

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

February 18, 2010

MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
Council Chambers, 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
Norman Greene
Roz King
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

Olivia Puentes-Reynolds

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Cathy Anzuoni
Jo-Ann Novak
Scott Reese
Shannon Thomas

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2010 MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown /Mr. Bussell

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Bussell to approve the January 21, 2010 meeting minutes. (9-0)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – None

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

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

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes to move Item 101 Naming of Softball Field at East Clairemont Athletic Area in Memory of Kyrstin Gemar to the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Mr. Brown. (9-0)

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

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes to move the consent agenda to approval. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. (9-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I

- Ms. Barnes reported staff are working together to make sure communities sports councils had goals and objectives supported by staff for field use share cooperation.
- The Committee discussed fund raising opportunities for recreation councils who would like to establish more fund raising specific opportunities.

Area Committee Community Parks II

- Ms. King reported Ms. Xema Jacobson, Chief of Staff of Council District 7 presented Park and Recreation priorities and updates.
- The Committee is requesting dog parks, park development in Fox Canyon, shared use with schools, and replacing playground equipment.
- The Committee is pursuing the use of synthetic turf to reduce water usage. (It was pointed out that synthetic turf should be mist where it tends to retain heat.)
- Mr. Clark Ritter, Park Designer of Engineering and Capital Projects Department, Architectural Engineering and Parks Division presented the General Development Plan (the design) for the replacement pool facility at Memorial Pool design for the Committee approval. This project design was approved by the Committee.
- Committee members attending the February 10, 2010 meeting reviewed and updated their “Needs Lists” with their Area Managers.
- The Committee discussed fee issues, acquiring and retaining new recreation council members, and tax exempt/non-profit requirements.

Balboa Park Committee

- Ms. Granowitz reported the Committee approved the Rock-N-Roll Marathon change of route and the additional 10K run.
- The Committee approved the recommendations to the Capital Improvement Projects list which Ms. LoMedico discussed at last month Park and Recreation Board meeting. The list includes the Plaza de Panama and two other projects.
- The Balboa Park Task Force has reviewed the first draft of the Balboa Park final report and should have a final recommendation in the near future.

Design Review Committee – No report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No report

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported Police Assistant Chief Boyd Long assured the Committee they will have adequate coverage with the recent loss of the Police Department’s Harbor Unit.
- Lieutenant Jim Filley of the San Diego Police Department presented statistics on Operation Stone Garden (Federal Grant.) Mr. Bussell commented that the San Diego Police Department is doing an excellent job in Mission Bay Park.

- The Committee approved the course reversal for the Rock-N-Roll Marathon.
- Mr. Bussell provided a brief update on the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee regarding City Charter 55.2.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee

- The Committee discussed the on-going topic of the Committee status: when it was formed, disbanded and reformed.

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee

- Ms. Barnes reported on several news articles regarding Torrey Pines City Park.
- The Committee will meet tonight to approve the final draft of the General Development Plan.
- Ms. Barnes thanked staff from the Engineering and Capital Projects Department, Park and Recreation Department and City Attorney's Office for their help on this project.

Ms. Thomas advised Board Members to abstain from participating at the Torrey Pines City Park meeting discussion and attend as observers.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.) – Ms. Laura Emerick spoke on the approval of the Grape Street dog off leash area. Ms. Emerick provided one copy of a handout on this topic to the Board. (Mr. Smith referred this item to staff.)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Mr. Smith has been touring a few parks and noticed with the recent rains all the parks are green, but this coming summer they could be dry due to new water regulations going into effect.
- Mr. Smith is concerned about possible budget cuts this year and the possibility of this continuing for several years which will only be resolved through political reform.
- Mr. Smith stated that California State Assembly Lori Saldaña is introducing an Assembly Bill that promotes the installation of synthetic turf. Mr. Smith voiced his concern where we do not know the long-term environmental effects of this unnatural product.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico reported the San Diego Open now the Farmer's Insurance Open was a huge success at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Ms. LoMedico was particularly proud of the staff where they had to deal with unusual storm activity and damage before the tournament.
- Ms. LoMedico provided the Board Members with three letters complimenting staff and their team work.
- Ms. Barnes and Ms LoMedico attended the opening of the new Naval Training Center (NTC) Park Phase II yesterday. Ms. LoMedico encouraged all to see this beautiful developed 46 acre park.
- Yesterday at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee the Committee unanimously supported changes to the Municipal Codes at it refers to alcohol ban in Balboa Park.

- The Golf Low-Income Fee Waiver Report will be heard at Natural Resources and Culture (NR&C) Committee on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Balboa Park signature projects for the Centennial will be moving forward to the City Council within the next four weeks. The Balboa Park Committee unanimously supported these three projects moving forward in concept. Due to actions pertaining to these significant large three projects Ms. LoMedico will ensure that the Boards Members receive copies of the reports/actions.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed an article from the New York Times titled “When Parks Must Rely on Private Money.”
- Ms. LoMedico reminded the Board Members pursuant the City Charter 55.2 the Park and Recreation Board is the designated Oversight Committee for the Regional Park Improvement Funds. Any time there is an action item separate from the Oversight Committee pursuant the guidance of the City Charter there will be two separate agendas.

ACTION ITEM – Item 101 was moved to Consent Agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

WORKSHOP – Board Subcommittees

Ms. LoMedico stated that a year ago the Park and Recreation Board had a Workshop and several months later a Board Ad-Hoc Committee was formed with Ms. Puentes-Reynolds appointed as Chair to address Board By-Laws, Web Page, Board Policies to discuss adding or deleting committees.

Ms. LoMedico will research the Park and Recreation Board to determine the two polices the Ad-Hoc Committee should work on first. She believes they were Naming of Parks and Facilities and creation of a tree policy. Ms. LoMedico stated it is very important to hear from the Board on how we should move forward.

Ms. Barnes would like to make recommendations regarding adding and deleting Committees at a later date. In her opinion Board Polices is the priority item.

Ms. Granowitz would like a way to remove Board Members who do not attend meetings and a policy on plaques.

Mr. Smith called for volunteers to form a new Board Ad-Hoc Committee.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Granowitz volunteer to Co-Chair the Board Ad-Hoc Committee beginning in April. Mr. Diehl volunteer do be on the Committee, but would be unavailable to attend in June, July and August due to a previous commitment.

Ms. Barnes will ensure the table of contents in the Park and Recreation Board Operations Manual is up to date and bring to the next meeting. She also requested the Board Ad-Hoc Committee be added to the Park and Recreation Board Agenda under Updates.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Mr. Bussell

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Bussell. Vote was unanimously approved (9-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. in order to start the first San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee meeting - time certain at 3:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting: **Thursday, March 18, 2010**

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Submitted by,

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