

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board**

**MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

February 7, 2012

**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**

Rick Bussell  
Jim Greene  
Kevin Konopasek  
Patrick Owen  
David Potter  
Paul Robinson  
Judy Swink

**Members Absent**

Cynthia Hedgecock  
Katy Bendel  
Lani Lutar

**Staff Present**

Stacy McKenzie

**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 DECEMBER 6, 2011 MEETING.**

**(POTTER/BUSSELL) 6-0-0**

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Mr. Robinson reported that Park and Recreation Director, Stacey LoMedico, won the thirty-three annual Gold Key Award. It honors those who have made significant contributions to the betterment of the hotel/motel industry. It is co-sponsored by the San Diego County Hotel-Motel Association and the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Kathy Miles Council Representative 2**

Ms. Miles spoke about the capitol improvement streamlining amendments to the municipal code. These amendments will shorten the contract procurement process allowing the City to complete projects

quickly and efficiently.

**Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park**

On Friday, February 3, 2012 the Saint Augustine High School student body, teachers and a few parents did a “day of service” all throughout Mission Bay. The “day of service” was being done as part of the celebration of Saint Augustine High Schools’ ninety (90) year anniversary. About 800 people painted gazebo posts, swept gutters and parking lots, raked and weeded tot lots and picked up litter and cigarette butts. They worked from 7:45AM-12:45PM. They did a fantastic job.

**Sergeant Eric Care, San Diego Life Services**

Sergeant Eric Care will be representing San Diego Life Services at the Mission Bay Park Committee meetings. Mr. Care reported that there have been cliff and rock rescue calls recently. There are fewer calls coming in but the problems are more challenging. He gave a brief update on the Homeland Security project. Cameras will be installed in undisclosed key locations in Mission Bay in order to maintain surveillance of areas.

**Lieutenant Paul Rorrison, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division**

Lieutenant Paul Rorrison was not at the February 7, 2012 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. Support the naming of Rose Creek Bridge in memory of former City Councilman Mike Gotch.

**In Support:**

Steve Alexander spoke about naming the bridge after Mike Gotch. He was a community leader when Mission Bay was just starting to define itself. He was a good human being who died too young. Mike Gotch was a respectful man. Mr. Alexander supports the renaming.

Don Mullen is a beach resident and he spoke about the renaming. He never got to meet Mr. Gotch but he did get to learn about him. Mission Bay was always his center focal point.

Mike Geltard spoke about the renaming. Mr. Geltard knew that Campland by the Bay had a need for the bridge. He spoke to Mike Gotch about it. Mr. Gotch did a great

job and was a strong advocate for the bridge.

Bridget Myhro spoke about the renaming. Ms. Myhro lived on Sail Bay when Mike Gotch was trying to develop the boardwalk on Fanuel Street. Mr. Gotch was dedicated and devoted to opening up Mission Bay Park. The bridge is a very deserving tribute. Mr. Gotch was always looking out for people.

**Opposed:**

Don Gross spoke about the renaming and said it could be a big problem. He said Mike Gotch is associated with the De Anza lawsuit in which the City “failed miserably”. Mr. Gross feels the renaming could be hurtful. He would like people to take that into consideration.

**Discussion:**

Rick Bussell asked who was bringing forward the name change. Answer: Mr. Steve Alexander and a group of people. Mr. Bussell asked if anyone else was considered. Answer: No.

Paul Robinson said Mr. Gotch was one of the best. He was a true San Diegan and he loved Mission Bay.

David Potter asked where the bridge was located.

Judy Swink acknowledged that she was aware of what was documented in regard to the De Anza trailer park lawsuit and said any damage is already done. Ms. Swink said there were so many other positives.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE RENAMING OF THE ROSE CREEK BRIDGE TO THE MIKE GOTCH BRIDGE.**

**(BUSSELL/POTTER) 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. None

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

401. None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) Chapter 6, Article 3, Division 1 Changes (effective December 31, 2011)

Stacey LoMedico provided information on the changes to the San Diego Municipal Code as it pertains to park permits. She distributed four (4) documents; the updated Municipal Code (12/2011), park capacities, park permit and the reservation for park use form. The park capacities document is also posted on line. This change includes permits for athletic events, ground use and special events.

Ms. LoMedico explained that the changes were brought forward by the CERF (Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation) fireworks lawsuit. They alleged that the City's issuance of the permit for the La Jolla Cove fireworks was "discretionary" and not ministerial. The municipal code needed revision to capture the Department's process for permitting to the code. Park capacities were listed for each of the parks permitted. Park capacity is the maximum number of people that may receive ministerial permits for activities requiring permits pursuant to the San Diego Municipal Code.

If a request is made that is discretionary it may be submitted to the The Office of Special Events depending upon the nature of the event. These and other permits in which staff uses discretion will be subject to review under CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). This would be done through DSD (Development Services Department). A review will cost \$193 for the permits that are not submitted to the Office of Special Events. The cost for events going through the Office of Special Events could be even higher. Currently there is a court ordered stay on CEQA reviews. When an event goes to The Office of Special Events the applicant has obtained a reservation of park use from the Park and Recreation Department. Park and Recreation issues the "reservation" after consideration of many factors, including but not limited to; other events taking place that day, other events being held in that location, any restrictions and any recommendations from the appropriate park advisory body or committee. The actual park use permit will be issued concurrently with the Special Event permit.

The proposed amendments also codify the practice of observing the Summer Moratorium for Special Events in the Developed Regional Parks Division (e.g. Shoreline Parks, Beaches, Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park) ) and existing exceptions. A waiver process is outlined in the municipal code for applicants seeking to hold a "special event" during the Summer Moratorium.

Questions:

Rick Bussell asked what would happen if someone contests DSD's decision on a CEQA review. Answer: There is a ten (10) day review. If someone wants to file an appeal they can and the applicant has to pay. It could cost \$3500.00.

Paul Robinson asked for the length of the stay. Answer: Ms. LoMedico will provide answer to Ms. McKenzie and she will forward to the members of the Committee.

502. Mission Bay Electric Vehicle Recharging – David Gatcha, ECOTality Sales Specialist. Mr. Gatcha provided information on the EV project and the locations where electric charge stations will be put in Mission Bay. The EV project is a \$230 million public-private project underwritten in part with a federal grant (U.S. Department of Energy). ECOTality will be installing over 1,000 charging stations in California at public

available commercial and public sites. Six (6) EV stations will be put in at Pacifica Playa I and four (4) stations at Bonita Cove. It will take 2-4 hours to charge a vehicle. There are three levels of payment depending on membership. "Blink Plus" charge is \$1.00 per hour. "Blink Basic" charge is \$1.50 per hour. "Blink Guest" charge is \$2.00 per hour. Revenue collected will be shared 50/50 between the City and ECOTility. ECOTility will take care of all maintenance. The EV stations are currently in Balboa Park. At the end of 2013 the program will be reviewed.

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

601. None

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

**Notice of Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
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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