

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
July 18, 2013

**Minutes**

***“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”***

**Meeting Location:**

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

**Mailing Address:**

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**Members Present**

Rick Bussell  
Bruce Brown  
Robert Chávez  
Claudia Dunaway  
Vicki Granowitz (Acting  
Chair)  
David Kinney  
Kathryn Warburton

**Members Absent**

William Diehl, Chair  
Amy Denhart  
Bobby Hughes  
Michael Stepner

**City Staff Present**

Portia Gregory-Burnett  
Stacey LoMedico  
Clark Ritter  
Shannon Thomas  
Jim Winter

**CALL TO ORDER** – At 2:03 p.m. in the absence of Chair Diehl and Vice-Chair Stepner, Deputy City Attorney Shannon Thomas provided background on Robert’s Rules of Order #47 which states, *“either the secretary or another member shall call the meeting to order and then the assembly or the board shall vote for a temporary chair for that meeting”*. Ms. Granowitz has offered to fill the temporary role of calling the meeting to order. The Board then proceeded to vote for a chair for “this meeting” only.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Kinney/Ms. Warburton**

A motion was made by Mr. Kinney for Ms. Vicki Granowitz to serve as Acting Chair for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Warburton. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0-4).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 20, 2013**

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Bussell /Ms. Warburton**

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Warburton to approve the amended June 20, 2013 meeting minutes as referenced below. The motion was unanimously approved (5-2-4) with two abstentions.

Ms. Granowitz requested a correction to the minutes, page 6 of the comments/questions from members: *“Ms. LoMedico commented that if the mold attached to the roof”*.

Ms. LoMedico clarified the comment was referencing moving forward with the Municipal Gym construction. Her recommended change was: *“Ms. LoMedico gave an update to the Municipal Gym roof project and Board member Granowitz inquired if the mold damage will be addressed”*.

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. Dunaway/Mr. Brown**

A motion was made by Ms. Dunaway to move Action Item 101 Phyllis Place Park General Development Plan and Action Item 102 Quarry Falls/Civita Neighborhood Parks General Development Plans to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Ms. Dunaway. The motion was unanimously approved. (7-0-4).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported the Community Parks I Area Committee heard the presentation of the two items moved to the Consent Agenda today. Both items were approved by Community Parks I.

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Meeting

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported the latest recognition being given to Balboa Park can be found on a website called “Virtual Tourist”. The site has a competition to name the eighth wonder of the world. Mr. Kinney encouraged members to vote at: [www.virtualtourist.com](http://www.virtualtourist.com). Additionally Mr. Kinney provided an update on the Plaza de Panama Project stating it is working well and is still not quite complete. Tables, chairs, umbrellas and trees have been ordered and are not in place as yet. The new Tram is not in place. The valet is in a temporary location which seems to be working well. Mr. Kinney again complimented Mr. Bruce Martinez and staff of Developed Regional Parks on the smooth transition and in accommodating all stakeholders on this project in such a short time. Kudos to Park and Recreation Staff for the great job.

Design Review Committee – No Report

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens’ Advisory Committee - July Meeting Cancelled

COMMUNICATIONS

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

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT - Acting Chair Granowitz - No Report

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico reported that tables, chairs and umbrellas will be placed in the Plaza on July 29, 2013. The trees and tree planters will take more time. All pieces are temporary and can be moved at any time.
- Ms. LoMedico commented on the Citizen's Guide to CIP she provided to members. She added the document is extremely helpful. She commended the Public Works Department for working with the Independent Budget Analyst to prepare the document.
- On July 17, 2013 the Park and Recreation Department released a memorandum of the final budget adopted by City Council. Ms. LoMedico highlighted page two of the memorandum; the restoration of overnight camping at Mission Trails Campground and funding the Visitor's Center were considered by City Council, but were adopted as pending the vote of SDCERS Board; which failed.
- Ms. Granowitz added regarding CIP, that Community Planning Groups (CPG) are taking the lead to prepare CIP lists and recommendations. She suggested if any board member is involved with recreation councils or other groups, connect with their respective CPG.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **101. Phyllis Place Park General Development Plan**

Presenters: Clark Ritter, Park Designer, Public Works Department; co-presenter Glen Schmidt, Schmidt Design Group

### **102. Quarry Falls/Civita Neighborhood Parks General Development Plans**

Presenters: Clark Ritter, Park Designer, Public Works Department; co-presenter Glen Schmidt, Schmidt Design Group

*Action Items 101 and 102 were moved to the consent agenda and approved unanimously.*

### **103. Dana Middle School Joint Use Agreement Amendment**

Presenters: Jim Winter, Project Officer, Asset Management Division, Park and Recreation Department; co-presenter, Randy White, Interim Director of Real Estate and Debra Beaver, Real Estate Specialist, San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD).

Mr. Winter, Ms. White, and Ms. Beaver presented for the Board's consideration, a request by SDUSD to amend the joint use agreement to remove the baseball field from the joint use area at Dana Middle School. This proposal was presented to the Board at the May 16, 2013 meeting. At that time, the Board moved to table the item until additional information could be provided by SDUSD. Mr. Winter re-explained in his report and also provided a PowerPoint presentation on the details of the joint use area at Dana Middle School.

