

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

July 15, 2010

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

Mailing Address is:

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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Ginny Barnes
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
David Kinney
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds (Arrived at 2:09 p.m.)

Members Absent

William Diehl
Roz King
Michael Stepner

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Charlie Daniels
Kathleen Hasenauer
Mike Morrow
Jo-Ann Novak
Shannon Thomas

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2010

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

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Bussell to approve the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimously approved with Ms. Puentes-Reynolds absence for this vote (6-0).

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.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – Ms. Barnes did not attend meeting, but reported the Committee focused on Dog Off Leash Areas (DOLA).

Area Committee Community Parks II – No Report

Balboa Park Committee – No Report

Design Review Committee

- Mr. Smith reported the Committee recommended a few minor items for the Southcrest Trails General Development Plan.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported at the July 6, 2010 meeting the Fire-Rescue Lifeguard Sergeant Rick Strobel reported no major incidents at the Fourth of July celebration at Mission Bay Park. San Diego Police Department Harbor Unit staff also reported no incidents.
- Mr. Bussell reported 1,067,057 attended the three day Fourth of July celebration which was down by approximately 200,000 people from the previous year.
- Shelly Kilborn of Plan Com presented the AT&T Wireless Communication Facility Item. The Committee unanimously approved this item.
- Proposal for a new special event called Leisure Olympics to be held during the Summer Moratorium on July 31, 2010, at Crown Point Shores South, permit was unanimously denied by the Committee.
- Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan was presented by Mike Singleton of KTU&A. Dog owner's representatives of Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) and several paddle organizations had a concern about the roadway and access to the ocean. The item will be docketed as a workshop item at a future Committee date.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Committee – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS – (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

Ms. Ellen Shively – Concerned about the “shared use” of Casa Beach.

Ms. Pattie Buchanan – Would like the City of San Diego to provide staff coverage to monitor Casa Beach between 6-10:00 p.m. seven days a week, and to provide signage to close the beach at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Barnes – Concerned that the Department's On-Line Registration schedule is not being followed. No scheduled meetings are taking place regarding the new on-line registration for Carmel Valley Recreation Center, one of the pilot program sites.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Mr. Smith stated that we are entering a new fiscal year and can expect more challenges for the Park and Recreation Department. Mr. Smith stated that we continue to face a weak economy, and expects the revenues will continue to lag, and we won't see too many new activities.
- The emphases this year will be maintaining existing inventory, planning for future parks, maintaining staffing levels that have been reduced to bare minimums and maintaining our program activity for the public.

- Future topics include: Balboa Park centennial celebration and Fiesta Island will probably be coming back to the Park and Recreation Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico requested that the Board meet on August 19, 2010 regarding the Board recommendations at the May Board meeting for Kate Session Park. (Board Members are to e-mail Ms. Novak as to their availability.)
- Community Parks I Division celebrated Canyonside retrofit on June 30, 2010.
- Upcoming changes in Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park for the parking lot improvements. Staff received notification from Engineering and Capital Improvements Department staff that these improvements will start in September.
- The budget is complete and has been adopted by the City Council. The one outstanding item for Park and Recreation Department is the Proposed Park and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2011 Fee Schedule will be discussed at City Council on Monday, July 19, 2010.
- Department staff did a great job by ensuring the beaches were cleaned by 10:00 a.m. the day after the Fourth of July.
- The Downtown Park Master Plan and the Park and Recreation Department staff recommendations on Kate Session alcohol issue should be on the August Board agenda.
- It can take approximately six months to hire a park ranger. The Department has hired a part time provisional Park Ranger, Mr. Randy Hawley who started July 8th until the hiring of a new ranger is complete.
- Summer events include: La Jolla Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, planning of Clairemont Days, and the showing of movies at four recreation centers.
- A kick-off of the summer lunch/snack program was held in June and was attended by over 2,000 people. There are 22 sites participating out of 54 recreation centers.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed the request from Council President Ben Hueso to appoint Ms. Claudia Dunaway to the Park and Recreation Board who is the chair for the Stockton Recreation Council. As soon as the City Council provides confirmation of her appointment Ms. LoMedico will notify the Board Members.
- Ms. LoMedico thanked Ms. Barnes for all of her years of service on the Board.
- Ms. LoMedico provided an e-mail regarding a group of individuals who meet monthly regarding Kate Session Park. Ms. Barnes asked what obligation was required of a Board Member when asked to reference a particular link. (Ms. Thomas/Ms. LoMedico stated none.)
- Ms. Granowitz did an excellent job of presenting the Balboa Park Governance Report at the Tuesday, July 13th City Council meeting.
- The new alcohol restrictions for Balboa Park will take effect on July 21, 2010.

Mr. Smith asked if employees will be able to attend the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in Minnesota. (Ms. LoMedico will authorize leave time for employees to attend NRPA, but employees must pay for training and expenses.)

Mr. Smith would like to provide proper recognition for Ms. Barnes many years of service at the next Board meeting. (Ms. Barnes stated if she is not here in August she will be back in September for the Torrey Pines Park Gliderport General Development Project.)

ACTION ITEMS

101. Proposed Amendments to San Diego Municipal Code 63.0102 Use of Public Parks and Beaches Regulated

Ms. Hasenauer, Deputy Director of Developed Regional Parks Division presented the following three amendments to the San Diego Municipal Code 63.0102:

1. Change terminology of “designated dog exercise area” to be referenced as “dog off-leash area”.
2. Dog Off-leash Area- Amend Section (2) (C) to provide specific municipal codes to support current rules/regulations within dog off-leash areas.
3. City-owned parks and plazas - Add a Section (3) to establish specific municipal codes for rules/regulations of dogs in City-owned parks and plazas including dog off-leash areas.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Bussell to approve the written report on Item 101 with Ms. Barnes recommendation:

Recommend to remove the following text: (page 4, first bullet under City-owned Parks and Plazas) *It is unlawful for a dog owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog to have a dog over the age of four (4) months within a City-owned park or plaza without a current dog license as required by law. This provision shall not apply to nonresidents visiting for less than thirty (30) days* and reference the San Diego County Code Section 62.601 adopted by San Diego Municipal Code Section 44.0300.

Ms. Barnes requested if there is an outcry from the public regarding improper noticing she would like to include Dog Off Leash Area acronym DOLA in parenthesis in the noticing. (Ms. Granowitz stated the public will have two opportunities to respond to this item at the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and the City Council.)

Vote was unanimously approved (7-0).

Ms. LoMedico will notify the Park and Recreation Board Members when Item 101 moves forward to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee or if it returns to Park and Recreation Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Azalea Neighborhood Park Water Conservation Garden

Charles Daniels, Park Designer, Park and Recreation Department and Vicki Estrada, FASLA, APA President of Estrada Land Planning provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Bussell requested that the electronic version of the PowerPoint presentation be sent to the Board Members and Ms. Estrada to return to the Board once the Azalea project is completed.

Ms. Pamela Thorsch, Executive Director of Rebuilding Together San Diego invited all to attend the October 2, 2010 rebuild together at Azalea Neighborhood Park from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP – Park and Recreation Board Policies

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Granowitz distributed the draft San Diego Park and Recreation Board Bylaws for Board Members to review prior to the August 19, 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Smith requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of two former employees who past on: Mr. Fred Meyer, who was with the Park Development Department as a Project Officer who past on at age 85, and Mr. Doug Henry who worked in the Planning Department for many years and worked with various planning groups also passed away recently.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Barnes /Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Ms. Barnes and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimously approved (7-0).

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico,
Park and Recreation Director