

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
November 19, 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
David Baron
Bruce Brown
Robert Chávez
Vicki Granowitz
Bobby Hughes
Hazel Ocampo (Arrived Late)
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

David Kinney (Excused)
Martin Moreno (Excused)

City Staff Present

Herman Parker, Director
Andrew Field
Heather Ferbert
Jason Allen
Jeff Harkness
Craig Hooker
Jesse Luke
Julio Rivera, Council Rep-
District 9
Kathy Ruiz
Bonnie Pearson
Robin Shifflet
Jim Winter

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2015 WORKSHOP MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the October 29, 2015 Workshop meeting minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (7-0-3).

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. (Comments relating to items on today’s Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard.) Comments will be limited to (3) three minutes and is not debatable.)

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board member to approve any agenda item as consent when no speaker slips have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff’s recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to the Park and Recreation Board, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz to move Item 101 Naming of Native Plant Garden at Ruffin Canyon in Honor of Bonnie Hough and Item 105 General Development Plan for East Village Green to the consent agenda and was seconded by Mr. Brown. However, Mr. Baron and Mr. Otsuji requested to hear the report on East Village Green. The motion was modified to only move Item 101 to the consent agenda. The vote was unanimously approved (7-0-3).

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Brown to modify the agenda to reflect the changes as noted above. The vote was unanimously approved (7-0-3).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Report

Community Parks II Area Committee

- Mr. Hughes reported the committee will be taking on some new directions, but have not finalized the paperwork as yet. The committee will be abiding by the new decisions/directions that will be set forth. It was announced that the Martin Luther King, Jr. 5th Annual Celebration will be held on January 9, 2016 from 11:00am – 4:00pm.

Balboa Park Committee – No Report

Design Review Committee - No Report

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.)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Diehl announced that the updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Recreation Councils will be forthcoming. Chair Diehl inquired if the board has any jurisdiction regarding Maintenance Assessment Districts (MAD). Mr. Field responded the MAD's are underneath both the Park and Recreation Department and Economic Development Department. The Municipal Code is silent as to whether the MAD is underneath the Park and Recreation Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Assistant Director, Andy Field provided updates in Mr. Parker's absence. Mr. Parker was attending City Council's Budget Committee meeting to address questions regarding the Mayor's Proposed 5-Year Financial Outlook.

- Recreation Council Special Use Permits and Standard Operating Procedures (SUP/SOP) have been released to the Recreation Councils; presented to the Community Parks II Area Committee last night. It will then be presented to the Community Parks I Area Committee on December 2, 2015. It is a template that will be developed into a formal agreement that represents the operations and permitting authority attached to the Recreation Council's role in the various communities of the City.
- On November 5, 2015, Mr. Chavez was the emcee for a great event at Chicano Park's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The park has brand new play equipment as well as new accessibility equipment, skate park and a variety of new amenities. Mr. Field invited members to stop by.
- The Capital Improvements Streamlining Project was presented to the Infrastructure Committee on Monday, November 15, 2015 as was approved unanimously. It is anticipated to go before the full Council in December, 2015 for approval.
- The Charles L. Lewis III Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting in City Heights is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015. If members need any details, please contact Ms. Bonnie Pearson.
- The Los Penasquitos Ranger Station Grand Opening will also take place in December. The exact date is yet to be determined.
- Winter Carnival Season is here. December Nights Kick-Off will be on December 4 and on December 5, a wide variety of events to occur throughout the park system. Information on this will be posted on the Park and Recreation Department's website. Ms. Pearson will email the information to the members.
- The Park and Recreation Board is generally dark in December and we will confirm that with the members after Thanksgiving. Thus, the next meeting will not be until January, 2016.
- A handout regarding services for the homeless has been given to each member. This information was requested by Board Member Ms. Granowitz. This is for the board's review and if anyone has questions, please contact Ms. Pearson and staff will consider various aspects of it for a potential future agenda item.

