

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

March 6, 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
Cynthia Hedgecock
Lani Lutar

Members Absent

Katy Bendel

Staff Present

Stacy McKenzie
Stacey LoMedico

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/BUSSELL) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MEETING AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED (6-0-2) LUTAR, HEDGECOCK ABSTAINING.

Page 1 "thirty three" changed to "thirty third"

Page 1 "capitol" changed to "capital"

Page 2 "Mr. Geltard" changed to "Mr. Gelfand"

Page 3 strike out David Potter's comment

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mr. Robinson reported on the reappointment of Mr. Bussell to the Park and Recreation Board. The reappointment was confirmed by City Council on March 6, 2012.

STAFF REPORTS

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There is a \$16.5 million dollar surplus in the budget for 2012. Library and Recreation Center hours are going to be increased.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

The comfort stations that shut down during the seasonal closures will reopen on March 24, 2012. The repaving of the west and central parking lots at Bonita Cove started last week and should finish next week.

Sergeant Eric Care, San Diego Life Services

Life Services is gearing up for Spring break. They are currently putting up seasonal lifeguard towers. Five (5) out of the seven (7) swim areas will be opened for Spring; Bonita Cove, Ventura Cove, Crown Point, Playa Pacific and De Anza Cove.

Lieutenant Paul Rorrison, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

SDPD is preparing for Spring Break. Spring break encompasses a 3 week span beginning mid-March through April. St. Patrick's Day brings in a lot of people as well. A grant from Homeland Security allows for additional officer staffing during this time in the high volume areas.

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. Annual (2012) Waiver to Summer Moratorium for Modified Special Event Permit (MSEP) requests.

Director Stacey LoMedico presented the report on the 2012 waiver (annual) to the Summer Moratorium for MSEP requests.

The Modified Special Event Permit (MSEP) was created by the City of San Diego to address requests for alcohol use in association with events being held in Mission Bay Park after the ban on the use of alcohol was adopted. Applicants wishing to use the MSEP are required to follow certain regulations/rules as established in the permit. Since the creation of the MSEP, the Office of Special Events staff requested the Park and Recreation Department (Department) staff issue the permit on their behalf after the issuance of a Park and Recreation Park Use Permit. This was the practice until the City Council adopted changes to the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) 63.0103 which became effective in December 2011. The Office of Special Events now issues the MSEP.

While there were many changes to the SDMC, a specific change to the SDMC was to codify the Department's practice of a summer moratorium on "special events" in Mission

Bay Park. The MSEP is a type of “special event” permit. The SDMC outlines a specific waiver process in which an applicant can request a “waiver” to the summer moratorium.

Most requests for the MSEP are for events/activities within the park area’s capacity (number of people) which would not trigger undue restrictions to the public’s general use of the park and would issued by staff year-round, including the summer. However, due to the request for alcohol (Department does not permit alcohol in parks where there is a prohibition per the SDMC) this would trigger a special event as referenced in the SDMC.

Ms. LoMedico is recommending approval of an annual summer moratorium waiver for any event/activity that is requested during the summer that is within the park area’s capacity (number of people) and request a MSEP by the Office of Special Events.

In addition, there may be applicants who wish to have events/activities during the summer moratorium in which they would like to include alcohol as a component of their event for an area that is not established as part of the issuance of the MSEP. These requests will come directly to the Park and Recreation Director (as per the SDMC waiver process). It is the intent of the Director to recommend approval of these events/activities during the summer if the only factor that would require a special event permit would be for the use of alcohol but the applicant chooses not to request a MSEP.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/SWINK) AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RESERVATION OF PARK USE FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT REQUIRE AN ISSUANCE OF A MSEP BY THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2012. (8-0-0)

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. None

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

Mr. Bussell who will be termed out this year as a member of the Mission Bay Park

Committee wanted to thank everyone who has been on the committee for a long time. He said the committee got a lot accomplished and it said it's been a pleasure serving on the committee. He has learned a lot from everyone.

Ms. Swink who will be termed out this year as a member of the Mission Bay Park Committee said it has been a rewarding experience. She got to know a lot of good people and appreciates working with everyone.

Mr. Robinson thanked both Mr. Bussell and Ms. Swink for their service.

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

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2012
6:00 PM
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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