

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

October 5, 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
Rick Bussel
Jim Greene
Cynthia Hedgecock
Kevin Konopasek
Lani Lutar
David Potter
Paul Robinson

Members Absent

Judy Swink

Staff Present

Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

CHANGE: PAGE FIVE: At the eighth bullet: Under recycled water question – change “52 or 5 freeway” to 52 and 5 freeway.

(POTTER/ BUSSELL) (No vote as there was a second change)

CHANGE: PAGE FIVE: At the second bullet: *The cap will not be cut through* – Committee members would like more authoritative direction on this issue, Committee requests a follow up.

(HEDGECOCK/LUTAR 5-0-2 ABSTENTIONS)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Bussell stepped outside of his Committee member role and spoke on a special public event “Baskets and Botany” at Tecolote Nature Center on October 9, 2010 honoring San Diego Police Department and San Diego Fire-Rescue. He invited all to attend.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mr. Robinson had no report at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis was not in attendance at this meeting, however, Mr. James Lawson, Council District 2 Representative for the downtown area, filled in for her. Mr. Lawson fielded a few questions from Committee members regarding lights in the Mission Bay / Beach area.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski was not in attendance at this meeting.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms. McKenzie had no report at this time.

Chief Rick Wurts, San Diego Life Services

Chief Wurts stated that around mid-September, Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer for the City of San Diego sent out a memo to city departments, providing instructions on reductions for FY12. The San Diego Fire-Rescue, Lifeguard Division, was instructed to prepare cuts equaling 7.25 million. The resulting proposed cuts would include the elimination of Lifeguard services covering the Spring Break time period at Mission Bay swimming areas. The elimination of Lifeguards at all but two (2) swimming areas would continue from mid-June to Labor Day. The proposed cuts would also eliminate permanent Lifeguard staff at Pacific Beach, and the reduction of the night crew staffing. Night crew staffing is now at four (4) people, two (2) at Mission Bay, two (2) at La Jolla, proposed cuts would reduce the staff of four to a staff of two.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Lieutenant Filley was not in attendance at this meeting.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

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. North Crown Point Comfort Station Design - Mario Reyes, Civil Engineer
Mr. Reyes came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to present the North Crown Point Comfort Station project to the Committee. Mr. Reyes explained the beginning of this project, enlightening the Committee on the design, budget and special features.

The discussion was ended when Chairperson Robinson decided this should not be an adoption item at thirty (30%) completion. No vote was taken at this time.

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. None

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. **SeaWorld Updates** – Pat Owen, SeaWorld

- Update of the completion of the I5 Widening (mitigation project): Pat Owen stated the I5 widening project is now complete. There are two more mitigation projects to go –the extensions of the bike path and the bay path which are slated to start in about two weeks.
- Turtle Project: This project is the modification of the Wonders of the River exhibit (old Manatee exhibit) and will bring 3 species of sea turtles on display along with numerous saltwater fish species. This project provides a strong conservation and education message with interactive elements that express the importance of keeping oceans clean to protect animals, i.e. plastic bags. This project also incorporates hands on play areas in the plaza and provides a

conservation-based themed "Rescue" ride dedicated to the "tween" rider.

- Rocky Point Shade Structure: This project consists of the addition of three additional shade structures to the Rocky Point Dolphin pool. The shade structures will be themed to the current motif that exists, which is the north woods feel. The shade structures are within the interior of the park and are not visible outside of the leasehold.
- Pineapple Pete's Expansion: This project consists of addition of a cooler unit on the exterior, an exterior refrigerator/cooler that has access from the interior of the restaurant. Also minor pathway improvements, and minor interior modifications and equipment change out. The changes are to expand the snack shop, increase capacity and increase storage. The modifications are within the interior of the park and are not visible outside of the leasehold. The project will start in November 2010 and completion will be around Spring 2011.
- Dolphin Night Show; this project will provide stadium egress lighting for a night show in the existing stadium. The project will also provide theatrical lighting within the venue to support a nighttime show. Lighting locations will be on the existing structures and no light locations will be over thirty (30) feet in height. Expected completion date is Spring 2011.

502. Mission Bay Camera Project - Rick Wurts, Lifeguard Chief

San Diego Fire Rescue Department has received a \$385,000 grant from UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative) to install a series of video cameras around Mission Bay, the Mission Bay Channel, and the tip of the OB Pier. These cameras would be useful for enforcement issues for Police and Lifeguards, and other agencies could also pay fees to be able to track and record for enforcement also.

This video camera system will be shared with local, state and federal law enforcement, as well as other City Departments. There are several important purposes for this camera, including:

- The monitoring of action on busy days.
- Provide the Lifeguard Division a way to remotely view and monitor water activity on Mission Bay.
- The camera system will gather early information on reports of vessel accidents, emergencies and other boating activity and relate this information back to the correct enforcement agency.
- The camera could provide Park and Recreation supervisors a way to evaluate park activity.
- The camera system will provide a way for San Diego Police Department surveillance of criminal activity on Mission Bay.

- The camera system can provide video fees to the Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard and other agencies. The camera system will provide federal law enforcement a way to track suspected smuggling activity on Mission Bay.

Questions from the Mission Bay Park Committee:

- Is there web cam capability?
A. The cameras will be used for enforcement, the grant is for enforcement.
- Where would the focus of the camera be?
A. There are multiple stakeholders in Mission Bay. The cameras will be set to different priorities. The camera can also be multi-agency, other agencies can have the capability to get into the system.
- What are the replacement costs?
A. This is part of the research and development.
- There were concerns about the privacy of citizens.
- Committee member had concerns about the lack of signage stating there are cameras in the area.
- How many cameras?
A. Twelve to sixteen (12 – 16)
- Will there be opportunities for public feedback?
A. We invite public feedback. We report to the PS & NS on a regular basis.

Chief Wurts stated that they are near the end of the RFP process and anticipate selecting a company who will install the system by October. Installation will likely take place in the November/December timeframe. Chief Wurts stated that they will be looking into grants for service and replacement. The cameras are used specifically for the tracking of illegal activity. Other agents / agencies must adhere to the same practice before they use the camera system. This will be a very low profile installation so as not to draw attention.

503. **Rose Creek Bikeway and Bridge** - Jeff Soriano, Project Manager

This project includes the construction of a 260 foot bridge over Rose Creek connecting North Mission Bay Drive to Pacific Beach Drive. Also included in this project is a new bikeway measuring .36 miles from Rose Creek to Olney Street, between the properties of Mission Bay High School and Campland. This project was initially started in 2001 but there funds were unavailable and the project was shelved. Now, through stimulus funds and grants, this project is going forward. The bridge and walkway construction will provide an alternate means of transportation for residents and visitors to and from Mission Bay, the beaches, school, work and the adjacent businesses. Construction is set to begin January 2011 and should be completed around November 2011.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

Prior to adjoining the meeting, Chairperson Robinson asked the Committee if they would like to move the November 2, 2010 meeting, which is election day, to the next week, November 9, 2010.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MOVE OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING TO NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

(BUSSELL /POTTER 7-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 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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