

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee†

Meeting Minutes of December 2nd, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee was held on December 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Diego County Library in Julian

Members Present:

Richard Loomis, Mike Charlonne (Vice Chair), Jim Schaible, Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Dr. Bill Geckeler (Secretary), Allisun Kraemer

Also, Present Were:

Representing the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department‡,
Ruben Maza, Park Ranger

Community Member Guests:

- None

Members Absent:

Carmen Longoria

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved

3. Announcements and Introductions.

- None.

4. Public comments.

No Comments

5. Approval of November 4th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

- The meeting minutes could not be approved as Carmen, one of the four attendees from the October meeting, was not present.

Old Business

6. Park Update

- Leaves have finally dropped
- Replaced slide in the playground
- Working with park maintenance to develop an over-seeding plan for the sports fields.
- Big box trees were planted.
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7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update

- A question was raised regarding the feasibility of establishing a year-round dog park at the current location around the potable well on Old Cuyamaca Road.

8. Coleman Creek Drainage Update

- No updates.

9. Wellhead Tank and Landscape Tie-In Update

- Charlie Auyon, project manager, sent an email to Rueban regarding funding for the potable water tank. Need a scope of work for the water tank, 3-5 weeks. May have an answer by the end of January.

- Electrical. The irrigation sensor is hard-wired. Currently, Jess Martin Park does not have a potable water tank. The water fountains are supplied by the well across Hwy 79, which is potable water.
- The park hosts are currently supplied with water from a water buffalo and bottled water for drinking.

10. **PLDO Priority List:**

- Richard attended the Julian Planning Group Meeting on November 18th, where the group reached a consensus to draft a letter supporting the construction of a half-basketball court for the 2024/2025 period. The planning group committed to sending this letter to the County Board of Supervisors. Richard will follow up during the December Julian Planning Group Meeting to obtain a copy of the finalized letter.

11. **Basketball Half-Court:**

• Reuben reported that Parks and Recreation has submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the project. To qualify for the grant, the department must first secure PLDO (Park Land Dedication Ordinance) funding. The tentative timeline for the half-basketball court project includes:

- **April to May 2025:** Preliminary design and environmental planning
- **May to September 2025:** Final design and environmental review
- **October to November 2025:** Project bidding
- **February to April 2026:** Construction phase

Please note that this schedule is subject to adjustment and should be considered a preliminary outline.

12. **Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location**

- The committee has decided to hold meetings every other month. Meetings will take place in February, April, June, August, October, and December, with January, March, May, July, September, and November designated as dark months.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Julian County Library.
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15. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 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, Allisun Kraemer

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