

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
January 15, 2015

**Minutes**

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

**Meeting Location: (Note Location Change)**

Balboa Park Club Ballroom  
2144 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, California 92101

**Mailing Address:**

City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS 37C  
San Diego, California 92101

**Members Present**

William Diehl, Chair  
Virginia Angeles  
Rick Bussell  
Bruce Brown  
Robert Chávez  
Vicki Granowitz  
Bobby Hughes  
David Kinney  
Hazel Ocampo  
Dennis Otsuji  
Michael Stepner

**Members Absent**

**City Staff Present**

Herman Parker, Director  
Andrew Field  
Albert Cevas  
Meredith Dawson  
Megan Drummy  
Manuel Gonzales  
Monica Honroe  
Jesse Luke  
David Monore  
Mike Rodrigues  
Jane Witkze

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

AGENDA CHANGE: Chair Diehl requested that Information Items 203 and 204 be placed ahead of Information Items 201 and 202, due to Mr. Field’s conflicting schedule.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2014

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve the November 20, 2014 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (6-0-2) with two abstentions (Dennis Otsuji and Rick Bussell) .

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – None

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bussell and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to move Item 101 and Item 102 to the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (10-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Committee met on January 7 and unanimously approved the renaming of Robb Field Skate Park and the 14<sup>th</sup> and Island Park renaming passed 16-6-1. The committee was a little confused as to why the downtown park came before the committee.

Community Parks II Area Committee - No Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Did not meet in January. Mr. Kinney covered some of the 2015 celebration activities that have taken place: December Nights, New Years Speckles Organ Pavilion concert. Enhanced lighting has been added to the park to make the park brighter at night and new lights have been added to the Cabrillo Bridge. There will be other events taking place and more enhancements to come.

Design Review Committee - No Meeting

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' 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. Bussell wanted to thank the Board for the pleasure of serving and what he has learned from all on the board. During his time on the board they have done great things and know that there is more to be done.
- Mr. Stepner stated that it has been a honor and a pleasure to serve. The board is a critical part of the system of the City and there is a lot ahead for the Board as the City continues to grow.
- Mr. Diehl present a certificate of Appreciation to both Mr. Bussell and Mr. Stepner
- Mr. Parker thank both for the year of service and devotion to Park and Recreation and has enjoyed working with both of them.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mission Trails Regional Park opened the West Sycamore Trail Head on December 17.
- Holiday events were full scale throughout the Recreation Centers and a special thanks to recreation staff and maintenance staff for making that happen.

- January 6, Larsen Field Lighting Project had a ribbon cutting. The addition of the lights will provide extended hours of field use.
- 2015 Celebration-Bruce Martinez, District Manager will come to the Board and provide a full report on the improvements going on in the park along with upcoming events and programs.
- Youth Golf Tournament on January 24 is a beginning program to get intercity areas kids exposed to the sport of golf and to generate interest in a game they can play in the future.

### ACTION ITEMS

Items 101 and 102 were moved to Consent agenda and approved unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### **203 Adjustments to the FY 2015 Park and Recreation Capital Improvements Program Budget**

Mr. Andrew Field, Assistant Park and Recreation Director presented a Report and PowerPoint presentation to update the board on the project that will be going before City Council for additional funding:

- Balboa Park California Tower Seismic Retrofit
- Balboa Park Hall of Nations Foundation Reconstruction
- Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station Replacement
- Children's Park Upgrades
- Coast Boulevard Walkway Improvements
- Crest Canyon Neighborhood Park
- Doyle Community Park ADA Improvements
- East Village Green Neighborhood Park Development
- Ellen Browning Scripps Park Comfort station Replacements
- Gamma Street Mini-Park
- Golf Course Drive Multi-Purpose Pathway
- Hickman Field Athletic Area Improvements
- Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements
- Keiller Neighborhood Park ADA Improvements
- La Jolla Parkway Erosion
- Montclair Neighborhood Park Comfort Station
- Morley Green Mini-Park ADA Improvements
- Olive Grove Community Park ADA Improvements
- Palisades Park Comfort Station Replacements
- Paradise Senior Center Improvements
- Piazza Famiglia Development
- Robert Egger Sr/South Bay Community Park ADA Improvements
- Rolando Park Elementary School Joint Use Improvements
- San Ysidro Community Park ADA Improvements
- Skyline Hills Community Park ADA Improvements
- Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Hillside Improvements

- Taft Middle School Joint Use Improvements
- Torrey Hills Neighborhood Park Expansion and Improvement
- University Village Neighborhood Park Tot Lot
- Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use Improvements

Questions and Comments from the Board:

Mr. Bussell asked if the Morley Field land was now considered dedicated park land and had been transfer in title to park land or are we allocating funds to undedicated park land .

