

**DRAFT**

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
Minutes  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

***“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”***

**Meeting Held at:**

Balboa Park Club Ballroom  
2150 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Mailing Address is:**

City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS 37C  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Members Present**

David Kinney, Chair  
Dennis Otsuji, Vice Chair  
Nick Anastasopoulos  
David Baron  
Jon Becker  
Marcella Bothwell  
Bobby Hughes  
Noli Zosa

**Members Absent**

Raymond Bernal (excused)  
Ron Cho (excused)  
Katherine Johnston  
(excused)

**City Staff Present**

Herman D. Parker, Director  
Andrew Field, Assistant Director  
Brian Anthony  
Mike Armenta  
Ryan Barbrick  
Angel Castro  
Rumi Doherty  
James Doll  
Sarah Erazo  
Manny Gonzalez  
Gette Manela  
Debbie Marcotte  
David Monroe  
Steve Palle  
Mike Rodrigues  
Danell Scarborough  
Becky Yzaguirre  
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Kinney at 2:04 p.m.

Chair Kinney thanked and welcomed everyone. He announced that the Board would be convening as the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee at the conclusion of the Park and Recreation Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2018.**

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Otsuji/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the February 15, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (8/0).

**NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. (Comments relating to items

on today's Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard.) Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes and is not debatable.

Speakers (3) – Ann Yellen spoke in favor of camping in Mission Bay.  
Ken Wagner spoke in favor of camplands future.  
George Freiha spoke in favor of parks and recreation.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board member to approve any agenda item as consent when no speaker slips have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to the Park and Recreation Board, unless otherwise noted in the motion. At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as "Consent" items.

**101. Clay Neighborhood Park GDP Amendment**

Presenters: Becky Yzaguirre, District Manager,  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Brian Anthony, Area Manager,  
Parks and Recreation Department

Speakers (2) – Andrew Bailey, in favor  
Denise Armijo, in favor

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Otsuji/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to place Action Item 101, the Clay Neighborhood Park GDP Amendment on the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (8/0).

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Otsuji/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Becker to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved (8/0).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

Community Parks I Area Committee  
Community Parks II Area Committee  
Balboa Park Committee  
Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Parker noted that the FY 2019 Proposed Budget would be presented to City Council on May 2, 2018.

ACTION ITEMS

**102. Re-naming of “Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park on Del Mar Mesa” to “Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park”**

Presenter: Mike Rodrigues, District Manager,  
Parks and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

Speakers (6) – in favor; Ginny Barnes (letter attached)  
Jan Hudson  
Gary Levitt (read by Preston Drake)  
Angelica Drake ceded her time to Gary Levitt  
Preston Drake ceded his time to Gary Levitt  
Anne Harvey

Speakers (2) – in opposition; Marie LeRose (photos attached)  
Joe Frichtel

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Zosa/Mr. Anastasopoulos**

A motion was made by Mr. Zosa and seconded by Mr. Anastasopoulos to recommend approval of Item 102, the Re-naming of “Elizabeth Rabbitt Neighborhood Park on Del Mar Mesa” to “Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park”. The motion was approved (4/3) with Mr. Hughes abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**201. FY 2019 Proposed Budget**

Presenters: Andrew Field, Assistant Director,  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Rumi Doherty, Supervising Management Analyst,  
Parks and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Budget Proposal

**202. Recreation Council Transition Update and FY 2019 Recreation Center Funds Budget Proposal**

Presenters: Andrew Field, Assistant Director,  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Marcella Bothwell, Co-Chair,  
Recreation Council Working Group

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Accomplishments
- Budget Proposal
- Recommended Actions
- Overview of Working Group (Co-Chair's report attached)

Speakers (2) – neutral; Terry Cords  
Denise Armijo

WORKSHOP – None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Details of the reports and PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>

Next Meeting: **May 17, 2018**  
**Balboa Park Club Ballroom**  
**2150 Pan American Road West**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker  
Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

# Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park

4/19/18 1:11 PM

My name is Ginny Barnes. I served on the Park & Recreation Board for 12 years and was a founding member of the Carmel Valley Recreation Council serving for well over 20 years. I chaired the park design committee for the recreation council during the time that the Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park was in the development stage through the approval of its' General Development Plan.

When Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park was in its' conceptual stage it was given a name...Duck Pond Park. It was located adjacent to Duck Pond Lane. When moving forward with the design other names were suggested. One in particular was Hollywood and Vine. Again referencing an intersection close to the park.

When discussing names it was made clear from residents that the park was for the entire community built by FBA contributions from the entire community and should be named to represent the entire community.

Therefore the selected name for the site was Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park.

If the entire community wants to change the name, the entire community should be notified and given an opportunity to vote for any change. This could be easily managed as the community holds annual planning board elections.

I am in support of your Item 102. The name of the park should be **Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park**.

Thank you.



