

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RECREATION CENTER  
COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP  
**Public Notice of Minutes**  
Thursday, February 20th, 2025  
**12:00 pm**

**ATTENDANCE**

Thomas Van, 4<sup>th</sup> District George Stevens Senior Center  
Francis Story, 4<sup>th</sup> District George Stevens Senior Center  
Cathy Ramsey  
Iris Roberson  
Rickena Mills  
Carmen Miner  
Brenda Lesane  
Frances Simpson-Lang, Mt. View Sports and Racquet Club

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JoAnn Fields, Chairperson  
Shaun Manning, Vice Chairperson  
Clarence Garner, Treasurer  
Henry Wallace  
Shelia P. Barron

**GUESTS:**

**Barry Pollard, Urban Collaborative Project**  
**Alix Aceituno, Urban Collaborative Project**

**CITY STAFF:**

Christian Haupt, Area Manager II – Absent  
Alma Avila, OCA Area Manager II - Absent  
Justin Necaise, Recreation Center Director III  
Ahtthajiri Bell, OCA Recreation Center Director III  
Michael Marcelino, OCA Assistant Recreation Center Director  
Tosh Knight – MLK Pool Manager – Absent  
Council District 4 Representative – Anna Phounsavath  
Council District 4 Representative – Tiffany Harrison  
Mayor’s Office – Korral Taylor – Absent  
SDPD – Chris Jones, Community Relations Officer - Absent

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Meeting called to order at 12:02pm by F. Story.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES:** It was moved/seconded (B. Lesane/ I. Roberson) to approve minutes, approved unanimously.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** A. Aceituno of Urban Collaborative Project announces a grant to develop urban solutions for children in Emerald Hills and Lincoln Parks, with community workshops starting on March 15.

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B. Lesane informed the group about the February 28<sup>th</sup>, Non-Essentials – No Buy Boycott (refuse to purchase from major corporations from 12am-12pm to display economic power of melanated people in America.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** N/A

**GROUND UP YOUTH FOUNDATION:** N/A

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** N/A

**MLK DAY COMMITTEE:** B. Lesane expressed gratitude to all whom aided in the production of the successful event. She asked when would planning start for the following year. Suggested to change “Parade” to “March” to represent Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s acts.

**T. Van highlighted that planning would start soon, main focuses would be better parking, and having high profile individuals who represent the community in attendance.**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:** A. Phounsavath was introduced as a new representative for the office of Councilmember Henry L. Foster III. Shared the following:

Career resources that are offered through the YMCA.

Gave out Black History Month event flyer.

Worked with Councilmember Foster and their team to survey the Fourth District and collect data on the unsheltered population.

Information regarding the success of Dumpster Day at the Jacobs Center.

Councilmember Foster’s Office Hours and contact for scheduling attendance.

Water rates increase due to higher costs from water suppliers.

**MAYORS OFFICE REPORT:** N/A.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** T. Van requested the parking lots to be closed at night for park safety. Because in vehicle habitation is taking place at/around the park premises.

**GEORGE STEVENS CENTER:** C. Ramsey reported that preparations are being made for activities at the Senior Center for the MLK Day Community Celebration.

**FRIENDS OF MALCOLM X LIBRARY:** N/A

**SDPD CRO:** N/A.

**PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORT:**

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**Area Manager II:** N/A.

**Center Director III:** J. Necaise announced his departure from MLK and introduced A. Bell.

**Pool Manager:** N/A

**Mtn. View Tennis Center:** F. Simpson-Lang provides details on an upcoming tennis event for kids and adults, encouraging participation and sponsorship. Discussed the challenges of building a new facility at the tennis club, including issues with a tree and ADA compliance, and invited all CRG attendees to planning advancement meeting. Requested community support in naming the new building and the potential renaming to the MLK Tennis Learning Center.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:** Group voted for new Chair positions:

Thomas Van – Chairperson

Rickina Mills – Vice Chairperson

Iris Robersom - Treasurer

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Sign in front of the MLK Recreation Center.
- 2) Virtual option for CRG meetings.
- 3) Bimonthly status for CRG meetings.

**WORKSHOP:** N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm by T. Van.

· **The next Community Recreation Group Meeting will be held April 17th, 2025, at noon in person at Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center is at 6401 Skyline Dr., San Diego, CA 92114.**