

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
May 2, 2024

Meeting Location:

Balboa Park Club Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road West\
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Allison Soares
Howard Blackson
Makeda Cheatom
Chris Eddy
Dang Nguyen
Kathy Vandenheuvel

Members Absent

Molly Chase
William Aaron Jr
Mary McKenzie
Tim Shields

Staff Present

Jon Richards
Tyler Canales
Victor Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Allison Soares called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 11, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Eddy / Ms. Vandenheuvel

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Ms. Vandenheuvel to approve the April 11, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion carried (4-0-1).

NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Web Form:

None

In-Person:

Daniele Laman – Attended Balboa Park safety and security meeting. Thanked Jon Richards for attending. Noted that Michael Warburton will be attending going forward. Announced upcoming May HPR lawn programs.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORT

Emily Bonner, Council District 3 – In middle of budget season. Provided a flyer with budget hearing dates.

Michael Bravo, 78th District – None

Jon Richards, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation – Will be sending out updates electronically.

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES

Forever Balboa Park – None

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership – Peter Comiskey – Encouraged people to advocate for Parks & Recreation at the budget hearings. Also encouraged to attend Arts & Culture budget hearing. The Balboa Park Experience Plan website is now live and will look forward to bring it to Balboa Park Committee in the future again.

Committee of 100 – None

Save Starlight – Steve Stopper – Looking for a meeting with Parks and in regards to security of Starlight Bowl.

Village Arts & Education Foundation – Frank Casciani – Have several field trips coming in and art class show coming up. High school art show at the end of the month. Jurying of the 17 artists was completed and they will be brought to the Balboa Park Committee for approvals.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

None

CONSENT ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 1. Approval of Studio Artists: Frank Casciani, Deputy Director of Village Arts & Education Foundation

Public Comment:

None

Committee Comment:

Chris Eddy – Wanted clarification on if the Committee was judging the artists or if they pay rent.

Frank Casciani (Responded) – The artists pay a licensing fee. Village Arts & Education Foundation do jury the artists prior to bringing them to the Committee for their final approval.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Vandenheuvel/ Mr. Nguyen

A motion was made by Ms. Vandenheuvel and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to approve the slate of new artists at Spanish Village. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

WORKSHOP ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEM

Item 2. Renaming of Grape St. Park: Sarita Flaming

Public Comment:

None

Committee Comment:

Kathy Vandenheuevel – Thanked presenter for their service and condolences to the victims of the shooting. Recommended sending a letter to the greater Golden Hill Planning Committee for their support as well.

Chris Eddy – Is a large supporter of law enforcement. Has a concern the crime over might overshadow the individuals once it is renamed. Both officers are memorialized at the County Building. Unsure of how to deal with that.

Howard Blackson – Thanked them for bringing this forward. Believes that how this is said is very important.

Makeda Cheatom – Was there the day of the shooting. Has stayed her for years. Agrees that there should be something in the park honoring the officers.

ADJOURNMENT – 4:35 pm

Notice of Next Balboa Park Meeting:

June 6, 2024
4:00 P.M.
In-Person

Respectfully submitted,

Tyler Canales
District Manager