

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
JESS MARTIN PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2026 — 4:00 PM

Location: Julian Library

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Charlonne called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Committee Members Present:

- Mike Charlonne — Chair
- Richard Loomis — Secretary
- Brandon Fender — Member
- Carmen Longoria — Member (Late Arrival)

Committee Members Absent:

- Allisun Kraemer — Vice Chair

County Staff Present:

- Matt Sanford — Region Manager, County Parks
- Carlos Hinojosa — Supervising Ranger
- Luke Taylor — Park Project Manager
- Riley DeWitt — Park Project Manager

2. Approval of February 2, 2026 Agenda

The agenda was approved with corrections. Next meeting scheduled for April 6, 2026, 4:00 PM, Julian Library.

3. Introductions and Announcements

Introductions were made by committee members and County staff.

4. Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

5. Approval of December 1, 2025 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed.

6. Park Update — Matt Sanford / Riley DeWitt / Luke Taylor / Carlos Hinojosa

- Little League Opening Day scheduled for March 7
- Pitcher's mound needs to be rebuilt
- Possible use of a water buffalo discussed
- Chair requested a more permanent water fountain between the two large baseball fields
- Carlos Hinojosa to follow up
- Water usage will need to be monitored due to Julian Water District constraints
- Carmen Longoria verbally resigned from the board

7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update

Budget balance reported at approximately \$46,992 as of January 31, 2026.

8. Wellhead Tank and Landscape Tie-In Update

- Water system improvements progressing
- New well approved for potable use
- Sanitization and testing planned
- State Water Board approval required

9. Basketball Half-Court / Pickleball Court Update

County staff presented a draft concept design for a shared half basketball / pickleball court. The design includes shared striping, benches, trash receptacles, and storage for portable pickleball nets. Design constraints exist due to SDG&E pole and ground wire, limiting expansion.

Current Project Timeline

- Winter 2025–2026 — Design phase
- Spring 2026 — Preparation of bid documents; bid and award
- Summer 2026 — Construction

Although design is expected to be completed soon, staff noted additional steps including bidding and environmental review (bird nesting season) prior to construction.

Color Discussion

- Initial concept colors were blue and green
- Suggestion made to use Julian High School colors (maroon and gold) to align with community branding
- Concern raised regarding visibility of lines

Action Item

- Staff will consult designers and provide mockups
- Committee will vote on colors at next meeting

Pickleball Usage Discussion

- Portable nets will likely be stored in a lockable storage container
- Usage rules may be determined after observing demand

Possible Future Considerations

- Scheduled use times
- Posted usage guidelines

Community Input

- Pickleball is popular locally, particularly at Julian High School courts
- Saturday mornings currently show peak usage
- Committee agreed shared court will likely see strong community demand

Additional Discussion

- Two pickleball courts will not fit due to space constraints

Storage Options Discussed

- Steel storage container near court (preferred)
- Existing shed near skate park (less convenient)

Next Steps

- Staff to finalize design and confirm colors
- Committee to vote on colors at next meeting
- Usage guidelines to be considered after construction and observed demand

10. Possible Off-Leash Area

Potential locations discussed including adjacent parcel and water district property.

11. Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location

Monday, April 6, 2026 — 4:00 PM

Julian Library

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Submitted by:

Richard Loomis, Secretary

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee

Mike Charlonne — Chair

Allisun Kraemer — Vice Chair

Richard Loomis — Secretary

Brandon Fender — Member