The background and discussion portion of today's report provides details which led to bringing the amendment back for consideration by the Board. Ms. White and Ms. Beaver's comments/responses to the five tabled items were:

Ms. Beaver stated that SDUSD found five potential joint use sites in Pt. Loma that could be considered: Correia Middle School (not irrigated and not a turf field), Dewey Elementary, Loma Portal, Silvergate Elementary and Sunset View Elementary

Regarding an Ad Hoc Committee: the purpose will be to review the State Education Code and the District's current policies and procedures for opening the fields to the public.

Fee Schedule: Approved by SDUSD's Board annually.

Written Proposal from David Wells: SDUSD will work with Mr. Wells to receive a formal proposal. Copies of letters were received from the President of the San Diego Adult Baseball League to Ocean Beach Recreation Council, SDUSD Board member letter to Councilmember Faulconer and from Point Loma High School Boosters.

Public Comment: Opposition (2) – Three Speakers: former Councilmember Byron Wear, Mr. Van Arsdale and Mr. Radovich

- Mr. Wear stated there is unanimous support from the community and the OB Recreation Council of conditions to allow the transfer of the facility. The community and Recreation Council want to continue to work on additional joint use facilities for Point Loma Peninsula area. Mr. Radovich commented about concerns of vandalism because the field is wide open. Mr. Wear requested Board members take action to move this forward to City Council. The community would like Council to make a decision in Sept. 2013 so there is time to renovate the field in preparation for baseball season through Spring, 2014.

Comments/questions from members:

- Mr. Bussell stated he wanted to ensure the community was agreeing to the conditions in the letter of support. Community members stated yes.
- Ms. Dunaway inquired about the letter of support from SDUSD Trustee Barnett. Did his letter go to the Board, did the Board approve his letter and was the letter from him and not the from the Board. Ms. White stated Mr. Barnett was speaking on his own behalf. Also, should the school principal change, could the new principal change the policy? Ms. White added staff will be working with the new principal to obtain the same opening of the field. The Ad Hoc Committee will be looking at these processes.
- Ms. Dunaway inquired if the potential sites are "possible" sites, not intended to for swapping on any of these potential sites. Ms. White added that these are simply other schools in the area that SDUSD would work with Park and Recreation Asset Management to ensure they meet criteria for both sides.
- Ms. Dunaway inquired if we have an actual commitment letter from Mr. David Wells? Ms. White stated that at this time, there is nothing in writing from Mr. Wells.
- Mr. Kinney restated that he supports the project in concept only. He was disappointed that it's only a progress report, as the Board had assigned tasks to be done.
- Ms. LoMedico asked Board members to direct their attention to Page 2 of the report. Having this item move forward for next year's baseball season is not viable because of other priorities of SDUSD and Park and Recreation Department. Staff has begun discussing the possible viable opportunities to explore. Ms. LoMedico stated she felt the SDUSD staff did provide the information regarding the tabled items.
- Mr. Chávez asked for clarification as to what the difference would be for an organization requesting to lease for a picnic and/or tournament for baseball. What would the SDUSD fees be versus City of San Diego fees. Ms. White stated it would be different if it was an organized event. Ms. Beaver stated SDUSD fees for non-profit not charging is \$34/hr. If

additional staff is needed, it would be \$35/hr. Unusual use of facilities i.e., San Diego Adult Baseball League has a yearlong rental. They pay whether using or not, which is \$60/day. There is no charge to use District facilities for families to picnic, walk around the park. Mr. Chávez asked Mr. Winter what was the sunset of the joint use agreement? Mr. Winter responded it is 2019.

- Mr. Bussell's concern is loss of accessible areas. He asked if Mr. Wells does not come through, would we then still have a joint use agreement? Ms. White stated Mr. Wells attorney has not been available for several weeks. Now that the attorney has returned, SDUSD will pursue getting something in writing. Additionally, there is a high school that needs this field.
- Mr. Bussell asked to briefly explain what the impact will be to the community. Mr. Winter stated the joint use area will not be totally eliminated under the City's agreement. There will still be approximately 2 acres of joint use at Dana Middle School. The public has access to the field 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school. It can be rented out by leagues, who would have exclusive use during the rental period. Once it is turned over to the District, it will then be in the District's control on access.
- Ms. Dunaway stated the objection is that we are losing park land. Yet we would get reasonable use with other schools that would replace that park land. Additionally, Ms. Dunaway asked if there could be a timeline on the donation?
- Ms. LoMedico provided what would be next steps – Go to Council Committee (Committee) or receive approval to go straight to Council. We are targeting to go to Council in September. Because this is an agreement with SDUSD, it requires an Ordinance change. Ms. LoMedico added she hopes the report presented will guide members to the additional questions they may have.
- Ms. LoMedico and Ms. White stated the City and SDUSD is committed to evaluating each joint use separately and independently and bring them forward.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Kinney/Ms. Dunaway**

A motion was made by Mr. Kinney to approve the amendment to remove the field from the Joint Use Agreement and include the Park and Recreation Board's concerns regarding the importance of replacing the loss of park lands. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0-4).

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: **September 19, 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico  
Park and Recreation Director