

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 16th, 2023

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A regularly scheduled meeting of the Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee was held on January 16th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Julian High School, Classroom 4.

Members Present:

Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Richard Loomis, Jim Schaible, Carmen Longoria, Dr. Bill Geckeler

Also, Present Were:

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

Mr. Michael Hubbell, Supervising Park Ranger

Community Member Guests:

None

Members Absent:

Mike Charlonne

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted with slight change.

Resignation of Juli Zerbe under new business.

3. Announcements and Introductions.

4 . Public comments.

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items:

None

5. Approval of November 21st, Minutes.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

6. Park Update

- A. Replaced the two park benches between the two main baseball fields.
- B. Parks and Rec. received news that the area across the Hwy on Old Cuyamaca Rd. cannot be used as a dog park as it would be too close to the Well. The Well is a potable water source for the park.
- C. Parks and Recreation strongly advocate for the establishment of a dedicated full-time off-leash area for Julian. The challenge is where?
- D. Staff have been cutting back the branches from the skate park.
- E. Crew from CalFire are working to clear the area close to the swell.
- F. Spigot in one of the restrooms was repaired as someone broke it.
- G. The board strongly advises the removal of the old water tank. Micheal Hubbel will contact Andrew Quinn regarding the allocation of funds for its removal.
- H. Julian little league received the key for the hose bibs.

7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update

- A. EMC = Encumbrance

8. Update: JMPAC Goals and Projects for 2024

Resigning board member Juli Zebre had a message for the board.

“I am not so happy with the county who discourages volunteerism to help build a concession stand and other projects. They’re completely ignoring your request to fix the drainage and the request to the community for a year-round dog area we, the community, and our taxes support a park, but the administration of the park is not responsive to our request.”

9. Coleman Creek Drainage Update

No updates

10. Wellhead Tank and Landscape Tie-In Update

- A. Just started excavation for the new tank. Redoing all the piping. Going on hand drawings. Work to anticipated to be completed in February.

11. Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for Possible Park Use

- Ralph to send Richard a bid for ½ basketball court. Richard will send it to Andy Quinn.

New Business

12. Juli Zerbe Resigning

Dr. Bill Geckeler to post vacant board position when posting the agenda for public viewing.

13. Election of Officers.

Ralph Deem was elected as Chair.

Mike Charlonne was elected as Vice-Chair.

Dr. Bill Geckeler was elected as Secretary.

14. Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location

Tuesday, February 20th, Julian High School

15. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. local time.

† JMPAC ‡ DPR

§ 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, Mr. Richard Loomis, Mike Charlonne, Ms. Carmen Longoria

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