design-development>

Risa Saiga, Geographic Information System Technician, demonstrated the interactive map on the Community Recreation Group website that outlines the boundary of each Community Recreation Group and lists the City parks and joint use fields within each area. Interactive map can be found on the following website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/general-info/boards/crg>

### **102. Event Calendar and Website Updates**

Program Equity Manager Salome Martinez announced the creation of the new event calendar and season event list for all Parks and Recreation events. Both can be found on the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Home page: <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation>

### **102. RCF Budgets & Opportunity Fund Update**

Deputy Director Sarah Erazo presented a draft FY2025 Recreation Center Fund (RCF) Budget proposal and FY2025 Opportunity Fund allocations that will be routed to the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council for approval in May and June 2024. Program Equity Manager Salome Martinez provided an update on Equity Related accomplishments from FY24. Report can be found on the following website:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/fy25budgetpresentation20240417.pdf>

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.