

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
September 19, 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

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Members Present

William Diehl, Chair
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
Robert Chávez
Claudia Dunaway
Vicki Granowitz
David Kinney
Michael Stepner
Kathryn Warburton

Members Absent

Amy Denhart
Bobby Hughes

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Bonnie Pearson
Shannon Thomas
Bob Vacchi

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2013

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Warburton to approve the July 18, 2013 meeting minutes with any necessary spelling and/or punctuation corrections. The motion was unanimously approved (9-0-0) with two abstentions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Mr. Bussell reported that the new Community Parks I Deputy Director, Kathy Ruiz attended the meeting to introduce herself. The majority of the discussion was related to what was happening at the individual centers.

Community Parks II Area Committee

- Chair Diehl received a status report via email from member Amy Denhart. Ms. Denhart stated the agenda was regarding Tubman Charter School Joint Use project. The committee heard from three members of the community. There were no objections to the project and all were in favor of using natural turf not synthetic.

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported that the committee heard a presentation/progress report update on the Centennial Celebration. The Committee looked at the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse Master Plan favorably. However, they were somewhat unclear as to how much detail they could delve into at this stage of planning. So, the members tabled their decision until more information was available.

Design Review Committee

Chair Diehl reported on two items that were presented to the Committee; Balboa Park Golf Course, which was pulled and Union Tribune Pocket Park General Development Plan (GDP) in Mission Valley. The area is being redeveloped and .25 acres is planned for a park adjacent to the San Diego River. The Committee was in favor with a few minor changes.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Ms. Warburton reported that the Committee approved staff's recommendation to request a CIP for the construction of a shade structure and administrative building for the park's Equestrian Staging area.
- There are funds available in the MTRP Antenna fund to be used for some preliminary project costs. This is most likely the last building project in the park.
- The CAC also requested staff to hold a public workshop to get input on what the CIP should include. The CAC is particularly interested in what the park and trail user groups think they need in the buildings.
- The Master Plan and Resource Management Plan's documents are being updated after the review by state and federal agencies. Their input included restore areas in MTRP before new development, concern about unauthorized trails in the park and enforcement issues.
- MTRP is having the Art in the Park benefit on October 5-9, 2013 at the Visitors Center. Fine wines, cheese and chocolate are available – Tickets are \$25

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Mr. Bussell stated although Tecolote Canyon Natural Park Citizens Advisory Committee no longer provides reports, he would like to share updates from time-to-time with the Board. There have been a couple of full grown mountain lions with kittens spotted again near I-805 and SR 52, just west of I-805.
- Ms. Granowitz stated that there are two neighborhood parks where people who use them, but don't live close by to the parks have requested comfort stations be built at parks that are not staffed. There is mixed opinions from the citizens. Ms. Granowitz stated she understood the Design Review Committee was looking at updating the guidelines for design.
- Mr. Stepner provided a schedule and invited members to attend the Friends of San Diego Architecture lectures on Balboa Park. The lectures will be held at the New School of Architecture. A corrected schedule will be provided.

- Ms. Monica Montgomery from Interim Mayor Gloria's office introduced herself. She will be the Mayor's Office liaison to the Board.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Diehl reported that Black Mountain Open Space Trail for All People, which is a designed for persons with disabilities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico reported in October the Board will receive the first update to the adopted City Council Golf Business Plan.
- Ms. Warburton inquired if there are dates for the Laurel Street Bridge closure. The Caltrans project is in construction and the dates for bridge closure (to cars only) will begin January 2, 2014 through the month of April 2014. For the record, the previous Mayor's plan for various improvements in Balboa Park such as the study of closing the bridge for the future, is no longer being pursued. Mr. Bussell inquired if the bridge will be closed during Earth Day and Ms. LoMedico confirmed it will be.
- Chair Diehl inquired if the new Golf Committee has been formed. Ms. LoMedico stated the previous Mayor did make some appointments and those were approved by City Council. However, we do not have enough members for a quorum.

ACTION ITEMS - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Balboa Park 2015 (EDGE) Celebration Update (PowerPoint Presentation (*Name Changed to 2015 Centennial Celebration*)

Presenters: Julie Dubick, CEO; Gerry Braun, Director of Communications and Ben and Nikki Clay, Co-Chair Board Members

Mr. Braun reminded members that the Balboa Park Celebration, Inc. organization was created to help the City of San Diego put on the 2015 Centennial Celebration. They are a non-profit organization, who has an MOU with City which makes them the exclusive organizer of the event. The 2015 Centennial Celebration was charged to take the public spaces within Balboa Park and activate them with events, celebrations and festivals during 2015. Mr. Braun presented a PowerPoint presentation which outlined some of the content in the development process, activating the park and bringing San Diegans and out of town visitors:

- Concept
- Themes and formats
- Workshops
- Topics
 - o Shelter (Winter Forum)
 - o Health (Spring Forum)
 - o Movement (Summer Forum)
 - o Communication (Fall Forum)
- Partners

- Summit development
- Bookings
- Pilot program
- Selection criteria
- Choose festivals/calendar
 - o International Celebrations
 - o Park-wide play
 - o Park-wide entertainment (arts & culture)
 - o Lighting and project mapping
 - o Outdoor cinema (pop-up entertainment, theatre)
- Review
- Update Festivals/Calendar

Details of the presentation is available on the Park and Recreation Department's website:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/pdf/prbr1309192012015centennialcelebration.pdf>

Public Comment: 1- In favor; 1- Opposed

La Jolla Horseless Carriage Club offered its services for the 2015 Celebration

Comments/questions from members:

- Mr. Bussell inquired if the projection mapping technology is similar to what is being used in Korea? Mr. Braun responded that it is not the same technology.
- Mr. Stepner commented that the Celebration is also a way to leave a legacy, but what happens on January 1, 2016 to improve the park, extend it to the community? Mr. Stepner suggested there should be a list of things that occurs in 2016 and beyond. Mr. Braun reminder members that the 2015 Centennial Celebration MOU with the City has a very specific charge, which is to put on a Celebration.
- Mr. Clay added if the Celebration demonstrates the need to extend these types of events, it will be a good "leave-behind". However, that is not the mission of the 2015 Centennial Celebration committee.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there is a financial benefit to the City. Does the City receive fees for the events that will take place or, is it a part of the MOU? CEO Julie Dubick responded the City will receive its permitting fees. In the MOU, there is a section which outlines how the Committee may be able to waive some of its fees with the City. However that is still to be determined. The concept is to spark a growth in economy and a significant amount of jobs for the City of San Diego. Mr. Braun added that any monies left over at the end of the Celebration will go to the City with specific earmarks for Capital Projects in Balboa Park.
- Chair Diehl inquired as to which department of the City is the MOU with? Mr. Braun responded it is between the City of San Diego as a whole and approved by the City Council in October 2012. The MOU can be viewed on the 2015 Centennial Celebration website at: www.balboapark2015.org. Ms. Clay added that CEO Dubick and Park and Recreation Director LoMedico are working closely together on regular basis. Ms. LoMedico added there are two major departments who are intricately involved which is, the Office of Special Events, Director Carolyn Wormser and the Park and Recreation Department Director and staff of the Developed Regional Parks. Ms. LoMedico added that as with previous large events, the Office of Special Events or City Attorney's Office

handles direct questions regarding MOU and the “on the ground”, coordination in the park comes through the Park and Recreation Department. Additional staff was requested last year in the Park and Recreation Department budget to assist with this event.

- Mr. Bussell inquired if the Board could receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. LoMedico acknowledge it would be sent to them.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: **October 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

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