

MINUTES
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

May 4, 2010

Meeting Location:

Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing address is:

Park and Recreation Department
Developed Regional Parks
2125 Park Blvd.
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present

Katy Bendel, arr @ 6:45 pm.
Rick Bussell
James Greene
Kevin Konopasek
Gregg Peterson
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Cynthia Hedgecock, excsd
Lani Lutar, excsd
Mort McCarthy, excsd

Present

Mary Ann Kempczenski
Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie
Rick Strobel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 8-0-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Paul Robinson had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis was not at the May 4, 2010 meeting.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski reported on the following:

- Passed out *Fryelights*
- Reported the City Council tomorrow (Wednesday May 5, 2010) will be focused on the Park and Recreation Budget at 5:00 PM. Ms. Kempczenski also passed out copies of the IBA Report.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms. McKenzie reported on the following:

Beach Area Community Court:

- BACC is an alternative court that allows those that have been issued tickets or citations to work off any fines by doing work in the community on a volunteer basis. The BACC is looking for volunteers to sit on the panel. If interested let Stacy McKenzie know.

Mission Bay Park Committee Special Events Review Process:

- Ms. McKenzie handed out and spoke on a flow sheet she made for the review of Special Events by the Mission Bay Park Committee.
- The review/flow sheet covered items on the process for review, recommendation for areas of consideration/concern to the committee when reviewing a Special Event, the moratorium period in Mission Bay Park, and the relationship of the Office of Special Events to Developed Regional Parks.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Rick Strobel reported on the following:

Floatillas/Floatopias:

- There is a new event being advertised on Facebook for Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Enchanted Cove area of Fiesta Island. Sergeant Strobel believes the San Diego Police Department finds this location more acceptable as opposed to Sail Bay from a “police” stand point.
- San Diego Police Department has a contingency plan in effect for arrests, etc. one of which will be “endangerment to aquatic species”.
- The Police / Lifeguard approach has been soft as officers did not want to create a riot situation, the officers have been trying to deal with the issues as they arise.
- There is much progress is being made on prohibiting Floatillas/Floatopias in the future as Mayor Sanders and the City Council are aware of the problems. Sergeant Strobel said there have been talks and internal meetings on this subject.

Abandoned Vessels

- Sergeant Strobel explained to the Committee the course of action regarding abandoned vessels in Mission Bay which includes transferring of ownership to the City of San Diego and removing the vessel from the water, after ensuring no harmful liquids are leaking into the

bay and physically transferring the vessel to Fiesta Island for dismantling.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any Committee member.)

101. None

Adoption (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the Committee.)

201. Operation of Current Dog Off-Leash Area - Stacy McKenzie, District Manager

Ms. McKenzie spoke on requesting the Mission Bay Park Committee's endorsement of Proposed Amendments to SDMC 63.0102 Use of Public Parks and Beaches Regulated as it pertains to dog off leash areas.

- Current rules and regulations within the dog off leash areas are based on voluntary compliance gained by peer pressure and self policing.
- More enforcement is needed.
- Enforcement by City authorities requires municipal codes.
- Park and Recreation Department is recommending amendments to the current SDMC 63.0102 to implement into law many of the rules and regulations established in 2001.

The Mission Bay Park Committee is being asked to endorse the following amendments to SDMC 63.0102.:

1. Change the terminology of "designated dog exercise area" to be referenced as "dog off leash area."
2. Amend section (2) (C) to provide specific municipal codes to support rules/regulations within the dog off leash areas. The following amendments would be added to section (2) (C)
 - Three dog limit. It is unlawful for an owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog to have more than three dogs within any designated dog off leash area at any time.
 - Dog Supervision. It is unlawful for an owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog to abandon or otherwise leave the dog unattended or unsupervised within any designated dog off leash area at any time.
 - Female in Estrus. It is unlawful for a dog owner or person with custody, care, charge, control, or possession of a dog to have a female dog in heat within any designated dog off leash area at any time.
3. It is recommended to add a section (3) to establish rules/regulations for dogs in all City-owned parks and plazas including dog off leash areas. Section (3) would include the following:

- It is unlawful for a dog owner or person with custody, care, and charge, control, or possession of a dog to have a dog over the age of 4 months within a City owned park or plaza without a current dog license as required by law. This provision shall not apply to non residents visiting for less than 30 days.
- In the event of a dog bite that results in injury requiring medical care to a person or another dog, the owner or person with custody, care, charge, control or possession of the dog shall, at the time of injury, exchange dog license information, telephone numbers, mailing addresses and driver's licenses.

