

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2025

San Diego County Library, Julian, CA – 4:00 p.m.

1. Members Present

- Richard Loomis
- Brandon Fender
- Carmen Longoria
- Allisun Kraemer

2. Also Present

- Carlos Hinojosa – Supervisor, William Heise & Jess Martin Parks
- Ruben Meza – Park Ranger

3. Members Absent

- Mike Charlonne – Chair

4. Community Guests

- Elibeth Pritchard
- Gilbert Pritchard

5. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m., and a quorum was present.

6. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one addition: discussion of the SDG&E; staging area and contacting the property owner about possible use as an off-leash area.

7. Announcements and Introductions

The committee welcomed Brandon Fender to the board.

8. Public Comments

A question was raised regarding connecting the water fountains to drinking water.

9. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from August 4, 2025, were approved with corrections to the spelling of Hinojosa and Meza and confirmation that the next meeting date is December 1.

10. Old Business – Park Updates

Movies in the Park drew approximately 190 attendees, with about 60 present for the pre-show. The event experienced a short delay due to an adult softball game. Parks staff are able to clear fields during reserved events. The online events portal is active, and flyers and banners are posted throughout town. The monthly park maintenance fund balance as of August 31 is \$28,245, not including remaining staff-related costs. Additional grass seed may be purchased. Local tax revenue remains insufficient to fully cover operational costs. The board requested that Parks bring the full budget Excel worksheet to a future meeting.

11. Wellhead Tank & Landscape Tie-In – Status Update

The contractor estimates approximately 58 days to complete the potable water connection, with anticipated completion in mid-January. Grass conditions will vary due to the park's annual allocation of approximately 900,000 gallons of water from the Julian Water District. Members of the public interested in water-allocation issues were encouraged to attend Julian Water District meetings. Work is expected to begin November 1 and be completed by the end of January. This update also answered the question of when the water fountains will be accessible with potable water.

12. Basketball Half-Court

Design is scheduled for fall and winter, with bidding and award planned for winter and spring. Construction is expected to take place during the spring and summer.

13. TOT Funds Update

There was no update.

14. Sunset Review

The Sunset Review documents are due by the 10th. Richard will email Region Manager Matthew Sanford confirming that all materials have been submitted.

15. Next Meeting

- Date: Monday, December 1, 2025
- Time: 4:00 p.m.

- Location: Julian County Library

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

17. Committee Details

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee (JMPAC) is a voluntary organization providing community input and recommendations to the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the budget, maintenance, operations, development, facilities, and recreational programs for Jess Martin Park (Landscape Maintenance District Zone No. 2 – Julian).

- Mike Charlonne – Chairperson
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