

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board **BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE**

January 3, 2008

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration
2125 Park Boulevard MS39
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jennifer Ayala (Arr 6:08)
Laurie Burgett
Vicki Granowitz
Mick Hager
David Kinney
Mike McDowell
Patti Roscoe
Michael Singleton
Donald Steele

Members Absent

Staff Present

Kathleen Hasenauer
Bruce Martinez
Mike Rodrigues

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Granowitz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING.
(STEELE /KINNEY 7-0-1) ABSTENTION ROSCOE**

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Wes Danskin, Research Hydrologist from the U.S. Department of Interior presented an overview of a monitor well project within Balboa Park. The goal of the project is to determine the underground water resource, quality of water, rechargeable flow, and beneficial use. The project has an outreach component which encourages interaction on site for groups or individuals interested in the project. An informational update will be presented at the February 7, 2008 Balboa Park Committee meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Vicki Granowitz reported that last month the Park and Recreation Board received an update on Proposition 84 and State Senate Bill 343. If there is money Balboa Park may be able to apply for grants to be used in park. The Golf Business Plan was discussed and there are positive changes that pertain to Balboa Park Golf Course. The Balboa Park Governance Study is on target to be released in January. Save Our Heritage Organization requested an article for their newsletter about Balboa Park which was provided. The article identified the cooperation within the park and how a better understanding of what everyone does has made things better. The Brown Act presentation for tonight is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

STAFF REPORT

Jeffery Tom stated that Council Member Atkins attended a variety of events in the park for December Nights. City Council was on legislative recess during the last two weeks. Jen Steele of the Union Tribune wrote three articles about Balboa Park, Jeffery thanked her. A tentative date of February 6 has been set for the LED Light Project Dedication.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Deputy Director, stated that the Balboa Park December Nights event was well attended. The San Diego Civic Organist, Carol Williams received a proclamation from Mayor Jerry Sanders proclaiming December 31, 2007 as San Diego Civic Organist Day. Torrey Pines Golf Course is preparing for the Buick Open in January and the U.S. Open in June. San Diego is the first municipal golf course ever to host the U.S. Open. No donations were reported for December.

Mike Rodrigues, Acting Facilities and Special Events District Manager, reported December Nights went well. An estimated 75,000 people attended the event on each day. The 2008 event is tentatively schedule for December 5 & 6. The World Beat Center will be hosting a Martin Luther King Day Celebration on January 21, 2008. The San Diego Lunar TET Festival will be held February 8 through February 10. The ornamentation project is on schedule for completion in June of 2008.

Bruce Martinez, Operations District Manager, reported that two volunteer projects were completed during the holidays. One project consisted of 90 students from High Tech High assisting with removal of non native plant material, repair of trails and trash removal from Golden Hill and Presidio Parks. The other project had 15 volunteers from the San Diego Zoological Society and U.S. Navy assisting with brush removal in Florida Canyon.

The California Conservation Corps is currently involved with a project at Golden Hill. The project entails removal of non-native plant material and downed or dead trees. Material that is able to be chipped will be used in the area. Staff will be planting Oak trees from our nursery stock in locations where trees had been lost.

The Rangers completed a West Mesa Native Seed Project, where they replanted

areas around Quince Street off ramp, on the south side of the Cabrillo Bridge, and portions of the Bridal Trail.

Committee Member Comments

- Florida Canyon would be a good place to use native seed mix when removal of non-native material is done.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. San Diego Air and Space Museum – Proposed Relocatable Catering Kitchen – Charles Daniels.

Charlie Daniels discussed the staff report and proposed relocatable catering kitchen. The kitchen would be located on the south deck of the Air and Space Museum. The deck is out of view of the general public. The kitchen does not conform to the General Design Guidelines of the Precise Plan, however it is a temporary facility. The project has been reviewed by the Historical Resources Board and they recommend approval.

