

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
March 20, 2014

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
Virginia Angeles
Bruce Brown
Robert Chávez
Vicki Granowitz
Bobby Hughes (Arrived at
2:10)
David Kinney (Arrived at
2:05)
Hazel Ocampo
Dennis Otsuji
Michael Stepner

Members Absent

Rick Bussell

City Staff Present

Charles Daniels
Andy Field
Heather Ferbert
Shannon Thomas
Jane Witzke

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 20, 2014

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the February 20, 2014 meeting minutes with any necessary spelling and/or punctuation corrections as noted. The motion was unanimously approved (6-0) with one abstentions (Virginia Angeles)

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

- Mr. Ron Buckley asked for a continuance on Item 101. On January 21, 2014, he submitted a five page letter that he asked to be forward to the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Daniels informed Mr. Buckley on Tuesday, March 18th, that the Board had not received the letter. It was explained that staff does not sent out any correspondence, pro or con, on items on the agenda. Mr. Buckley stated that if the Board had received the letter, and the item went forward, he could have understood the issues raised. There was no motion to continue this item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee

None

Community Parks II Area Committee

None

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported that the International Cottages came back to the Committee for an expansion that would require an amendment to the precise plan. There was not sufficient information on the longer term plans, so the Committee tabled taking any action on the item. Cabrillo Bridge has been closed for almost two months during the retrofit and they have run across a lot more problems than anticipated. The original plan was to open the bridge at the end of April, now they are estimating the middle of July.

Design Review Committee

No meeting

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Robb Field Recreation Council was concerned about their Special Use Permit due to it expiring in 2010 and there is concern if the Recreation Council is still indemnified. Rancho Peñasquitos Special Use Permit is also expired. Mr. Field is working on this issue as it relates to all recreation councils.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Field stated that the recruitment process for the Director and Developed Regional Park Deputy Director are still underway.
- The U.S. Open is returning to Torrey Pine Golf Course for 2021
- The Municipal Golf Committee is meeting tonight; the agenda is posted on the City's webpage.
- The recent storm caused some damage in the parks, including some trees falling, a few roofs leaking, and other similar damage.
- Succulent bed was planted here at City Hall. The Park and Recreation Department is responsible for the green and growing area of the plaza area outside City Hall.

- A few pools are undergoing renovation work including Bud Kearns, Allied Gardens, and Memorial.
- Special Use Permits are being updated for quite a few Recreation Councils. Momentum should be happening within the next month. Staff is working with the City Attorney to get the Standing Operation Procedures updated and will work with Recreation Councils after a template is created.
- Cost of Service Study is underway; this will move forward to go with other fee updates in next year's budgetary updates.
- On-line registration begins on Saturday for the first wave of Recreation Centers. The process will take through April 2015, with various Recreation Centers added to on-line registration in waves. Staff hopes to have a presentation next month.
- In terms of Synthetic Turf issue that come up last month, the Director in May 2011 presented a report on synthetic turf. Synthetic turf remains the department's preferred choice for smaller parks and joint use areas, but the public process may result in changes.
- The grand opening for Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use Area is scheduled April 28th
- Maintenance Assessment Districts tree contract was approved in December, but the Street Division's tree contract was delayed. This delay may affect the other tree contracts for parks and golf courses.

Comments from Board

- Ms. Granowitz wanted to know if the Recreation Councils were still indemnified even if the Special Use Permits were expired.
- City Attorney Shannon Thomas stated that Council Policy 700-42 provides for the City to indemnify the Recreation Councils.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Old Globe Way Improvements and San Diego Zoo Employee Parking Structure

Presenter: Charles Daniels, Park Designer, Park and Recreation Department; co-presenter Vicki Estrada, Principal, Estrada Land Planning

Mr. Daniels clarified for the Board that the zoo parking structure is on the zoo's leasehold. It is outside of the City's Park and Recreation Department purview. The review today is for the Old Globe Way Improvements. The parking structure will be visible from the park, and zoo representatives have been entertaining input from the various advisory bodies, mainly the Balboa Park Committee and the Design Review Committee, in determining the appearance of the parking structure.

Mr. Daniels gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Old Globe Way Improvements and Ms. Estrada gave a PowerPoint on the San Diego Zoo Employee Parking Structure.

Public Commit: 2 - In Favor
 1 - In Opposition

Comments/questions from members:

- Mr. Stepner commented that Balboa Park is a pedestrian precinct where people go to enjoy nature and to enjoy the museums. On figure 2a of the traffic study, it shows Village Place restriping. The line widths exceed freeway standards. Those lane widths should be no more than 10 or 11 feet. Also, the turning radius both at Park Blvd and at the driving

ways to the parking lots, those are designed for freeway turns on a freeway, not for pedestrian crossings. It requires the pedestrian to walk half again the length or width of the street to get from one side or the other and limits them to one place to cross. This doesn't belong in a park or urban neighborhood. This needs to be designed as park standards and not freeway standards.

- Mr. Kinney noted that the zoo plan had been brought to the Balboa Park Committee three (3) times and team incorporated a number of recommendation that were made to them, it was nice to be listened too. Mr. Kinney thanks the zoo for make the improvements to Old Globe Way and being a good neighborhood and enhancing park land.
- Mr. Otsuji stated that the zoo also reported before the Design Review Committee at least twice and they were very open to working with the Committee. Mr. Otsuji agrees with Mr. Stepner on his comments.
- Ms. Granowitz wanted clarification if the 450 parking space in the park promenade plan was still on the table. Mr. Rice stated that the 450 parking spaces are being replaced with this plan. Ms. Granowitz pointed out that the lack of parking is a problem and that this plan frees up 650 spaces. Ms. Granowitz suggested 2 motions, one to approve the General Development Plan for the Old Globe Way Improvements and a second one to address Mr. Stepner's issues.
- Mr. Diehl wanted to know if this was a Capital Improvement Project since it is privately funded. Mr. Daniels stated that this will not CIP under the City's supervision. The zoo will be hiring the contractor and paying the contractor. They will do improvements on park land most likely through a Right of Entry Permit. Mr. Diehl wanted to know if this was the final authorization for this project or does it have to go to City Council? Mr. Field stated that this project is permitted through the Development Services Department and that it is not likely City Council approval is required. This meeting instead is to address the General Development Plan, which is the final authority on this plan. Mr. Diehl understood that there was a construction moratorium in Balboa Park for 2015, is this exempt from the moratorium? Mr. Field stated the construction moratorium for the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration is still in effect per the city engineer, although it may change in the future.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve the General Development Plan for Old Globe Way Improvements. The motion was unanimously approved (9-0-1) Mr. Rick Bussell was absent.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Stepner and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to request the Park Department working with other City Departments to look at the current intersection of Park Boulevard and Village Place and address the design issues related to street that are too large, too wide and pedestrian crossings that are too lone. The motion was approved (9-0-1) Mr. Rick Bussell was absent.

- Mr. Kinney had a clarification question, since this is not on the agenda, can this motion be made? City Attorney Shannon Thomas stated that the agenda listed Old Globe Way and Zoo Parking Lot, so the traffic study is part of the parking garage that the board has in front of them, both projects were noticed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: **April 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Field". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Andrew Field
Interim Park and Recreation Director

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