

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

January 4, 2011

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 Bussell
Jim Greene
Cynthia Hedgecock
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Kevin Konopasek (exc.)
Lani Lutar (exc.)

Staff Present

Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie
Jim Winter

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 DECEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Page 8: Last paragraph, change “was once” to “was”.

Page 9: Fourth paragraph, second sentence: Add: *Mission Bay Committee Member Katy Bendel resigned from FIDO upon acceptance of the Mission Bay Park Committee appointment.*

Page 10: Second paragraph, last sentence: Change to read: The \$1.9 Million is the “remainder” of ten years worth.....

Page 10: Third paragraph: Add: “agreed” to the sentence beginning...The entire Mission Bay Park Committee unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – continued:

Page 10: Third paragraph, last sentence: *After requesting changes, add: paddlers were brought in after re-evaluation of the plan.*

(POTTER/BUSSELL 6-0-0)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mr. Robinson had no report at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms Curtis reported on the pump station at Santa Clara that is being replaced. The work on this pump station will last through October 2011. Ms Curtis reported the Mission Beach Town Council is voting on green camouflage fencing for around the station. Ms Curtis is requesting an update on the Rose Creek Bridge.

Council Representative 6

There is no representative for Council District 6 at this time.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms McKenzie reported the following: Sergeant Rick Strobel has been reassigned to the Mission Beach area and is no longer the lifeguard representative to the Mission Bay Park Committee. Lt. Andy Lerum has assigned Sgt. Troy Keach to take Sergeant Strobel's place. He will start next month.

Ms. McKenzie also reported on the recent storm damage in Mission Bay Park saying that Developed Regional Parks Division sustained damage from the recent storms but not as significant as in the past. In the Mission Bay Park area the following damage occurred:

- 2 large Allepo tree limbs snapped off at Vacation Isle Park
- 5 high-side truck loads of palm fronds had to be removed for Playa Pacifica, 4 loads from Crown Point, Ventura Cove and Bonita Park
- 20 feet of stainless steel hand guard railing broke of at the intersection of Ingraham and Rivera Shores Drive.
- 1 thirty- foot Torrey Pine uprooted at N. De Anza Cove
- Large limbs on either Allepo Pines or Eucalyptus's snapped off and had to be removed at North Crown Pt., Vacation Island and Dana Landing.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

There has been an increase in homeless people sleeping in Mission Bay Park. The Park Rangers are working closely with San Diego Police Department to get control of the problem.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Rick Strobel was not in attendance at this meeting.

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. Bonita Cove West Telecommunications Tower – Shelly Kilbourn, AT&T

Ms Shelly Kilbourn from AT & T came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to obtain approval for its proposal to place a new thirty (30) foot high architectural structure to house telecommunications equipment near the entrance of the parking lot at West Bonita Cove in Mission Bay Park. Ms Kilbourne stated that the proposal is the third design draft of this project. The tower is 30' high, has a base that is covered in word art and benches around the perimeter. There will be sidewalks on all four sides. No park palm trees will be impacted.

Committee Comments / Questions:

- Committee Member asked why it couldn't be in the parking lot
- Committee Member stated that the tower is large
A: This is because the equipment is inside the tower
- Committee member wanted to know why the "palm tree" style was not used?
A: Attractive nuisance (climbing) and hoping to avoid graffiti