ACTION ITEMS

101. *Naming of Native Plant Garden at Ruffin Canyon in Honor of Bonnie Hough moved to consent agenda*

Speakers: *In Favor (6) Oppose (0)*

102. Chollas Creek Regional Park Feasibility Study

Mr. Jeff Harkness, Park Designer joined by David Preciado, Estrada Land Planning and Leslie Reynolds, Groundwork San Diego. Mr. Harkness presented this as an "Action" item for acceptance of the Chollas Creek Regional Park Feasibility Study and recommendation of updating and expanding the scope of the City approved Chollas Creek Enhancement Program of 2002, as a Chollas Creek Master Plan. The report and PowerPoint presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Mission: Who is Groundwork San Diego
- Detailed Overview of Feasibility Study

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Baron inquired as to where in Normal Heights does the project go? Mr. Preciado responded the presentation is a general outline for the limits of the Chollas Creek. It would include public parts of Kensington-Talmadge as well as Normal Heights (southern portion). Additionally, Mr. Baron inquired if Sunshine Baseball fields will remain as such and Mr. Harkness responded yes.
- Chair Diehl inquired if this has been on the radar for Regional Park Funds? Mr. Field responded this is not currently in regional park designation. However, the majority of lands owned by Park and Recreation in the proposed area currently, are within Open Space and are eligible for Regional Park Improvement Fund allocations.
- Mr. Otsuji commented he is very excited to see this project moving forward. He added it will supplement and provide many underutilized areas of San Diego that have not been addressed in quite some time. He added it is one of the first projects that will identify the mesas and canyons in an integral plan that has been discussed for quite some time as well.

Speakers: In favor (2) Opposed (0)

Speaking on behalf of Council Pro Tem Marti Emerald, Julio Rivera expressed Ms. Emerald's support of this project.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and was seconded by Mr. Chavez to accept the Chollas Creek Regional Park Designation Feasibility Study and recommend updating and expanding the scope of the City's approved Chollas Creek Enhancement Program of 2002 to create as a Chollas Creek Master Plan. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-2).

103. General Development Plans for Creative Performing and Media Arts (CPMA) Middle School, Cubberley Elementary School, and Gage Elementary School Joint Use Facilities

Mr. Craig Hooker, Park Designer, joined by Ms. Robin Shifflet, Planning Department, Dave Kapecky, San Diego Unified School District Architect and Kathy Ruiz, Deputy Director, Community Parks I Division. This presentation was brought forward to the Board to request approval of the General Development Plans for the above referenced facilities. The report and PowerPoint presentation outlined the following:

- Objectives
- Background
- Detailed discussion on all three facilities which includes: Phase One and Full Build Out
- Communications received for Gage Joint Use Facility from the community

Speakers: In favor (4) Opposed (1)

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Baron inquired of the “no pets” allowed at Gage Elementary School and was this a concern at other parks. Mr. Hooker responded it was a concern from several citizens that the field be properly maintained and dog waste be picked up. Additionally, Mr. Baron inquired if SDUSD had given thought to not allowing dogs at any of the parks. Mr. Preciado responded this is a real concern and staff is attempting to keep dogs out. Mr. Baron recommended to not have dogs at all three sites. Staff agreed.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired if SDUSD is to construct it and City of San Diego maintain it. Staff stated that is correct. The City will provide maintenance and SDUSD will still have use of it during school hours. Ms. Ruiz responded that this is a complicated arrangement between the City and SDUSD. The City and SDUSD will split the cost once a parody has been reached between the two agencies. The City staff will maintain the park all the time and at some point the cost will be shared.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired in activating hard court and turf areas, what is the coordination between SDUSD and community’s requests. Ms. Ruiz responded once the Joint Use Agreement is prepared between the City and SDUSD, hours of use will be determined and as well as how use of the field will be coordinated when school is not in.
- Mr. Brown inquired if there is a process within the Joint Use Agreement to allow access to the schools’ restrooms; even a provision to put porta-potties. Ms. Ruiz responded that there are some porta potties at some of the Joint Use sites based on the amount of use. It is reviewed on an operational and affordability basis.
- Chair Diehl commented his Recreation Council requests user groups pay for porta-potties, but also ensure they have an ADA unit there.
- Chair Diehl also inquired as to the height of the fence. Response was: 10ft
- Additionally, Chair Diehl inquired if the field was a softball or baseball field. Ms. Shifflet responded typical softball field. Also, what size are the soccer fields? Ms. Shifflet responded they are not full size.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Baron/Mr. Hughes

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and was seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the General Development Plans for Creative Performing and Media Arts (CPMA) Middle School, Cubberley Elementary School, and Gage Elementary School Joint Use Facilities as presented by staff with the caveat there be “no dogs” at all three sites . The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-2).

