



## Recreation Committee Meeting Minute

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, Noon

**Due to the State of California's shelter in place orders our Recreation Committee Meeting will be held remotely via Zoom Meetings**  
(The Zoom platform is ADA compliant).

Due to the current closure of the district office, meeting materials will be available online at MORPD.com.

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Meeting ID: 893 8290 3487

Passcode: 3344

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**Staff:** Daniel Barton, JR Hichborn, Rodney Dahlberg, Danny Curtola, Nicole Friedrich, Brandon Stoakley

**Members:** Director Nghia Nguyen and Director Jeff Rothberg

**Guest in**

**Attendance:** Nikki Gracey and Elizabeth Johnson

Director Nguyen began committee meeting at 12:00 pm (Noon).

1. Approval of Recreation Committee Minutes from August 3, 2020.\*

Daniel requested approval of Recreation Committee Minutes from August 3, 2020. Director Nguyen moved to approve recreation committee minutes from August 3, 2020. Director Rothberg approved of minutes as well.

2. Recent Recreation Staffing Changes

Daniel Barton explained the staff challenges in difficulty in hiring part time and entry staff. Nicole Friedrich explained what steps staff have been taking to promote jobs. Nicole explained the hiring concerns with Bridges and how many staff are applying and accepting interviews but not showing up to the actual interviews. Those steps included posting on all social media channels, Indeed, LinkedIn and multiple platforms through WorkBright's online posting platform. Director Nguyen mention local articles in the Sacramento Bee and restaurants are struggling as well. Director Rothberg suggested we connect with Lao Family Community Development to use their job and employment department to find good local candidates in through their resources. Director Nguyen asked what's the deadline to hire part time employees. Nicole stated the deadline would be the second or third week of May, likely and that programs will not be removed from being offered but numbers may be lower due to low staff numbers. Director

Nguyen requested that we meet again in May to update the board on summer hiring. Elizabeth recommend that we contact past employees and ask them to share on their social media pages that Mission Oaks is a great place to work and to apply for jobs.

### 3. Possible Mission Oaks and San Juan Partnership for Summer 2021

Daniel explained that SJUSD currently has funding for learning loss and they are looking to partner with local park districts this summer to bridge the learning loss gap. Nicole explained the programs we came up with to offer to SJUSD. Those included the Camp Kids, Camp Have A Lot Of Fun, Camp Oakwood, Project HYPE, Adulthood 101, Leader In Training Programs and Rio Robotics program. One of the features we may utilize is funding for bussing kids from their home school to Rio Americano for the Robotics program, and possibly providing lunches as well. Director Nguyen stated that she loved the Coding and Robotics program. Daniel explained that the downside to this project it is likely only funded for this summer.

### 4. Mission Oaks Recreation Programming Update

Danny explained the Teen Programming updates including under the Adulthood 101 program adding the GOAT (Greatest Of All Teen) Program which is a teen work program in our parks. Students would work with the parks crew and receive a payment for their labor. Danny stated that Brandon is really looking forward to continuing the programs we started while continuing to find new great programs. Danny announced that the Junior Leader program will now be called Leaders In Training, as to unify all four camps programs. Previously Project HYPE had Youth Health Mentors and the other programs had Junior Leaders. Danny explained that the drone programs didn't get registration for the first two opening attempts, but that the feedback he received was that it was bad timing with SJUSD returning to school and families being overwhelmed. He also explained that we would be looking to do mini camps throughout the summer for drones and other single day camp programs. Daniel explained we don't know what the requirements will be this summer and that staff are keeping modified contingency plans to keep up to state and county requirements. Director Nguyen stated she doesn't feel the board is concerned with staff's ability to adapt and move forward with requirements and that she wants us to continue to push forward to get kids moving and get kids out. She also stated it takes several times for programs to get off the ground and running. Daniel stated staff have had a lot of great new ideas and will continue to work to bring out new programming. Director Rothberg mentioned that a lot of our immigrant community would be interested in cricket and that we have large fields to accommodate it. Director Rothberg asked about Project Lifelong (PLL). Danny gave an update on PLL and stated that they are trying to get themselves back up and running. He also explained that PLL was originally under the Sheriff Community Impact Program but that now it is its own non-profit with its own 501c3. PLL will return to Arden Middle School as soon as possible. Daniel brought up one issue with cricket and sports is that our fields are currently over utilized, and we are managing multiple contracts for those. Director Nguyen reiterated the policy for the district is that district sponsored activities have first use. Director Nguyen asked on behalf of Patti, about what other activities can be done outdoors for Seniors. Rodney stated that we are adding classes every month. Currently, we have 5 classes indoors and 2 outdoors along with our virtual classes. He also stated that we are adding 5 more indoor classes in May and possibly clubs, depending on restrictions. Director Nguyen asked what classes were taking place outdoors, they are the cribbage club, Zumba and pickleball. Indoor classes are Zumba, Yoga, Line Dancing, Jacki's Dance Fitness. Ballet and Tap and other fitness classes will return in May. In June, when Anthea returns with her classes our biggest classes will return to MOCC. Danny stated we have

senior classes at SCC as well. Those classes are Jazzercise, Ping Pong and Chair Yoga. Rodney stated that the preschool program will begin in person in June for summer sessions. He also, stated that Tennis Lesson have been huge and all the lessons are sold out.

#### 5. Pickleball update

Rodney stated the biggest problem we are having is heavy use on Saturdays and weekends. we have too many people who want to play and not enough space for them all to play. Rodney mentioned that should hopefully, be better in July when the budget passes because we will be converting courts at Gibbons to Pickleball. Rodney explained how we've been working with the Eastern Oaks Pickleball Club to enter into a contract with them to allow them to use the courts at certain times for tournaments and ladders. He stated that he has also been working with those who are anti club, who are concerned with the courts being monopolized. Daniel stated that the idea at EOP is to have at least one court always available when the club is using the courts so other can come and play without having to be a part of a tournament or ladder. Daniel stated that we wouldn't want to go into the agreement with the club until the courts at Gibbons were open, so that there are courts near EOP available for others. He also stated that those who are anti club are members of the Sunrise Pickleball club. Director Rothberg mentioned that the Del Norte Swim and Tennis Club also has 6 courts that are not used often, and it may be an opportunity for a partnership down the line. JR asked if the courts were open for free play, Nicole and Rodney told him that you must be a member at Del Norte. Rodney stated that if this turns into tennis that people at the higher level eventually moved to the private clubs to play and those at a lower level stayed on the public courts, leaving may underutilized. Daniel stated as a park district you have to be careful to not follow fades too often because when the people stop playing the areas are no longer used. Daniel recommend everyone check out the video of JR playing pickleball and that as rec continues to build programs, we would be making more videos of our events and programs.

Director Nguyen requested we schedule another meeting to get an update on summer hiring and summer programs in May. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon.

6. Other Programming: If time permits, we can discuss programming for other age groups, or we can schedule another meeting.  
Staff did not have time to discuss anything else.
7. Director Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 12:34pm.