Mr. Field stated they are looking at the time table in which the Civic San Diego will be transferring the property ownership from the successor agency over to the City of San Diego. This process was to be completed in 2014. If the ownership is not settled by the time this goes before City Council, this allocation will fall out.

Mr. Brown wanted to know why the FBA funding is referenced, but there are no FBA projected listed. Is there a reason for this?

Mr. Field stated that the FBA funding should have been taken out of the report entirely. There was a project in an early version of the report that did have FBA funding but that project was pulled and Mr. Field failed to remove that source of funding from the report.

Ms. Granowitz complimented Mr. Field on the well written report. She would like to talk about Montclair and the comfort station, since it is a very controversial project in North Park and she is not sure about being able to get through the project in two months.

Mr. Field suggested he and Ms. Granowitz schedule a time to discuss.

Chair Diehl wanted to know if the Hickman Field GPD ever got approved.

Mr. Field stated it did not and it will be coming back to the Board next month.

Chair Diehl asked if ADA was one of the priorities to upgrade all the parks.

Mr. Field stated that it is and the only way improvements can be made to the parks such as replacing a play structure, the parks have to be ADA compliant.

**204 Future Use of the Former Copley YMCA Building**

Andrew Field, Assistant Park and Recreation Director provided a report on the status of the Copley YMCA Building. It is proposed to be the new home of the Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) and Senior Services Division of the Park and Recreation Department and be known as the Park de la Cruz Community Center. This building is located in the City Heights Neighborhood and should be vacant by the end of January. At that time, Facilities Maintenance will come in to bring the building up to code and ADA compliance.

Questions and Comments from the Board:

None

**201. Big Belly Recycling Program**

David Monroe, Deputy Director and Manual Gonzales, District Manager provided a brief overview of the Big Belly program. The program has been in place since 2011 and has been a success. Phase 2 of this program is the Big Belly Recycling units, which will be placed in the same three parks (Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park, Kellogg (La Jolla Shores) Park and Montgomery Waller Community Park) as the Big Belly trash units.

Questions and Comments from the Board:

Chair Diehl wanted to know what the next step is?

Mr. Monroe stated that the next step depends on the funding source. It is all funded through the Environmental Services Department's recycling funds.

Mr. Parker thank staff for the excellent report and reminded the Board that recycling was very important to our parks and want to continue to embrace that as we move forward. When funding becomes available or grants become available we can look for additional locations to place the Big Belly trash units. We definitely want to pursue that.

Mr. Diehl wanted to know if there were opportunities for Recreation Council to fund their own parks, if possible.

Mr. Monroe stated that was possible and staff has all the information, if needed.

**202. Pure Water Presentation**

Meagan Drummy, Community Outreach Specialist with Public Utilities Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on Pure Water San Diego which is a 20-year program to provide a safe, reliable and cost-effective drinking water supply for San Diego.

Questions and Comments from the Board:

Mr. Bussell wanted to know if this would eliminate the need to upgrade Point Loma facility and is the leveling of pollution changing or the volume that is sent to Point Loma.

Ms. Drummy stated that yes, this does eliminate the need for the upgrades to the Point Loma facility and that the volume of water is changing that is going through the Point Lomas facility, as some will be sent to the reclamation plant.

Ms. Ocampo wanted to know if the energy cost and the portable water cost were the lower or higher?

Ms. Drummy stated that they are comparable.

Mr. Diehl wanted to know if this was City of San Diego or County?

Ms. Drummy stated the Pure Water was the City of San Diego and that the County was doing the desalination in Carlsbad.

Details of all reports and PowerPoint presentation can be found on the Park and Recreation Department's website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards/index.shtml>

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: **February 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker  
Park and Recreation Director