

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

February 16, 2012

Minutes

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

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

Mailing Address is:

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Members Present

Wilbur Smith, Chair
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
William Diehl
Claudia Dunaway
Vicki Granowitz
David Kinney
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Darren Greenhalgh
Christy Haupt
David Monroe
Jo-Ann Novak
Kerry Santoro
Shannon Thomas
Tracey Walker
Chris Zirkle

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2011

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the November 17, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

101. Naming of the Seminar/Classroom Facility at Tecolote Nature Center in Honor of M. Eloise Battle

Tracey Walker, Senior Park Ranger, Park and Recreation Department and co-presenter
Don Steele, Council District 6 Appointee to the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Mr. Brown to move Item 101 to the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

102. Veterans Memorial Monument at Chicano Park

Christy Haupt, District Manager, Park and Recreation Department

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Bussell to move Item 102 to the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

INFORMATION ITEM

201. Update on Balboa Park Community Park 2015 Centennial Committee

Mike McDowell, CEO and Nikki Clay, Co-Chair of Balboa Park Celebration, Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation on Balboa Park 2015 Centennial:

- Established 501(c)(3)
- Office space at the San Diego Hall of Champions
- MOU approved by City Council
- Secured initial funding of \$1 million
- Developing initial organization based on deliverables
- Initial Planning Grant Project for Park Institutions
- Commenced “Big Idea” Community Outreach Sessions

Mr. Bussell recommended the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Committee work with the hotel-resort industry to have the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial event promoted on their website.

Mr. Diehl requested a website so he may keep up to date on all the information as it develops: (<http://www.balboapark.org/2015/centennial-celebration>)

Ms. Clay and Mr. McDowell will be presenting an item at the Council’s Natural Resources & Culture (NR&C) Committee in April and would like to return to the Park and Recreation Board and provide this report to the Board Members in the spring. Mr. Smith thanked them for their excellent presentation and is looking forward to them returning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported there was no January meeting.
- Mr. Johnny Chou is the new Area Manager.
- Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director, presented the permit process via the changes in the San Diego Municipal Code.

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported that Ms. LoMedico educated the Committee on the changes to the San Diego Municipal Code as it pertains to the permitting process.
- The Plaza de Panama Project is moving along and will be presented to the Park and Recreation Board in March.

Design Review Committee – No Report

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Diehl reported the Eagle Scouts installed trail markers with Quick Response Codes (QR Code). Once project is completed Scouts will turn over to the Ranger who will maintain it.
- Reclaimed water at Los Peñasquitos Creek Neighborhood Park should be completed in mid March.
- The Committee is still working on their Bylaws.

Mission Bay Park Committee

- Potential new lessee for the former Mission Bay Visitor Center provided a presentation on their plans for the site.
- The Committee asked for a report on current users of Fiesta Island in order to better plan for events.
- West Mission Bay Bridge will be widened to three lanes on each side. Construction should begin in fall of 2013 with no road closers.
- No meeting in January.
- Action item to support the naming of the Rose Creek Bridge after former Council Member Mike Gotch who was instrumental in getting the last piece completed to circle the bay. The Item was approved by the Committee.
- Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director, presented the changes to the San Diego Municipal Code as it pertains to the permitting process.
- Ecotality Company did a presentation on new electric vehicle charging stations in the park.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported the committee unanimously approved the naming of the Seminar/Classroom Facility at Tecolote Nature Center in honor of M. Eloise Battle.

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).

Mr. Rod Simmons of the San Diego Mountain Bicycling Association is interested in bringing bicycle parks to municipalities.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Mr. Smith recognized the Park and Recreation Department had staff retiring with 20-30 years of service.
- Mr. Smith reported Ms. LoMedico received the Gold Key Award from the Hotel-Motel Association for a job well done to the cultural life of San Diego.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico distributed an update of park facilities using recycled water, as per the Public Utilities Department.
- Reported on the Annual Department meeting to honor the staff leaving and remaining. She would like to show the Annual Department presentation when the three new Board Members come on board in April.
- Acknowledged Ms. Novak's years of service to the City who is retiring March 3rd.
- Announced that the March 15th meeting will be devoted to Workshop Item: Balboa Park's, Plaza de Panama Project.
- April meeting will be devoted to budget and it is anticipated several time sensitive items will be heard at this meeting. The budget is expected to be released on Friday, April 13th.
- Golf Advisory Ad-Hoc members are working on the 5 Year Business Plan which will be presented in April or early May at a special Park and Recreation Board meeting. Department staff would like to have Golf Business Plan recommendation go before the Council before they go to Legislative Recess in August.
- Ms. LoMedico will be working with Mr. Smith to fill the vacancies on the Park and Recreation Board assigned Committees.
- Scott Reese is acting as the Purchasing and Contracting Director Out of Class Assignment (OCA) and will return to the Park and Recreation Department on March 12th.
- December Nights went off without a hitch.
- On February 3rd the Department hosted over 500 students from San Augustine High School who did a volunteer event "Day of Service" in Mission Bay Park in honor of their 100 year anniversary.
- Council Member Todd Gloria in his use of community infrastructure funds provided funds for different park and recreation projects. One of them was significant which was for additional operating hours at the Balboa Park Activity Center that will now be open 7 days a week for the balance of the fiscal year.
- Toys for Tots - 28 centers participated this past winter with the Marine Corps with over 5,000 children participating. Each child received 2-3 items in addition with 15,000 toys collect.
- It is anticipated through a 15 month period to the end of June that nearly 20 % of the Department supervisors will be retiring/leaving. Department staff are proactively working with Personnel Department staff to fill those positions. Many of these individuals have 20-30 years with the City.

ACTION ITEMS

103. Capital Improvement Projects Streamlining

Darren Greenhalgh, Deputy Director, and Kerry Santoro, Project Officer II of Public Works Department provided a comprehensive presentation on Capital Improvement Projects Streamlining.

Mr. Jas "Jazz" Arnold spoke in favor of Item 103

Board Members questions and comments:

Mr. Brown asked what about parks yet to be built. In his community the recognized community Planning Group takes precedent when something isn't built and the Recreation Council serves as

the advisory. Is this address in your policy? (Mr. Greenhalgh stated it depends how close the Recreation Council that incorporates that area and working in that area. This park would go to the Recreation Council. If there is an area that does not have a Recreation Council close by (10 miles) the park would go to the Planning Group. It would go to one or the other. Park and Recreation Board Policy requires the Public Utilities Department staff to invite the Planning Group to the Recreation Council meeting.)

Mr. Diehl asked if the Special Use Permit (SUP) with the map of their jurisdiction is the recreation council's jurisdiction only. (Ms. LoMedico stated yes, and if the project is not within the recreation council's area it will go to the Community Planning Group, Ad-Hoc or sub-committee.)

Ms. Granowitz is in favor of these changes.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve Item 103. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0).

WORKSHOP – None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. in memory of Mike Alexander, Area Manager for over twenty-five years in Park and Recreation Department who passed away on Christmas Day 2011.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, March 15, 2012 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director