

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RECREATION CENTER
COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP
Public Notice and Agenda
Thursday, May 16, 2024
12:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

JoAnn Fields, Chairperson
Thomas Van, 4th District George Stevens Senior Center
Francis Story, 4th District George Stevens Senior Center
Mike Norris, 100 Strong & Mike Norris Living Legacy Foundation

CITY STAFF

Christian Haupt, Area Manager II
Justin Necaie, Recreation Center Director III
Robert Tamayo, Assistant Recreation Center Director
Tosh Knight – MLK Pool Manager - Absent
Council District 4 Representative – Tiffany Harrison - Absent
Council District 4 Representative – Noah Shedrick - Absent
Mayor’s Office – Korral Taylor – Absent
SDPD – Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer

GUESTS

Shelia P. Barron, 4th District George Stevens Senior Center
Carmen Miner, 4th District George Stevens Senior Center
Mary Scott Knoll

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shaun Manning, Vice Chairperson
Clarence Garner, Treasurer
Henry Wallace
Kim Phillips-Pea
Iris Roberson
Rickena Mills
Evelyn Smith
Sally Smull
Joe Smith

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting called to order at 12:03 by JoAnn Fields

APPROVAL OF March 2024 MINUTES: It was moved/seconded (F. Story/ T. Van) to approve minutes with amendments to include the sign in sheet and the chairperson report. (4/0/0)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Shaun explained to the group that we are less than 72 hours away from MLK Day. Continue educating the community on the importance of the event. Staff is working diligently to ensure the event's success.

GROUND UP YOUTH FOUNDATION: N/A

MLK DAY COMMITTEE: F. Story and T. Van reiterated the community interest in permanent art depicting Martin Luther King Jr. at the MLK Park. J. Fields encouraged interested community members to consider volunteering to chair an Arts and Culture committee for the MLK CRG to organize a schedule of internal

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or external arts and cultural events. J. Fields mentioned that if a budget or donation would like to be made, Kim Phillips-Pea, who is the chairperson for the MLK Day Arts and Culture Committee, would be her first recommendation to be the artist.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: T. Van reported the security camera initiative has begun and is continuing. Also reported that there are public parking concerns and overnight loitering. Service calls to PD has been made to ensure park safety which is required for park activation. J. Fields stressed the importance of making multiple service calls to show the need for patrols. C. Jones recommends the addition of private security due to new laws regarding overnight parking that limits PD jurisdiction.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: J. Fields reported that she has an upcoming meeting with Andy Field and Gina Dulay to discuss the 2025 MLK Sportsfest and Celebration. J. Fields also reported that families still affected by the devastating January floods can still receive resources through a Southeast resource group out of the Jackie Robinson YMCA on Mondays at 6pm and that there was a 6-week extension for shelter availability. J. Fields encourage community members to share these resources to anyone who was affected or may benefit from them.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4: N/A

GEORGE STEVENS CENTER: F. Story reported the multiple exercise and enrichment programs that the George Stevens Center is offering to the public. F. Story also shared that there is a public Older Americans Month event at the George Stevens Center on May 17th starting at 10am that all are welcome to attend. R. Tamayo offered to include any event flyers in the community board in the recreation center foyer.

FRIENDS OF MALCOLM X: N/A

SDPD CRO: C. Jones reported on the new enforcement of overnight parking that for cars to be towed with people inside, another crime must be involved. 72-hour citations and abandoned vehicles are still being towed. The property owner must report any private property encampment. Forward any questionable private property encampments to C. Jones who can then contact code enforcement. C. Jones also recommended that to mention the George Stevens Center separately from MLK park to add urgency on the response from SDPD. C. Jones highly recommends locking doors and windows during the summertime to prevent break and entries from being contested.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:

Area Manager II: C. Haupt reported that Kennedy neighborhood park is under constructions. The comfort station was torn down and the playground was installed last week. Plan is to open within the next 6 months with a new comfort station, lighting, and playground. MLK construction includes new water and sewage for the tennis club funded by the City. Marie

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Widman Park cleanup from the January storms continues. C. Haupt reported meeting with civil engineers regarding widening the storm channel from Meadowbrook to Imperial Avenue.

Center Director III: J. Necaie reported 3 MLK Recreation Center soccer teams and 5 volleyball teams for the Spring Season. Summer Day Camp and Summer sport program registration is now live so please share that information with any interested community members. J. Necaie also reported that I love My Park Day will take place on Saturday May 18th at Golden Hill Recreation Center from 11am-3pm that will feature several recreation center booths as well a family fun activities and resources. J. Necaie and R. Tamayo reported on the low-income fee waiver that provides opportunities for all youth to participate.

Pool Manager: N/A

Mtn. View Tennis Center: N/A

INFORMATION ITEMS: F. Story requested the process for MLK Day Committee chair selections. T. Van requested an action item for nominations for the MLK CRG offices.

ACTION ITEMS: None

WORKSHOP: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm by J. Fields.

• **The next Community Recreation Group Meeting will be held July 18, 2024, at noon in person at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center is at 6401 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114.**