



Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers Agreement Governing Board

Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: May 21, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Location: City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue
La Mesa, California

Present: Councilmember Genevieve Suzuki
Andrea Beth Damsky, Director, Helix Water District
Kelly Daniels, County of San Diego
Shelley La Fata, Grossmont Union High School District
Michelle Metschel, Councilmember, City of El Cajon

Staff: Assistant City Manager Lee
Director of Public Works Throne
Director of Community Services Misty Thompson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board Member Suzuki called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK AND CANINE CORNERS UPDATES**

Misty Thompson, Director of Community Services

Misty Thompson, Director of Community Services went over permits, events, and reservable sites during fiscal year 25 at Harry Griffen Park. She also went over requests from park goers (parking, off-leash dogs, shade needed). She then introduced the Secretary of Canine Corners, Janet Freeman. Ms. Freeman provided an update on Canine Corners and the need for weeding and board members. Michelle Metschel from City of

El Cajon provided a resource to Canine Corners to assist with the weeding as community service.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Board will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

There were no public comments.

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

There were no questions of the minutes from March 26, 2025.

Moved by Councilmember Suzuki

Seconded by Board Member Metschel

Approve the minutes

Yes (5): Councilmember Suzuki, Board Member Damsky, Board Member Daniels, Board Member La Fata, and Board Member Metschel

Motion Approved (5 to 0)

5.2 APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET

Board Member Daniels of the County of San Diego inquired about where, if possible, to decrease the budget in order to not see a large increase.

Moved by Councilmember Suzuki

Seconded by Board Member Metschel

City of La Mesa staff recommends the Governing Board approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Yes (4): Councilmember Suzuki, Board Member Damsky, Board Member La Fata, and Board Member Metschel

No (1): Board Member Daniels

Motion Approved (4 to 1)

6. **STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Suzuki adjourned the meeting at 9:21.