

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
March 21, 2013

Minutes

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Location:

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

Mailing Address:

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Members Present

William Diehl, Chair
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
Vicki Granowitz
Bobby Hughes
David Kinney
Michael Stepner
Kathryn Warburton

Members Absent

Robert Chávez
Amy Denhart
Claudia Dunaway

City Staff Present

Patty Jencks
Stacey LoMedico
Caryn McGriff
Bonnie Pearson
Shannon Thomas
Ken Whitfield

CALL TO ORDER – Chair William (Bill) Diehl, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve the February 21, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0-3), with one abstention.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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. Granowitz/Mr. Kinney

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-3)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Meeting

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Meeting

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported the Committee approved the changes to the route of the Rock-n-Roll Marathon as the route affects Balboa Park. The change should have less impact to the park. The committee received an update on the Regional Park Improvement Funds and, also received an extensive update on the planned renovations to the Balboa Golf Course Club House. The Committee appreciated the respect shown to the original historic building and that the additions seem to fit and look like the design serves the needs and will generate revenue.

Design Review Committee – No Meeting

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Ms. Warburton reported the City has acquired 1,000 acres for the Mission Trails Regional Park from the Sycamore Estates developer. The acreage will require additional environmental inspection before the City accepts it.
- The new staging area at the end of Stonebridge Parkway is ready to open.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Mr. Bussell reported that at the Tecolote Canyon Natural Park Committee it was reported that a Bobcat was cited in the canyon. Additionally, the coyote population is doing well.
- Members in attendance at the meeting voiced concerns regarding the large number of dog off-leash in the canyon. Additionally, Mr. Bussell commented dog owners can be confrontational and threatening.
- Chair Diehl had his first sighting of a rattle snake at Black Mountain Ranch Community Park
- Ms. Granowitz asked about a deviation process from her Recreation Council's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Ms. LoMedico added there are SOP's for the Bylaws. A few items in the SOP state that recreation councils can go to the Director. The Director has granted 1-2 exemptions but in terms of the deviation that should be asked formally via Mr. David Monroe, Deputy Director and Ms. LoMedico.
- Ms. Granowitz additionally inquired about joint use and features on developing a general development plan. Ms. LoMedico will follow-up with the Public Works Department and the Department's Assets Section and will report back.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - No Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. LoMedico updated members on the English/Spanish flyer regarding the Spring Intercession Lunch Program that is a joint partnership with the Park and Recreation Department, San Diego Unified School District and the Southbay Unified School District.

- The Balboa Park Lily Pond Re-Grand Opening was celebrated. Board Chair Bill Diehl Board and Board member David Kinney were in attendance. The event was hosted by the Friends of Balboa Park.
- Park and Recreation staff are gearing up and preparing for the busy spring/summer months. This also includes hiring staff and Ms. LoMedico noted that many of our vacancies are filled.
- April 15th is the deadline for Mayor Filner to release the budget. Thus, the Board meeting in April is tentatively scheduled for the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update and Budget discussions.
- Mayor Filner declared a state of emergency at Children's Pool and the site will be closed from sunset to sunrise through pupping season, which ends May 15th.

ACTION ITEMS - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Park and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2013 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

Presenter: Patty Jencks, Supervising Management Analyst, Park and Recreation Department

Ms. Jencks provided an overview PowerPoint presentation which outlined the Customer Satisfaction Survey Results for the year. The survey is conducted each year in August and September. It is done annually as part of Park and Recreation's Performance Measures. Ms. Jencks added this is the eleventh survey and as in past years, the results are very good.

The report can be found on the Park and Recreation website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/pdf/prbr130301a201departmentfy2013customer%20satisfactionsurveyresults.pdf>

Board Members comments/questions

- Mr. Bussell inquired as to the survey process and who does the surveys? Ms. Jencks advised that surveys are conducted at recreation centers and on the beaches. Several staff conduct the surveys such as, recreation center staff or park rangers. They do approach citizens and ask them to take the time to complete the survey. Surveys are also available on the counters at the recreation centers and at the administrative office. Additionally, Mr. Bussell inquired if the survey could be extended to a wider variety of citizens in a effort to attract a larger sampling of prospective park users.
- Ms. LoMedico stated it was anticipated that our online registration process would have been completed by now, which would have increased user participation and agrees a different method is needed.
- Mr. Brown inquired about safety hazards and if people feel safe. He added that this is an important factor and asked if there is a way to break that down in future surveys? Ms. Jencks responded that staff will look into that for next year's survey.

- Mrs. Warburton inquired as to what some of the written comments were. Ms. Jencks replied there were approximately 500 written responses. Some respondents gave good suggestions. Overall, positive comments.

202. 2012 Annual Department Meeting Video/Overview

Presenter: Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director

Ms. LoMedico thought it a good opportunity to show the video from last year's Annual Department Meeting. She wanted the members (those who have been on the Board for sometime as well as new) to see how the Park and Recreation Department staff performs year-round. Ms. LoMedico shared that the idea of the Annual Meeting is for the 1,000+ Park and Recreation Department employees to come together every year, over a 2-day period for two hours. The two-day meeting consists of updates, video and/or guest speaker and lunch. The Training Department and staff volunteers put on the event.

Chair Diehl asked Ms. LoMedico if the video could be placed on the Park and Recreation website? Ms. LoMedico advised she would look into it.

The members expressed their thanks for sharing the video.

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director