Del Mar  
Mesa

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Elizabeth  
Rabbitt

Neighborhood  
Park

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to report to you regarding our Recreation Council working group

We were charged to:

Recommend revision of Council policy 700-42 with reference to:

A new interpretation of the City Charter and the San Diego Municipal Code by the City Attorney in September. It is important to note that these Recreation Councils have worked exceedingly well for more than 50 years under many City Attorney's interpretations. These Recreation Councils have been the essential, community conduit for public input and public priorities.

We were asked, as well, to

Recommend language for "any standard operating procedures and /or special use permits" as needed

Recommend procedures for developing operational priorities in the city's budget process

Recommend policies for working with Recreation Council Non Profit entities

Recommend Any other changes to operations .....as needed...  
No small task.

This was our original timeline but with any complex process it needed to be revised...

With this... our first meeting was February 7<sup>th</sup> with 2 members from each City Council District and Katherine Johnson and myself from the Parks and Recreation Board Co-chairing. We first wanted to assess whether there were appropriate groupings or topics for discussion for the upcoming weeks and it became readily apparent that there were: as you can see from the calendar shown.

In March, we set about to understand the legal framework and have an understanding of the city attorney's limitations on the new policy options. After meeting with Heather Ferbert, Deputy City Attorney, we set about making a matrix of the different possibilities raised for the structure of these recreation councils. We asked city staff to tell us the pros,,,, cons,,, city contract requirements,,, and the financial processes for these potential models.

Our models included: 1) a recreation advisory group; 2) a “friends of” nonprofit model; 3) a nonprofit contractor model based on the YMCA organization; 4) and a nonprofit contractor district model similar to a MAD or BID.

This 20 member working group reviewed the matrix. I'll start with the MAD or BID model which upon review of contracting, budgeting, and financial requirements, seem to be frankly the most arduous and also might require a city charter amendment. The third option or the nonprofit contractor model preserved the most independence for the groups but also seemed a very, arduous task for anyone other than a large nonprofit organization such as a YMCA.

We were then left with the remaining models,,, which were not mutually exclusive. The Recreation Council working group came to a CONSENSUS that the advisory model, PROVIDED,,,, City Parks and Recreation Department staff were ENGAGING and TRANSPARENT would be the best way to move forward.....Some of the recreation councils may or may not choose to continue with a companion nonprofit where they may actively fund raise and recruit donations. Concern was raised that there are no available funds for accounting needs which may necessitate shutting down of some of these non-profits currently established.

After this important consensus, we felt we could move on to more operational issues. We also wanted to get experts from within and outside the Parks and Recreation Department.

Adrian Del Rio from Financial Management began to address the city's legal requirements for budget development and deadlines.

Shelley Stowell from the Parks and Recreation Department presented an overview of the ongoing 2018 budgeting process for the individual recreation councils and the new 2019 budgeting process and how it will merge into the City's budget development.

Kristina Peralta, Director of the Procurement Department discussed,,, the processes in place,,, available to recreation councils through their recreation center directors.

We have invited James Nagelvoort, Director of the Public Works Department to present the Capital Improvement Process. That will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Other upcoming important issues will include:

Fiscal oversight

Operational Continuity

And Equity concerns

Fiscal oversight of the public's money is important to all involved. The Working Group expects transparent reporting from the Parks and Rec Department on a monthly to quarterly basis and the City seem,,,s to be working hard,, to increase its ability "vis a vis" the SAP system.

A specific concern with operational continuity is for the individual Recreation councils remain to be able to rapidly respond to community needs. Recreation councils have in past been excellent at responding to requests from community non-profits to provide unique programming in their areas,, however, responsibilities over time have not been clarified and likely this Working Group will take on this opportunity to address the Co-sponsorship of activities in their unique areas.

Equity of Parks and Recreation services across the City is a sensitive issue. As for the stated goals of the Working Group,,, I would like to consider this issue in the context of the last 2 bullet points from my first slide.... This may be an excellent opportunity to re-start a “Friends of San Diego Community Parks” Non-Profit Foundation with an emphasis on “equity” allowing fundraising and grant writing possibilities for lower income family neighborhoods.

Finally, I would I like to report that we have a subcommittee formed to specifically write the new Council policy. Council policy sections are being reviewed, discussed and voted on. The first section was approved by the FULL working group Tuesday. And currently we are in process revising policy 700 – 42 background, purpose, and policy sections. Operational policy is next to draft. We are using the council policy developed for community planning groups as a guide where appropriate.

As I have been actively observing and participating in this process, sausage-making if you will indulge me, it is apparent that we are ALL,,,, (Recreation Councils members, Parks and Rec staff, Community leaders and Sport’s businesses alike) working towards the same goal of a healthier, safer, recreation-friendly communities. Recreation councils have provided THE community input for the City and will continue to do so with the hard-working passionate community involvement I have observed in the past few weeks.

Thank you for your time and this opportunity to serve the City and its citizens.

Marcella Bothwell  
Co-Chair, RWG

M. Bothwell