

# **Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee** †

Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Jess Martin Park Advisory Committee was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the San Diego County Library in Julian

## **Members Present:**

Ralph Deem (Chairperson), Richard Loomis, Carmen Longoria, Dr. Bill Geckeler (Secretary) Mike Charlonne (Vice Chair), Jim Schaible

## **Also, Present Were:**

Representing the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department †,  
Mr. Michael Hubbell, Supervising Park Ranger  
Ruben Maza, Park Ranger

## **Community Member Guests:**

Allisun Kraemer

## **Members Absent:**

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. local time. A quorum of Members was present.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

- Agenda was approved

### **3. Announcements and Introductions.**

- Motion to not have a board meeting on Monday, January 6th, 2025. The motion was approved.

#### **4. Public comments.**

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items:

- The issue of Goathead weeds and weed whacking of daffodils was discussed.
- 1) Goathead weeds have spikes and are painful if walked on by pets or handled. The best time to weed whack Goatheads is a week after a summer rain per Sally Snipes
- 2) Daffodils should not be cut down until the end of June each year if possible.

#### **5. Approval of September 9th, 2024, Meeting Minutes.**

The meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Old Business**

#### **6. Park Update**

- Park personnel have dealt with the Goathead weeds and trimmed the road's trees.
- Cottonwoods have been dropping their leaves and park personnel are busy clearing the leaves up.
- Automation for irrigation is only during the day currently. Cannot water overnight as the automation for overnight is not activated.
- Will install a fence around the water tank.

#### **7. Monthly Park Maintenance Fund Budget Update**

- The park is estimated to have a shortfall for the fiscal year and the community should be prepared for future reductions in park services.

- Should the Jess Martin Board go to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors regarding park funding in 2025?

8. **Update: 2024 JMPAC Goals and Projects**  
**Feedback from local youth, e.g. basketball court**

No Updates

9. **Coleman Creek Drainage Update**

No updates

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

- A. New Well is almost online and has potable water. Just waiting on a meter.
- B. Parks and Rec are working on having the other well tied into the drinking fountains.

11. **PLDO Priority List:**

- Can a park representative update the board via Zoom? Michael Hubbel will ask.
- Still waiting for funding update.

12. **Basketball Half-Court:**

Please refer to the PLDO priority list. The master plan for Jess Martin Park originally included a volleyball court, but there is now an expectation to replace it with a basketball court.

13. **Committee Membership Update:**

- Allisun Kraemer waiting on approval from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.
- Richard Loomis sent out an updated board list to our Liaison.
- Which board members have reapplied.

#### 14. **Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location**

- Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 4 p.m., Julian County Library

#### 15. **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 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)*

Members: Mr. Ralph Deem – Chairperson, Mr. Jim Schaible, Dr. Bill Geckeler – Secretary, Mr. Richard Loomis, Mike Charlonne Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Carmen Longoria–

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