

# **Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee**

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Meeting Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee was held on November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Diego County Library in Julian

## **Members Present:**

Richard Loomis, Carmen Longoria, Mike Charlonne (Vice Chair), Jim Schaible

## **Also, Present Were:**

Representing the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department‡,

Mr. Michael Hubbell, Supervising Park Ranger

Michael Espiritu - Park Project Manager County of San Diego

Sean Hill – Chief of Operations, Eastern County of San Diego

Matt Sanford – County of San Diego

Jen Spenser – Senior Park Project Manager County of San Diego

## **Community Member Guests:**

## **Members Absent:**

Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Dr. Bill Geckeler (Secretary)

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda was approved

### **3. Announcements and Introductions.**

Michael Hubbard is being reassigned away from Jess Martin Park.

### **4. Public comments.**

No Comments

### **5. Approval of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Meeting Minutes.**

The meeting minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **6. Park Update**

- **Playground Slide:** The damaged slide is scheduled for replacement on Wednesday, November 9th.
- **GOAT Head Removal:** Staff has been actively working to remove GOAT heads. On Wednesday, November 9th, a Sheriff Civic Group will join the effort, using hand tools to expedite the process.
- **Drinking Fountains:** The fountain near the playground gate has been repaired. However, the fountain near the backstop was vandalized and is under assessment for repairs.
- **Leaf Removal:** Ongoing efforts to remove fallen leaves are in progress.
- **Skate Park Brush Clearance:** Work is underway to clear brush surrounding the skate park for safety and accessibility.
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#### **7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update**

- The park generates approximately \$101,000 in annual revenue from local area property owners, while its

operating expenses total approximately \$183,000 annually, resulting in a shortfall of about \$82,000. This deficit is currently subsidized by the County of San Diego to maintain park operations.

**8. Update: 2024 JMPAC Goals and Projects  
Feedback from local youth, e.g. basketball court**

- No updates.

**9. Coleman Creek Drainage Update**

No updates

**10. Wellhead Tank and Landscape Tie-In Update**

- A. The installation of the new well and irrigation system is nearing completion. Waiting on a sensor within the new tank to shut off when full.
- B. Staff, Rueben, follow up on the sensor in the next two weeks.
- C. Funding has been secured to restore the old well, which remains the only source of potable water.

**11. PLDO Priority List:**

- Richard to attend the next Julian Planning Group Meeting.

**12. Basketball Half-Court:**

- Presentation by Michael Espiritu: Michael expressed concerns regarding overhead power lines. He had SDG&E assess setback requirements, determining a necessary 6-foot setback. Estimates were based on Google Earth measurements and Michael's on-site evaluations at the park. The backcourt must be positioned to avoid interference with the power lines.
- Priority Letter from the Julian Planning Group: Michael

inquired if a priority letter list from the Julian Planning Group is available or if one can be obtained.

- **Julian Water District Setback:** It was noted that there is an additional setback requirement with the Julian Water District, though the specifics remain unknown at this time.

### 13. **Committee Membership Update:**

Board members are reminded that they must reach out to Joel Anderson's office if they wish to continue serving as a board member after their term concludes at the end of 2024.

### 14. **Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location**

- Monday, December 2nd, 2024, at 4 p.m., Julian County Library

### 15. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. local time.

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§ This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the community to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

Public comment on Agenda items is accepted at the conclusion of the Committee's discussion of that item.

Comments are customarily limited to three minutes per item for each individual attending from the community.

† *The JMPAC is a voluntary organization chartered to provide community input and recommendations to the Director of the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the budget, maintenance, operations, park development, facilities, and recreation programs for Jess Martin Park. (Landscape Maintenance District Zone No. 2 - Julian)*

Members: Mr. Ralph Deem – Chairperson, Mr. Jim Schaible, Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary, Mr. Richard Loomis, Mike Charlonne Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Carmen Longoria-

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