

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

September 7, 2010

Meeting Location:

Marina Village
The Captains Room
1936 Quivira Way
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
Rick Bussel
Jim Greene
Kevin Konopasek
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Cynthia Hedgecock (exc)
Lani Lutar (exc)

Staff Present

Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie
Scott Reece

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

(BUSSELL/POTTER 6-0-0)

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mr. Robinson reported the confirmation of the re-appointment by Mayor Sanders of Mission Bay Park Committee Members Katy Bendel, Jim Greene, Cynthia Hedgecock and David Potter with himself being reappointed as Chairperson. Mr. Robinson spoke of the resignation of Gregg Peterson and Mort McCarthy from the Mission Bay Park Committee. Mr. Peterson is leaving San Diego for a new career opportunity elsewhere and with great sadness Mr. Robinson advised the Committee Members of the cancer diagnosis of Mr. McCarthy.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis was not in attendance at this meeting.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski distributed copies of “Frye Lights” and mentioned that the sales tax issue is at the forefront of issues Council District 6 is dealing with at the present.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms. McKenzie reported Phase I of the Mission Bay Park Tree Trimming Plan is complete. Ms. McKenzie reported that 564 Washingtonia Palms were trimmed at Bonita Cove, Sunset Point, Fanuel Street Park, Mission Point, Ski Beach and Hospitality Point. Phase II will begin soon.

Ms. McKenzie distributed copies of the letter addressed to Attorney Cory J. Briggs from Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director, regarding the appeal decision for the Leisure Olympics Event. At the July Mission Bay Park meeting FreePB.org’s request to hold Leisure Olympics’ during the summer moratorium was denied by the Mission Bay Park Committee. FreePB.org, through their attorney, filed a request for injunction in Superior Court to compel the City to issue a Special Event Permit during the summer moratorium. The court denied FreePB.org’s request for an injunction. The Court said there is an insufficient showing of irreparable harm and that more harm would be to the City if the order were granted.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Strobel was not in attendance at this meeting.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Lieutenant Foley was not in attendance at this meeting.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

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

- 101. Sprint Clearwire Project at the Hyatt - Mark Berlin, Planning Manager, Westtower

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ITEM #101, SPRINT CLEARWIRE PROJECT AT THE HYATT.

(BUSSELL/ KONOPASEK 6-0-0)

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

201. Sprint Clearwire Project at the Hyatt - Mark Berlin, Planning Manager, Westtower
Item #201 was moved from an Adoption Item to a Consent Item.

There was no presentation from Mark Berlin, Planning Manager, Sprint.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MOVE OF ITEM #201, SPRINT CLEARWIRE PROJECT AT THE HYATT TO ACTION ITEMS, CONSENT #101, SPRINT CLEARWIRE PROJECT AT THE HYATT.

(BUSSELL/SWINK 6-0-0)

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. San Diego Bayfair Festival and Powerboat Competition, Bob Davies, San Diego Bayfair

Bob Davies of San Diego Bayfair gave a short description of the recently added military flyovers as a new component to San Diego Bayfair and Powerboat Competition to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 17-19, 2010. Air National Guard would like to provide Saturday and Sunday flyovers for opening ceremonies.

Committee concerns:

- Noise from jets in Crown Point area
- Type of plane to be used: Jet
- Where would they fly: Flight box to be within area of the race course.

Staff:

- Staff recommends approval of the addition of the Air National Guard flyovers as part of the San Diego Bayfair and Powerboat Competition contingent upon prior approval of the event by the City of San Diego Office of Special Events which would also include Risk Management and the Federal Aviation Authority.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD FLYOVERS AS PART OF THE SAN DIEGO BAYFAIR AND POWERBOAT COMPETITION. THIS APPROVAL IS CONTINGENT UPON PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE EVENT BY THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE RISK MANAGEMENT AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 6-0-0)

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

401. Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan, Mike Singleton, KTU&A

At the start of this workshop, Chairperson Robinson explained the concept of the workshops is to give staff and the public a chance to work with the consultants about the plan. Mr. Robinson had explained earlier in the meeting that while he is not required to do so, he will be allowing individual speakers after the presentation, but all who wish to speak are required to fill out and submit a speaker slip.

Mr. Singleton pointed out that there had been many meetings between the different user groups since July 2010 and that the meetings resulted in the new updated version, Alternative 5e (#19).

Changes (or options)

- Floating Pier for use by dog owners for training, etc.
- Pedestrian bridges
- Pulled fences in
- At North end – narrowed road and added a marked crosswalk
- Version 5e acreage is the same as 5d
- Added a multi-use trail at the north east side.
- There are six (6) miles of multi-use trails without having to cross with vehicles.
- Alternative 5e reduced the intensity and costs of the central area.

