

Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee[†]

Meeting Minutes of March 21st, 2023

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

Members Present:

Mr. Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Mr. Richard Loomis, Jim Schaible, Mike Charlonne, Juli Zerbe

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
Johanna Liggett - Baseball
Sally Snipes founder of the Julian Daffodil Project
Local area youths ages 6-15

Members Absent:

, Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary,

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 7:10 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved.

3. Announcements and Introductions

Sally Snipes founder of the Julian Daffodil Project.

4 . Public comments.

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

- Sally Snipes spoke regarding the approximately 10,000 daffodils that were planted in Jess Martin Park that were cut down many years ago. The park needs to designate an area that will not be cut until June. The grammar school has planted daffodils for the past 30 years. Planting should take place in November of each year. Michael Hubbell asked Sally to set up a time to plant and he stated she can plant them anywhere in the park. He will also let staff know where to avoid weed whacking as Daffodils bloom in June of each year. Money for daffodil planting takes place in August of each year. Michael Hubbell stated that the parks department could facilitate the necessary funds to purchase the daffodils for planting. Carmen Longoria stated her after-school program students can assist with planting them.
- Sally also spoke about which trees not to plant in the park.
- *Coulter Pines due to the risk of injury from falling pine cones and branches. Sycamore Tree is iffy as they get frosted during winter and may not recover. The Big Leaf Maple as the*

park area can become a wind tunnel due to the local terrain and the tree can get ripped to shreds.

Sally offered to help with the placement of the trees. Sally also recommended trees be put in large holes with cages around the roots to keep out gophers for the first 5 years. Michael Hubbell mentioned no more than 3 different types of trees in the park to keep it somewhat uniform.

- Joe Liggitt asked what approval was needed from the Park Department to have a ‘Jumpy or Bounce House’. Michael Hubbell told Joe what area was allowable.

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Old Business

5. Approval of February 2023, Minutes.

The minutes were approved.

6. **Park Update**

- Due to all the rain little league has been pushed back a week to allow time for the fields to dry out.
- The 40ft cargo container is slated to arrive in 6 weeks are so. Started the process to demolish the sheds.
- Still picking up snow sleds that were left behind by tourists.
- Having a designated area for native plants. Carmen Longoria stated they may be several groups that may support the planting. Sally Snipes commented that any plants purchased for planting in Julian need to be “Zone 7.”

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7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update

- Per Michael Hubbell, Jess Martin Park is officially over budget for the current fiscal year by (\$2,619).
- Department of Parks is aware of the shortfall and working to address it. No solution so far.
- The park purchased additional hoses and sprinklers for the extra watering.

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8. Youth Advisory Update

- Request from local youths on what they would like to see in the park:
 - Hailey Bennett- Would like to see batting cages in the park.
 - Abigail 15yrs- Asked for hand washing stations and or working sinks in the bathrooms.
 - Ivey 11yrs- Asked for Volleyball court.
 - Zayden 13yrs- Asked for volleyball court.
 - Could lights be installed in bathrooms? Even with skylights, it is dark in the bathrooms.
 - Michael Hubbell asked the youth group if there were any sports equipment they would want to have available to check out or rent?
 - Answers – Bats, balls, gloves to play catch. Basketballs should the ½ court be built.
 - Could a sail shade be installed between the ball fields?
 - For the next committee meeting, Mike Charlonne will bring cost estimates regarding the installation of the batting cages.
 - Discussions on where to place the batting cage.

9. **Coleman Creek Drainage Update**

- Joe Liggitt asked about the water that is not draining in one area of the park that is currently flooded due to the rain on the park road. Joe called Justin Stanley, he graded the baseball fields for little league. Joe asked if culverts would help with the. Justin offered to take a look at it before the next board meeting.
- Board president asked if the board wanted to have the motion to ask Parks and Recreation to have another look at fixing the Coleman Creek drainage issue. The motion was tabled to the next meeting.

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

1. No updates. Working on finalizing the paperwork with the contractor.

New Business

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

- . Tabled for next board meeting.
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12. **Training Sessions in San Diego:**

- San Diego County Parks and Recreation has asked all park board members to attend training on how to conduct a proper meeting.
- Ralph Deem will inform all members of the next training dates and times.

13. Hillside Property Line Fence

- Should Jess Martin Park install a fence to keep tourist sledding down the hillside?
- Julian water district hired security to keep tourists out of sledding down their hillside.

14. **Next Meeting**

Date and Location: Tuesday, April 18th, 2023, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Julian High School, Classroom 4.

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 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)*

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