Discussion followed by the Committee. Concerns were:

- Committee members were concerned regarding amendment number three (3) above... "In the event of a dog bite that" covers bites only and wanted the amendment to be more inclusive to cover issues as a dog running into a bicyclist or knocking over someone.
- New modified proposed amendment: In the event of a dog bite **or act** that results in injury requiring medical care to a person or another dog, the owner or person with custody, care, charge, control or possession of the dog shall, at the time of injury, exchange dog license information, telephone numbers, mailing addresses and driver's licenses.
- Committee member wanted to know how the proposed amendment will affect the Fiesta Island off-leash area.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SDMC 63.0102 USE OF PUBLIC PARKS AND BEACHES REGULATED AS IT PERTAINS TO DOG OFF LEASH AREAS WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ITEM #3 AS IT PERTAINS TO DOG BITES. (POTTER/SWINK) (7-0-0)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

Special Events (Special Events that require road or plaza closures, or will potentially impact park and/or commercial operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.)

301. The Alt Games, College Action Sports Championships - Peggy Wolf, Highline Sport and Entertainment

The Alt Games, presented by Peggy Wolf, Highline Sport and Entertainment, is an event that was held last year in Mission Bay Park. Ms. Wolf is requesting the addition of a music component to the event.

- The Alt games are held May 14-16, 2010.
- The request is to add the live music element of local/regional bands to play during the event from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM on Saturday, May 15 and Sunday May 16, 2010. The rest of the time will be music via an Ipod.

Committee discussion followed:

- Event is being held in a heavily used water ski area, it was mentioned that the water-ski club members are aware of their presence and are okay with it.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE MUSIC ELEMENT OF LOCAL/REGIONAL BANDS TO PLAY DURING THE EVENT FROM 1:00 PM-3:00 PM ON MAY 15 AND MAY 16, 2010. (POTTER/BUSSELL) (7-0-0)

302. 1st Annual San Diego Lobster Festival, Roy Haskett, Chief Officer, O Entertainment Co.

The 1st Annual San Diego Lobster Festival is an event presented by Roy Haskett, of O Entertainment.

- This event is a family festival to be held on Fiesta Island, featuring dining, dancing and live Maine lobster flown in daily.
- Entertainment, dance bands, children's stage.
- Amplified music, magician, mimes, storytellers, food court and stilt circus on parade.
- The event will be held October 23, 2010 from 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM; and, October 24, 2010 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
- Mr. Haskett said the average demographics for this event is: 28 – 48 years of age and \$148,000 medium income.

Committee concerns:

- Committee members have concerns regarding amplified music
- Committee members have concerns regarding parking, traffic
- Committee members have concerns regarding the inconsistency of the dates as presented on the agenda and Mr. Haskett's narrative provided to the Committee with the hand out provided at the meeting by Mr. Haskett
- Committee members and staff have concerns over event use of park water. The use of park water was not provided on the narrative

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE 1ST ANNUAL SAN DIEGO LOBSTER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON FIESTA ISLAND, AS STATED ON THE NARRATIVE, OCTOBER 23 AND OCTOBER 24, 2010 WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS; BOTH EVENT DAYS END AT 10:00 PM, AMPLIFICATION AND ALCOHOL SALES END AT 8:00 PM, EXERCISE THE USE OF SUNRUNNER LOT AND PROVIDE A SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM THE ISLAND. (POTTER/BUSSELL) (7-2-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No actions taken; discussed by the Committee and staff.)

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - The reports are non-debatable.

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 6:00 PM
Santa Clara Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place, San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park