

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
July 22, 2021

Meeting Location:
Online Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Dang Nguyen
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Don Liddell
Victoria Curran
William Aaron
Micah Parzen
Luanne Kanzawa
Katherine Johnston - Chair

Members Absent

Sarah Dawe

Staff Present

Andrew Field
Codi Vierra
Christina Chadwick
Mario Llanos
Johnny Chou

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Mario Llanos read the statement listed on the agenda that this Committee meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the California Executive Order 29-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 3, 2021

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. AARON / MR. DANG

A motion was made by Mr. Aaron and seconded by Mr. Dang to approve the June 3, 2021 meeting minutes with the amendment of Victoria Curran being present. The motion carried unanimously (7-0-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniele Laman – HPR International Cottages thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for getting the electrical issue resolved for House of Israel. The House of Ukraine and China both had windows broken. House of USA's water pressure is low. New cottages are not opened yet. House of Peru had a soft opening on July 17. HPR would like to request the lawn stay open and not closed for its annual rest.

Mike Bullock – Friends of Oceanside wanted to bring awareness to climate change and the new employee parking for the Zoo.

David Seid – House of China asked for more security patrol at the cottages due to possible vandalism of their window.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Katherine Johnston introduced Stephen Hill from Mayor Gloria's office. Mr. Hill announced the new appointments for the Balboa Park Committee that will be on the July 27 City Council Docket. The appointments are:

Molly Chase	Chair
Katherine Johnston	Vice-chair
Makeda Cheatom	Small or Mid-Size Institution in Balboa Park
Allison Soares	District 3 Representative
Chris Eddy	Downtown Planning Representative
Brer Marsh	Uptown Planning Representative
Howard Blackson	North Park Planning Representative
Sarah Dawe	District 3 Representative
Victoria Curran	Golden Hill Planning Representative

Mr. Hill thanked everyone who served on the Balboa Park Committee this past year for their service and hard work.

STAFF REPORT -

City Council Third District – Codi Vierra reported CPPS funding application July 30. Council member Whitburn joined Mayor Gloria to announce the “Homes For All of Us” housing package. On August 26 at 6 pm, Council office will host Town Hall to discuss the City's proposed increase rates in sewage and wastewater

Assistant Deputy Director – Christina Chadwick introduced Johnny Chou as the new District Manager for facility maintenance and special events in Balboa Park. He is Susan Lowery-Mendoza's replacement. Mayor Gloria and Senator Atkins announced securing \$3.7 million for Casa Del Prado and also thanked Stephen Hill for his help. Mid- City council approved 8-1 for renaming and recognition program. This approval allows the Conservancy to move forward with soliciting and accepting donations for phase 2 of the Botanical Garden project.

Balboa Park District Manager – Johnny Chou reported Municipal Gym will reopen and Monday, July 26. The exterior painting has been completed. Twilight Concert Series will begin on Tuesday, August 3 with the Marine Band and concluded on Thursday, August 26 with Santa Ways. Concerts will be held every Tuesday – Thursday in August from 6:30-7:30. December Nights Planning is under way. The event will be held on December 3 & 4. Mayor Gloria hosted a Kickoff to Pride Week with a Lighting Ceremony at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Tuesday, July 13.

Balboa Park Operations District Manager – Mario Llanos reported effective July 19th, the Mayor's office announced that boards and committees can now meet in person. Today's meeting had already been scheduled virtually, but please look for more information about the potential for the Balboa Park Committee meeting to return to it's normal “in person” meetings at the Balboa Park Club. The Mingei Renovation is wrapping up, the Mingei has executed an Art Agreement with Parks and Recreation and the Commission for Arts and Culture to display and maintain the Nikigator sculpture on Park property. The Nikigator will continue to be in the general location as it was before but will move several feet south to accommodate required access to a nearby storm drain. The House of Pacific Relation International Cottages additions are nearly complete. The fencing just came down and their contractor is wrapping up punch list items such as grading, irrigation, and planting of ornamentals and turf. The Roosevelt Middle School Joint Use area has expanded to formally include four tennis courts available to the public during non-school hours. The tennis courts had been used by the community but were still part of school property.

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES (Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair; however, comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes)

Balboa Park Conservancy/ FOBP – Jackie Higgins reported the Balboa Park attendance is back to pre-COVID 19 numbers. Vendors are setting up on both sides of El Prado and Village Place and causing a safety hazard. Moving forward with Casa Del Prado project. Work is being done in the internal courtyard including painting and lighting work.

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership – Peter Comiskey reported the Balboa Park Cultural District advisory board which includes 34 diverse representatives from throughout the region.

Committee of 100 – Roger Showley reported work the work on the Automotive Museum and repainting of Municipal Gym. Mr. Showley started a “Bucket of Paint Club” to help get building in Balboa Park painted more frequently. Announced the AIGA poster contest starting at the end of July for the graphic arts community. The Committee would like City Council to amend the San Diego High School lease prior to approval.

Save Starlight – Steve Stopper introduced Carleton Overstreet. Mr. Overstreet reported he was assisting Steve in getting Starlight back on its feet. Looks forward to a celebratory update on the Starlight.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. AARON / MS. SCHIAVONI

A motion was made by Mr. Aaron and seconded by Ms. Schiavoni to approve Framework for the Future Prioritization Framework RFP. The motion carried unanimously (8-0-0)

201. Framework for the Future Prioritization Framework RFP. Presenters: Christina Chadwick, Assistant Deputy Director, City of San Diego; Danell Scarborough, Facilitator, City of San Diego

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. AARON / MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Mr. Aaron and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve One Voice Experience Plan for the Balboa Park Cultural District. The motion carried unanimously (8-0-0)

202. One Voice Experience Plan for the Balboa Park Cultural District. Presenter: Dr. Steven Snyder, CEO of the Fleet Science Center

CONSENT ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Ms. Schiavoni and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve consent item 301 and 302. The motion carried unanimously (8-0-0)

Special Events (Special Events that require road or plaza closures or will potentially impact park and/or institution operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to consent by action of the committee.)

301. San Diego Automotive Museum-All Revved Up Gala. Presenters: Lenny Leszczynski, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Automotive Museum requesting to use the Palisades Plaza area Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. to accommodate a seated dinner, beverage service and event program consisting of speakers, live auction and live music

entertainment. Set-up will begin the day before at 8:00 a.m. and breakdown of equipment to occur on the same day as the event ending at 12:30 a.m.

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for use of this area to accommodate their need for additional space for their fundraising gala.

302. Making Strides for Breast Cancer 2021- Presenter: Linda Dejauregui, American Cancer Society, Development Manager requesting to change the site location from 6th Ave. & Laurel to Park Boulevard and Presidents Way Lawn and change the route of their walk from a 5K to a 2 mile walk on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 5:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Set-up will begin the day before at 9:30 a.m. and breakdown of equipment to occur on the same day as the event ending at 2:00 p.m.

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for the location change and route change for 2021 only.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No action taken; subject discussed by the committee and staff.)

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Notice of Next Balboa Park Meeting: September 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Chou
District Manager