Committee Member Comments

- The use of party theme or topic backdrops to block the back view of the kitchen was recommended.
- The proposal was brought to the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and they support the approval.
- The term temporary was requested to be defined.
- The original plan was great, do not let this distract from the original kitchen plan.
- The original kitchen plan is the solution.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RELOCATABLE CATERING KITCHEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE WILL BE UPDATED IN TWO YEARS AND AT THAT TIME A REVIEW OF THE PROJECT WOULD OCCUR. (ROSCOE/STEELE 8-1) NAY-SINGLETON

202. Proposed Changes to the Alcohol Ban for the Public Areas of the Central Mesa of Balboa Park.

Kathleen Hasenauer presented the proposed amending of the San Diego Municipal Code 56.54, titled “Alcohol Beverage Consumption Prohibited in Certain Areas,” to delete that portion of Balboa Park from the 12 Hour Ban and add that portion of Balboa Park to the 16 Hour Ban and limit alcohol consumption to nine designated lawn areas.

Committee Member Comments

- This is a park issue and not just a transient issue.
- Two speaker slips were turned in with support of the proposed changes to the Central Mesa Alcohol Ban (San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park Cultural Partnership).
- Institutions and special events won't be impacted by the alcohol ban due to licenses and permits they have or can obtain.
- Thanks to Jen Steele of the San Diego Union Tribune for presenting the proposed alcohol ban in an article.
- The nine areas designated where alcohol consumption will be legal are highly visible and this is a good improvement to Balboa Park.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PORPOSED AMENDING OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE 56.54, TITLED "ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS," TO DELETE THAT PORTION OF BALBOA PARK FROM THE 12 HOUR BAN AND ADD THAT PORTION OF BALBOA PARK TO THE 16 HOUR BAN AND LIMIT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION TO NINE DESIGNATED LAWN AREAS. (BURGETT/KINNEY 9-0)

Special Events

301. Lions Club International Foundation Fun Walk sponsored by the San Diego Executive Lions Club (SDELC).
George Folwarski, President of the San Diego Executive Lions Club presented the proposal to hold a Fun Walk fund-raiser on Saturday, May 31, 2008. The proposed walk will held at the Marston Point area, using Balboa Drive, South of Juniper St. The walk will start at 8:00 A.M.. A festival on the Marston Point Lawn area with entertainment, water, snacks and information booth will follow the walk. The Organization is non-profit and resident. Participant fees and vendor booth fees will be charged. Estimated attendance is 2000.

Committee Member Comments

- Worthy group and event.
- The requested date is within the moratorium period for new special events in the park therefore can not support.
- Would support if it were scheduled outside the moratorium dates for new events.
- Look for alternative dates available.
- Concerns with the Rock and Roll Marathon the next day

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE EVENT DURING THE SUMMER

MORATORIUM. (STEELE/BURGETT 9-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Brown Act

Item was tabled

502. Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Strategy

Marlon Pangilinan, Project Manager presented an overview with supporting documents of the mobility strategy plan and the potential impacts on Balboa Park along Sixth Avenue. Two alternatives were presented to the committee.

Committee Member Comments

- Reconfiguration of Sixth Avenue will impact many things such as maintenance, bike paths, and current landscape.
- Too much of Balboa Park has been taken, acreage has been lost.
- Concerns for who is voting and on what portions of the plans were expressed.
- A Power point presentation is helpful with this type of plan presentation.
- Would like to know what portions of the plan are controversial with other groups.
- Balboa Park Committee should be involved with approval since it impacts the park.

503. Institutional Assessment Report for the Balboa Park Botanical Building

Kathleen Hasenauer, presented an overview of the Museum Assessment Program M.A.P. for the Balboa Park Botanical Building. City staff, City Beautiful, and the Friends of Balboa Park are working on the project. The assessment report was recently received and a meeting will be held on January 10, 2008 to review the report and come up with a strategic plan to obtain a museum accreditation.

Committee Member Comments

- This is very exciting for Balboa Park.
- Use the expertise and resources of the accredited institutions to help with the project's accreditation.
- Kathy Paplava will be assisting in the project as a member of City Beautiful.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

601. Land-Use and Policy – None

COMMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

Vice Chair – None

Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council

Andrew Kahng reported that the Recreation Council paid for the gym floors to be refinished at Balboa Park Activity Center and the Municipal Gym. .

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership

David Kinney- Updated the banner exchange program. 35 banners identifying Balboa Park and its institutions were displayed along Harbor Drive. A public art banner will be on display in Balboa Park as part of the exchange program.

Uptown Planning Group

Michael Singleton reported there is a quite a bit of development in progress on Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Developer fees from these projects should go towards helping to pay for the mobility projects in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, February 7, 2008
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hasenauer

