

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee[†]

Meeting Minutes of February 21st, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee was held on February 21th, 2023. The meeting was held at Julian High School, Classroom 4.

Members Present:

Mr. Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Mr. Richard Loomis, Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary, Jim Schaible, Mike Charlonne.

Also Present Were:

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

Mr. Michael Hubbell, Supervising Park Ranger

Community Member Guests:

Ms. Carmen Longoria, Julian Pathways, Inc., and Julian Backcountry Collaborative. (Waiting on Confirmation of acceptance to JMPAC from San Diego County)

Joe Liggett AYSO board and Little League Board

Members Absent:

Ms. Juli Zerbe

Approval of Agenda:

Call to Order The agenda for February 21st was approved.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Announcements and Introductions

Joe Liggett: He is AYSO and Little League Board member and Julian area resident.

4 . Public comments.

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

No Public comments were made.

Old Business

5. Approval of November 15, 2022, Minutes.

The minutes were approved.

6. Park Update

- Michael Hubbell:
- 40 ft cargo container project is moving forward to replace the existing sheds. It has gone out to bid. Should happen within a month or 2.
- New contractor walk-through for the well final meeting with him next week, end of February, and bid include new water tank.
- Off-leash area, which is in the T-ball field, will be closed to

dogs on March 1st to allow transition for the little league to play.

- Some of the limbs on the trees have been coming down. The ones that SDG&E have trimmed.
- The little league shed remains. Just the sheds that keep park equipment will be replaced with the cargo container.

7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update

- Mr. Hubbell presented the current Budget.
- Current budget is not sustainable. Income from Julian district property owners is less than the cost to maintain Jess Martin Park.
- Question was asked by Michael Charlonne if TOT funds are a funding option. Michael Hubbell will ask his boss.

8. Youth Advisory Update

- Mr. Hubbell stated that we, the committee, are responsible for bringing local youth to the next meeting on March 21st and asking them questions regarding the park's features.
- Joe Liggett mentioned that he would be able to bring 3 youths to the next meeting.
- Mike said he would bring at least one youth.

Questions to possibly ask:

What would you like to see in the park?

What is lacking in the park?

What do you like, and don't like about the park?

How often do you go to the park and for what reasons?

9. **Coleman Creek Drainage Update**

1. Ralph Deem has noticed that water is puddling in the park due to poor drainage.

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

1. New contractor walk-through for the well final meeting with him next week, end of February, and bid include new water tank.

New Business

11. JMPAC Goals and Projects for 2023: Suggestions from Members

- Jim Schaible asked for more trees planted in the Park.
- Mike Hubbel said the county of San Diego has \$1,000,000 for the planting of trees. Mike Hubbel asked us to tell him what kind of trees and where we want them to be placed.
- Mike Charlonne asked for discontinuing the baseball fields for dogs. Recommended that board look to fund a dog park across hwy 79 on Old Cuyamaca road. It was pointed out that the only T-ball field only is to be used as an off-leash area from August 1st to March 1st, depending on if the little league makes the playoffs in July of each year.
- Baseball clinic with put on from professional baseball players. Mike Charlonne is planning on reaching out to Tony Gwynn Jr as dignitary for the 4th of July parade and then ask him about possibly putting on a clinic.
- Joe Liggett mentioned two local MLB players from Santa Ysabel who may be potentials, Cole & Beau Sulser.
- Carmen Longoria mentioned Santa Ysabel Tribal Youth sports.
- Joe Liggett recommended a baseball batting cage as a benefit for youth sports. The high school batting cage is in disrepair. The Jr. High batting cage is working.
- Carmen Longoria asked if the park has done any daffodil

planting at the parks. Carmen stated that their afterschool program has funding to pay for staff and a pool of children on what needs to be watered and when. Carmen will come up with some ideas and present them to the board.

- Drinking fountain in the middle broke last year and has been capped out. The one behind the dugout. Vandals have been stealing the fountain heads.
- Food truck during baseball games. Per Michael Hubbell, should be approved under baseball league use.

12. **Election of Officers:**

Ralph Deem was elected as Chairperson.
Mr. Jim Schaible, – Vice-Chairperson.
Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary.

13. **Next Meeting**

Date and Location: Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Julian High School, Classroom 4.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 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, – Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary, Ms. Juli Zerbe, Mr. Richard Loomis, Mike Charlonne

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