

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

October 15, 2009

MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Ginny Barnes
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
William Diehl
Vicki Granowitz
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

Norman Greene
Roz King

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Scott Reese
Michelle Abella-Shon
Charles Daniels
Ana Del Rincon
Jeff Harkness
Jo-Ann Novak
Kevin Oliver
Deborah Sharpe
Shannon Thomas

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the September, 2009 meeting minutes, as amended by Mr. Bussell. Ayes have it with Ms. Barnes and Mr. Brown abstaining.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED JUNE 18, 2009 MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown/Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the revised June 18, 2009 meeting minutes. Ayes have it.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

Ms. Pam Ison distributed a letter from Council Member Todd Gloria, Council District 3, and Mr. David Lang, Executive Director of Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, supporting Item 104 - A Request for the Naming of “Craig Noel Circle” in Balboa Park.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz/Mr. Bussell

Ms. Granowitz requested that Item 104 be moved to the Consent Agenda with Mr. Bussell seconding the motion. The ayes have it.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell/Ms. Granowitz

Mr. Bussell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Ms. Granowitz seconding the motion. The ayes have it.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

Ms. Puentes-Reynolds arrived at 2:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – No report

Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz reported the Committee is focusing on solutions for large special events held in the park.
- The Committee reviewed and provided feedback to a proposed Park and Recreation Department policy on the placement of temporary art in the park.
- The Mayor held a press conference announcing the appointments to the Balboa Park Task Force for Balboa Park. The first task force meeting will take place on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Balboa Park Santa Fe Room.

Design Review Committee – No report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No report

Mission Bay Park Committee – No report

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee – No report (on agenda)

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.) - None

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Shannon Thomas, Deputy City Attorney.
- Mr. Smith read a letter from Ms. Kimberly Davies. Mr. Smith was deeply saddened by the departure of Ms. Davies, Deputy City Attorney

- Mr. Smith expressed his concerns about future budget reductions to Park and Recreation and Library Departments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico reminded all Board Members to complete Ethics Training by October 21, 2009.
- Joint meeting with the Planning Commission has been moved from November to January 2010. The November meeting will be a regular meeting.
- Park and Recreation Department staff started budget reductions which are approximately \$15 Million for a total 27% reduction to the Department's discretionary budget. All General Fund Departments have been asked to take reductions.
- Ms. LoMedico introduced Scott Reese the new Department's Assistant Director.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed an article regarding Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Samsung World Championship held recently at the Torrey Pines Golf Course.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed a memorandum from Ms. Shelly Zimmerman, Assistant Chief of Police regarding information on the 2009 summer at the beaches and bays.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Alvarado Apartments and Park Standards

Ms. LoMedico stated this project moved forward through the process as describe in the informational report, but is placed as an action item in case the Board would like to take action based on the process it went through, or other items related to the action. The purpose of the PowerPoint presentation is to inform the Board Members of the recent discretionary project of Alvarado Apartments located within the College Area Community. This was approved by City Council on July 28, 2009, with the conditions of satisfaction of the population base park requirements.

The Board Members asked several questions and discussed: park access, fire lane/jogging track, policy, signage, park standards, funding, and equivalencies. The Board is specifically concerned about the equivalencies that were used to satisfy the developer responsibility for building his units.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz/Mr. Stepner

Ms. Granowitz made a motion for City Planning and Community Investment, and Development Services Departments return to Park and Recreation Board for discussion of the appropriate utilization of equivalences for meeting the park standards and development. Mr. Stepner second the motion. The ayes have it.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Puentes-Reynolds/Ms. Granowitz

Ms. Puentes-Reynolds made a motion for Board Members as an advisory group to send a letter to the City Council, City Planning and Community Investment and Park and Recreation Department expressing Board Members disappointment of the recent passage of Alvarado Apartments Project, the inappropriate utilization of equivalences for meeting the park standards and development, fire lane/jogging track, access to the park, signage and parking. Ms. Granowitz seconded the motion. Ayes have it. (Ms. Barnes opposed)

102. Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Improvements Approval

Ms. Del Rincon, Project Manager introduced Mr. Oliver, Project Officer II both from Engineering and Capital Projects Department. She introduced Mr. Scott Molentin, Project Manager Consultant of Estrada Land Planning, Inc. who provided a PowerPoint presentation on Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wayne Seim would like the City of San Diego to be a good neighbor and build a sound barrier wall adjacent to the school fence on his property to protect his privacy and noise factor.

Ms. Cindy Moore requested Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Improvements be completed as a whole project not in phases. Ms. Moore volunteered to open and close the gate at the park.

Park and Recreation Board Members asked questions and provided comments regarding: ownership of land, joint use agreement, irrigation properly installed with kick boxes, fire lane, relocation of water lines, and use of landscape water conservation.

Mr. Smith questioned the value of spending these funds on School District property for essentially part time use. With this project and Angier the City is spending over \$4 million to improve property it does not own.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Puentes-Reynolds/Mr. Bussell

Ms. Puentes-Reynolds made a motion to approve the General Development Plan for Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Park and to include Park and Recreation Department modifications (alternative #2) with Mr. Bussell seconding the motion. Ayes have it. (Vote was unanimous)

103. Angier Elementary School Joint Use Improvements Approval

Ms. Rincon, Project Manager Engineering introduced Mr. Oliver, Project Officer II both from Engineering and Capital Projects Department. She introduced Mr. Jeff Justus, Project Manager Consultant of Schmidt Design Group, Inc. Mr. Justus provided a PowerPoint site analysis of Angier Elementary School Joint Use Improvements which is adjacent to Cabrillo Heights Community Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cindy Moore requested that Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Improvements be completed before Angier Elementary School Joint Use Improvements.

Park and Recreation Board Members asked questions and provided comments regarding: access to restrooms and basketball court, fire lane, joint use projects and jogging path surface.

Mr. Smith questioned the value of spending over \$2 million dollars on School District property especially during tough economic times.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes/Mr. Brown

Ms. Barnes made a motion to approve the Angier Elementary School Joint Use Park – General Development Plan to include: decomposed granite instead of rubberized track,

unless the school or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) pay for the rubberized tracking, include half court basketball area in the public space, and include Design and Review Committee recommendations. Ayes have it. (Vote was unanimous)

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

Mr. Diehl and Mr. Stepner left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

WORKSHOP

301. Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan

Michelle Abella-Shon, Project Officer I, City Planning and Community Investments introduced Laura Burnett, Principal of Wallace Roberts & Todd, Inc. who distributed a PowerPoint presentation along with five questions for Park and Recreation Board Members to respond to.

Park and Recreation Board Members comments regarding Torrey Pines City Park are as follows: physical beauty, include an educational/historical/archaeology information to the public, include Kumeyaay people as partners in the design of park, ensure adequate parking/shuttle transportation, restrooms, and beach access.

Ms. Barnes announced the Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee meets every third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Building at University Towne Center.

STANDING UPDATES

1. Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) – Ms. LoMedico reported Business Process Re-Engineering is in the Meet and Confer process with the unions.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, November 19, 2009**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director