104. DeAnza Special Study Ad-Hoc Committee Member Nomination

Ms. Robin Shifflet, Development Project Manager presented to the members a request to nominate a Park and Recreation Board member to sit on the DeAnza Ad-Hoc Committee for the Mission Bay Park Committee. The City obtained funds to begin the planning process of the revitalization of the DeAnza area within Mission Bay. Staff has met with the Mission Bay Park Committee and requested they form an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with staff on the development of the plans and provide direction on the large public workshops. Mission Bay Park Committee has put together an Ad-Hoc of four of their members and also have several members from other community planning groups and groups around the bay. One of the groups Mission Bay Park Committee would like representation from is the Park and Recreation Board. The Ad-Hoc Committee will possibly meet four times between January and June of 2016. The following year additional funding will be received and there may be

additional meetings. Ms. Shifflet inquired as to which member would be interested in volunteering to sit on the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Baron raised the question as to what will the committee be doing. Ms. Shifflet responded the public is anticipated to attend. Staff will be presenting what the public workshops entail and staff will want feedback from the Ad-Hoc Committee. She added the Ad-Hoc will be actively engaged in helping staff move forward.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired if workshops would be involving the Park and Recreation Board or any other boards of the City? Ms. Shifflet responded that staff will be briefing board members and the Council Committee several times throughout the year on the progress.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and was seconded by Ms. Granowitz to appoint Ms. Granowitz as a member to the DeAnza Special Study Ad-Hoc Committee. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-2).

105. General Development Plan for East Village Green

Mr. Brad Richter, Assistant Vice President, Planning of Civic San Diego and the Principal, Nathan Elliott of the Planning & Landscape Architecture firm, James Burnett presented the General Development Plan (GDP) for East Village Green to the board. This GDP will be the largest park to be developed in the interior Downtown Community Plan (DCP) area over the next 20 years. The location of the site is between 13th, 15th & F and G Streets in the East Village neighborhood and is bisected by 14th Street. Total acreage of the future park site will be 4.1 acres and will be developed in three separate phases. Extensive outreach was conducted by Civic San Diego. Mr. Richter's report and PowerPoint Presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Development Team
- Discussion
- Project Description
- Project Phasing
- Public Outreach
- GDP
- Phase 1
 - Central Multi-Purpose Lawn
 - Community Center
 - Children's Park
 - Performance Pavilion
 - Interactive Water Feature
 - Off-Leash Dog Park
 - 14th Street Plaza
 - Groves and Casual Park Areas
 - Underground Parking Garage
 - Public Restrooms

Building Architecture

- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Sustainability
- Maintenance and Operations
- Disposition of Property
- Proposed Schedule

Mr. Richter added that unanimous recommendations were received from the Community Planning Group and the Board of Directors. He also added that comments were received at the Area Committee and Design Review Committee on the GDP and how 14th Street was to be treated. The plan will be to develop the GDP as outlined in the presentation .

Speakers: In favor (4) Opposed (0)

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Otsuji inquired if the funding is available for Phase 1 at this point. Mr. Burnett commented the majority of it is and feels they can move into the design and begin construction by end of 2016 or early 2017. Mr. Otsuji also inquired if that includes underground parking. Mr. Burnett stated it does and the parking is financed by the Downtown Parking District and park improvements are funded by the Developer Impact Fees (DIF). Mr. Otsuji stated his main concern has always been the phasing of the project and future funding. He would like to see this project completed at one time. He also appreciates the time and efforts the firm has put into this project.
- Mr. Barron inquired if there will sports facilities inside the building. Mr. Richter stated there will be a half-court basketball facility in the main room, which can also be used for community events and other functions. Civic San Diego will be working with Park and Recreation to refine what the programming should be within the community center and it is sized appropriately. Mr. Barron also inquired if it was possible to have full-court basketball. Mr. Richter added the blocks in downtown are relatively small and the half-court seemed to be the best fit for the size of the block and serve the wide variety of residents.
- Ms. Ocampo is excited about this project, but inquired about part of the design. Is the fountain a part of the final design and if so, will recycled water be used. Mr. Burnett responded the water to be used for the fountain will be recycled. The water will only be 1/4” deep and can be turned off during drought conditions. Storm water will be captured for reuse as well.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired as to the possibility of Phase 1 and Phase 2 being done together. Mr. Richter commented the issues to the project are financial and ownership. Phase 1 is owned by the City and Phase 2 is owned by individual property owners.
- Chair Diehl inquired about lighting in various locations. Mr. Burnett responded there will be lighting in various areas for security, including the dog park area.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and was seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the General Development Plan for East Village Green as presented by staff today. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-2).

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

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

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

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: **December 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

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

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Park and Recreation Director