Mr. Singleton explained that while there have been changes, the acreage for Dog Off Leash Areas is the same as it has been. Mr. Singleton passed out maps and diagrams showing the changes and presented a power-point

Other major changes are:

- Dune area: added dual trail, elevated restroom facility / plaza and removed roadway crossing point.
- Grading of separated crossings, mounding and the addition of two (2) pre-fab bridges to separate vehicles from trail users.
- Moved bike trails to the east creating an increase in the leash free areas (lost when boat storage was added for non-motorized crafts.)
- Eliminated turf park area at Enchanted Cove.
- Added a cut through to leash free areas.
- Added fenced boat storage area with an access ramp at Southwest Passage.
- Adjusted the parkland boundary to offset the loss of leash free area vs boat storage.

Questions from the Committee:

- Will sand need to be brought in?
A: Yes, sand will have to be brought in. The slopes have to take back by way of excavation. To make the mounds, you cannot use all sand, need something more structurally sound/strong. Also, the suggestion is to bring in a larger, coarser sand that will not be washed away as quickly.

- How many acres will need to be graded?
A: Thirteen percent (13%) of the island will need to be graded. Forty (40)
- Any seepage from contaminates?
A: Fiesta Island had berms capped with three (3) feet of sand. The cap will not be cut through.
- What is the budget for the project?
A: \$100 Million for everything; Master Plan has the figure at \$300 Million.
- The area at the Southwest corner, how large is this area and is this to be leased or used for permitted events?
A: The interior space is for non-profits. Water craft would need mooring permits.
- What is the cost of the bridges (pedestrian)?
A: \$3 to \$4 thousand each. The plan is to fund the bridges via certain funding sources. Funding Sources would be from a variety of State level sources, mitigation funds, boating and waterway sources, sludge funds, multi-use trail system venues.
- What is the quality of the soil? We know that the island was dredged from previous wet lands, graded and capped.
- Grading?
A: There will be no grading at the off leash areas. There will be grading on the perimeter. The run-off will be changed to have it run towards the center of the island, then any overflow will be able to percolate down.
- Is there recycled water on the island? There is the existence of “purple” pipe on Fiesta Island. It was improved in conjunction with the pump station and sludge area.
A: The reclaimed water lines on Fiesta Island are not connected. The closest for connection purposes is either the 52 or 5 Freeway.

Mr. Singleton continued by speaking of the funding. There is a huge number of phases over a long period of time. How much remains in the Sludge Fund? The Mitigation Fund? Another concern is that there is a need for a plan prior to looking for funding.

Two million dollars called out in the current draft calls out use for recreation elements on Fiesta Island. When the Master Plan was developed for this area, there was one hundred (100) acres called out designed to divert large events from the Crown Point and Mariner’s Point areas.

Committee comments:

- It was mentioned the need to strongly support the paddlers in the area by providing boat storage with security and a floating pier.
- In 2008, water testing stopped. Has it been resumed?
- How much will the traffic impact sporting clubs if on Island as opposed to South Shores?
- Committee members encouraged the use of interpretative signs.

Community comments in favor of Agenda Item #401: There were nine community members who filled out Speaker Slips in favor of the fenced dog off leash area but did not wish to speak. They are: Sharon Porter, Barbara Greenwood, Janet Hodgson, Carolyn Chase, Naseem Kerendian, David S. Ramsey, Diana Rose, Denise Wells and Margo Kennedy.

- Chris Winkle: Pacific Beach resident, requested the dog off leash area not be cut down in size.
- Mary Truman: Lives in Clairemont, uses Fiesta Island every day.
- Lisa Viola: Paddler, dog owner, cyclist. She feels the area has been taken from the public.
- Cheance Adar: Runner, said Mr. Singleton did a stellar job and she embraces his plan.
- Brent Wells: Is with FIDO, has 7,000 plus users. Does not deserve to have the shoreline use impeded. Fiesta Island was designated as off leash area. We want to retain our environment.
- Wendy DeWitt: With outrigger and paddling communities for thirty years. We don't have a designated area. We are bounced around. We do not have any conflict with the other users. We are a growing activity.

Community comments against Agenda Item #401: There was one community member, Alisa Pederson, who filled out a Speaker Slips against the fenced dog off leash area but left before that portion of the meeting.

- Sandra Buckles: Wanted to talk about the amendment to the three-dog limit. Chairperson Robinson gave her information on going to City Council as this has already been through the Mission Bay Park Committee.
- Robert R. Smith: San Diego County Wildlife Federation, concerning about the lack of space for training dogs.
- Kathy Keehan: San Diego Bicycle Coalition, leave Fiesta Island as is with three intersections. We do not want to intensify use.
- Howard King: President of Cyclo-Vets, Opposes plan, doesn't do much. We already have all this, waste of money.
- Norma Little: FIDO, agrees with previous speaker. Pleased with the current area. Concerned about events and closing areas.
- Florence Stone: SDR, FTC, SDHRC, SDC of San Diego. Use other 200 acres for training dogs that are water dependent. Recommend going forward.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 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

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