



**AGENDA
HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK
GOVERNING BOARD**

A Regular Meeting via Teleconference

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**La Mesa City Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California**

This meeting is being conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Members of the public who wish to make public comments may submit their comments by email to be read aloud at the Harry Griffen Regional Park Governing Board meeting by staff. Email comments must be submitted to Erica Pongun at epongun@cityoflamesa.us by 12:00pm the day of the Board/Commission meeting and be no more than 300 words. Any language beyond the 300 words shall not be read during the Board/Commission meeting. The counting of words, for the purposes of public comment submissions, shall follow the same standards as set forth in Elections Code § 9 (*see Attachment A*). Please note in your email subject line that this is for "PUBLIC COMMENT". All email comments shall be subject to the same rules as would otherwise govern speaker comments at the Board/Commission meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Approval of the Draft Minutes of May 4, 2021**
2. **Workshop to Review Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers of Authority Agreement, Board Structure, and Agency Contributions
Helix Water District**

ADJOURNMENT

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State of California**ELECTIONS CODE****Section 9**

9. (a) Counting of words, for purposes of this code, shall be as follows:
- (1) Punctuation is not counted.
 - (2) Each word shall be counted as one word except as specified in this section.
 - (3) All proper nouns, including geographical names, shall be considered as one word; for example, "City and County of San Francisco" shall be counted as one word.
 - (4) Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression shall be counted as one word.
 - (5) Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available standard reference dictionary, published in the United States at any time within the 10 calendar years immediately preceding the election for which the words are counted, shall be considered as one word. Each part of all other hyphenated words shall be counted as a separate word.
 - (6) Dates shall be counted as one word.
 - (7) Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number which is spelled, such as "one," shall be considered as a separate word or words. "One" shall be counted as one word whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words. "100" shall be counted as one word.
 - (8) Telephone numbers shall be counted as one word.
 - (9) Internet Web site addresses shall be counted as one word.
- (b) This section shall not apply to counting words for ballot designations under Section 13107.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 697, Sec. 3. (SB 1253) Effective January 1, 2015.)



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MINUTES OF THE HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
La Mesa City Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joel Scalzitti at 2:01 p.m.

Representatives from the following agencies were present constituting a quorum: Joel Scalzitti, Helix Water District; Charles Gailband, County of San Diego; Jennifer Herrington, Grossmont Union High School District; Michelle Metschel, City of El Cajon; vacancy, City of La Mesa.

The following Lead Agency staff members were also present: Leon Firsht, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services; Randy Goodell, Park Maintenance Supervisor; Lindsey Hurley, Administrative Analyst II; and Erica Pongun, Administrative Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2020

There were no questions of the draft minutes of July 29, 2020.

ACTION: Motioned by Ms. Herrington and seconded by Mr. Gailband to approve the draft minutes of July 29, 2020.

Vote:

Yes:	Mr. Scalzitti, Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed 4-0.

2. REVIEW OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

La Mesa's Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Leon Firsht reviewed the proposed FY 2022 budget, noting a minor increase in salary, an increase in benefits from CalPERS, an increase in materials, supplies and services, and an increase in equipment and capital outlay. The increase budgeted in equipment and capital outlay is a result of a recommendation to upgrade the outdated Calsense controllers that irrigate the park. Mr. Gailband inquired about possible future salary projections and extra cost absorption. Mr. Firsht stated additional CalPERS costs are not absorbed and are adjusted within the budget accordingly. Mr. Gailband then asked what efficiencies, such as water use, are

anticipated in regards to the Calsense upgrades. Mr. Firshst stated there may be staffing efficiency due to technology integration.

ACTION: Motioned by Ms. Metschel and seconded by Ms. Herrington to approve the proposed 2022 budget as presented.

Vote:

Yes: Mr. Scalzitti, Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed 4-0.

3. PROPOSE REPLACEMENT OF MISSING SIGNAGE FOR HARRY GRIFFEN AND MABEL BRYAN

Helix Water District's Director of Operations, Kevin Miller presented a proposal to replace two missing signs. Mr. Miller provided specifications for each sign, costing a total of \$4,225 from Scantech Graphics, the proposed vendor. Ms. Metschel inquired about life expectancy and vandal accessibility. Sue Richardson, Director of Community Services voiced importance over the placement of the signs and suggested possible design options. Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, and Mr. Scalzitti did not oppose the design of the signs as proposed.

ACTION: Motioned by Mr. Scalzitti and seconded by Ms. Herrington to approve the proposal of missing signage replacement as presented.

Vote:

Yes: Mr. Scalzitti, Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed 4-0.

4. PROPOSE WORKSHOP TO REVIEW HARRY GRIFFEN REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS OF AUTHORITY AGREEMENT, BOARD STRUCTURE, AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

Helix Water District Representative, Joel Scalzitti, suggested reviewing the policies and structures of the Harry Griffen Regional Park Joint Powers of Authority. Ms. Herrington, Mr. Gailband, and Ms. Metschel agreed to a workshop and stated additional members of their respective agencies would need to be involved. Mr. Firshst offered to provide the most recent agreement prior to the workshop and suggested conducting the workshop in person. Ms. Richardson offered to host the workshop at the City of La Mesa Community Center for up to 25 people. Mr. Scalzitti concluded to schedule the workshop for August 2021.

ACTION: Motioned by Ms. Metschel and seconded by Mr. Gailband to approve proposal of workshop to review the Harry Griffen Park Joint Powers of Authority Agreement, Board Structure, and Agency Contributions.

Vote:

Yes: Mr. Scalzitti, Mr. Gailband, Ms. Herrington, Ms. Metschel
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

Motion passed 4-0.

5. PARK UPDATES

Director of Community Services, Sue Richardson gave an update on activities that have occurred at the park. She stated the park has been operating within the County Health Order; the church that normally operates inside the Community Center on Sundays has been operating at the park amphitheater. Summer activities and events will resume in accordance with the County Health Order, such as the Summer Concert Series scheduled to resume after July 4th. Due to Covid, the park has experienced off-leash dogs throughout the whole park. As a result, Animal Control has been educating and citing repeat offenders. Ms. Richardson also stated park permit revenue was at 25% of the normal \$25,000. Mr. Firsh announced Park Maintenance Worker III, Paul Engfelt and Park Ranger, Rudy Gomez have both been promoted to Park Maintenance Lead Workers. Helix Water District Alternate, Dan McMillan asked Sue to clarify how revenue from park permits affects the HGRP JPA budget. She stated permit revenue does not directly apply to the HGP JPA budget and rather the overall Park Maintenance budget. Mr. Firsh clarified the staff costs and revenue accumulated from events does not affect the JPA fund. Ms. Richardson concluded revenue accumulated into the general fund is subsidized accordingly to each park and its needs.

6. REPORT FROM CANINE CORNERS OFF-LEASH DOG RUN

Chairperson, Kerry Rauch from the Canine Corners Reconstruction Committee gave an update on the status of the park. Due to the pandemic, there is expectedly more foot traffic at Canine Corners. Mr. McMillan asked about status of improvements within the park. Ms. Rauch reported a drainage study was conducted by the City of La Mesa and improvements have been halted due to the pandemic. Ms. Rauch revealed a shift from fundraising to grant funding due to the pandemic and will provide numbers at the Workshop Meeting in August. Ms. Metschel began discussion of visitor counts to the park and Canine Corners. Both Ms. Rauch and Ms. Richardson did not have any hard numbers as there is no entry fee to extrapolate visitor data. Ms. Rauch estimated roughly 65 dogs at Canine Corners on weeknight evenings and weekends.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Scalzitti adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Erica Pongun
Administrative Coordinator