

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
February 6, 2020

Meeting Location:

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

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Victoria Curran
Sarah Dawe
Kenneth Davenport – Vice
Chair
Vicki Granowitz
Katherine Johnston – Chair
Luanne Kanzawa
Dang Nguyen
Micah Parzen
Johanna S. Schiavoni

Members Absent

William Aaron
James Lawson
Don Liddell

Staff Present

Andrew Field
Mario Llanos
Susan Lowery-Mendoza
Michael Tully
Jeff Van Deerlin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2019

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. SCHIAVONI/MS. GRANOWITZ

A motion was made by Ms. Schiavoni and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously (9-0-0).

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Johnston noted the format of this meeting is structured to provide optimum input on the workshop item and that staff reports, partner updates and committee reports and action items will resume at the March meeting. Non-agenda public comment will be heard at the end of the meeting. She thanked all for attending and for the support of the Mayor, Councilmember Ward, the Planning Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

STAFF REPORT – None

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES - None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. None

Special Events

301. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Balboa Park Strategic Priorities and Framework for Future Investment in the Park. Presenters: Katherine Johnston, Chair, Balboa Park Committee; City Councilmember Chris Ward; Danelle Scarborough, Facilitator, City of San Diego

Councilmember Ward thanked Chairperson Johnston and the Committee members for their work over the years on behalf the park. We are here to create a roadmap by hearing from the public as to what are the park's priorities. The Planning Department will lend their expertise for a new and restored, prosperous Balboa Park. Councilmember Ward stated his concern for needed maintenance projects, the CIP backlog, park governance, stakeholders input and adequate staffing of the park.

Danell Scarborough, meeting facilitator asked meeting participants to note verbally their top recommendations for the park in one minute and to record on the Post-it Note what must be addressed in the park. She encouraged all to sign the sign it so we know who is making public comment, however it is not required that you do so to speak.

Comments were made around the room with each person allotted one minute.

Chairperson Johnston noted that the next steps are with the support of the City staff, the public input gathered tonight will create a scope of work with strategies for implementation and a process for technical review. A menu of options will be presented. The next meeting for this process will be in April. Updates will be posted on the City's website under the Balboa Park Committee's page.

NON -AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

David Lundin stated that the Mayor and staff owe an apology regarding the RPF process for Inspiration Point. Proposes to get an initiative to get on the ballot to increase the TOT in 2022 for the park.

Peter Wheeler spoke about development of a World Garden on the East Mesa and to make Florida Canyon accessible.

Shane Harris stated concern about Inspiration Point being under attack by developers, need to protect the interests of World Beat Center, what is there is beautiful.

Alan Bennett, plead for Florida Canyon, a place to connect with nature and the need to protect it. East and west connectors are needed with ADA standards.

Peter Comiskey stated the BPCP members are optimistic about the process and will be engaged in the process. They continue to invest in the park for the residents. Cultural organizations are ready to support efforts.

John Bolthouse thanked all for facilitating this process. The Park needs a strong unified governance model, efficient park planning, implementation strategies, and dedicated, sustainable financing. The process needs to have measurable results.

Sarah Davis, running for State Assembly has close ties to the Park. Health care and family health issues are her focus and relate to the park.

Joaquin Vazquez, running for Congress, stated that elected officials should already had a solution years ago to the problems.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – No report
602. West Mesa Subcommittee – No report

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2020
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza
District Manager