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- Committee Member wanted to know why there are benches around it when there are VMFs transmitting.
A: Outside is protected by the building materials.
- Is the “word wall” on all four sides? And can the surface be treated with anti-graffiti paint?
A: Yes to both
- Committee Members expressed concerns with the structure being covered with graffiti.
- Committee Member asked if the Mission Beach Town Council had been briefed on the tower.
A: No, was not aware. Ms Kilbourn took information regarding Mission Beach Town Council.
- Committee Member asked why the roof was extra wide.
A: Ms Kilbourn said it was a matter of design ascetics.
- Has this gone to the Design Review Committee?
A: Mission Bay Park Committee Chairperson Paul Robinson asked Jim Winter, City of San Diego Project Officer, what the schedule was for this project. Mr. Winter told the Committee that this project is not scheduled for the Design Review Committee of the Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Winter said that typically these projects go to the Community groups. Mr. Winter said as this is not a Park and Recreation project, Park and Recreation cannot take a position on it. Park and Recreation can add comments though.
- Committee Member asked if there was a fee coming to Mission Bay Park for the use of the parkland?
A: The fees collected will go into the General Fund. In the past the fees collected would have been split between Park and Recreation, Mission Bay Park and the General Fund but with the current budget constraints all fees collected go into the General Fund. Also, none of the fees collected will go into the Lease Revenue Account. Chairperson Robinson would like the Council to comment on this issue.

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MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED TO APPROVE THE DESIGN WITH THE ACTION THAT THE MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL BE TOLD OF THE PROJECT.

(BUSSELL / SWINK)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED WITH ONE (1) OPPOSING TO DENY THE DESIGN AS PRESENTED. A T & T IS TO PRESENT BOTH DESIGNS, THE TOWER AND THE TREE, TO THE MISSION BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AND THE MISSION BEACH PRECISE PLANNING GROUP.

(BENDEL / HEDGE COCK 5-1-0) (BUSSELL OPPOSED)

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 Projects** – Darlene Walter, SeaWorld

- Shamu Show Change Out

This project will consist of a refresh of the existing Shamu show. Modifications will be made to the existing show set including additional fountains, a new script and a new theatrical score. No elements will exceed 30' and all show set pieces are not visible outside the leasehold. Projected opening is May 2011.

501. **SeaWorld Projects** – Darlene Walter, SeaWorld (continued)

- 2012 Attraction

This project will consist of removal of one (1) food and beverage facility, and two (2) gift shops and some related ancillary buildings. Work will also include the removal and replacement of one (1) restroom. The new exhibit will be centered around the Bat Ray and will provide an educational story component that will compel you to protect the Bat Ray's environment. The underwater viewing at the exhibit will be enhanced and there will also be a ride component. A new gift shop will also be included and expanded Bat Ray petting areas. The projected opening is May 2012.

- Parking Lot Expansion

Project will revise the approved concrete pathway from the cul de sac west on to SeaWorld leasehold will be revised to incorporate a permeable meandering pathway, through a native / bird friendly landscaped area, installed in conjunction with the San Diego Chapter of Audubon Society. Benches and appropriate graphics related to the Audubon and the Flyway Coalition will be included along the path. Lot will be approximately ten (10) acres. Under construction now, should be complete by May 2011.

- 2011 Sundry Projects

Ms Walter mentioned there was a list of additional projects, mainly small in nature, such as new refrigerators, fryers, etc. Ms Walter also read a letter from the Audubon Society supporting the projects in Mission Bay Park.

Committee Comments / Questions

- Committee Member suggested in the future the scheduling of Sea World's appearance at the Mission Bay Park Committee should be a month or so prior to project commencement.
- Committee Member asked for clarification on the area for the parking lot expansion.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

Mission Bay Park Committee Member Katy Bendel requested information regarding the Park and Recreation webpage and the number of closures on Fiesta Island. Ms Bendel said the calendar shows every single weekend Fiesta Island as closed and she is concerned about the number of people that would be inconvenienced by the closures of public parkland when the Committee begins to approve events on Fiesta Island. Committee Member would like to know when Fiesta Island is closed and when it isn't. Committee would like also to know who is using Fiesta Island and the criteria used to determine a closure.

Committee Member Judy Swink spoke regarding a copy of a memorandum dated December 1996, from the California Coastal Commission titled *Staff Report And Preliminary Recommendation On Work Program For Expenditure Of Fiscal Year 1998 Sludge Mitigation Monies*. Ms Swink will send the report to Ms McKenzie for distribution to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2011
6:00 PM
Santa Clara Recreation Center
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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