

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF
JUNE 18, 2020
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson William Hofman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Chairperson William Hofman adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

*NOTE: Commissioners Whalen, Austin, Granowitz, Otsuji, Boomhower and Moden participated in the meeting by teleconference.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson William Hofman – present
*Vice-Chairperson James Whalen – present
*Commissioner Douglas Austin – present
*Commissioner Vicki Granowitz – present
*Commissioner Dennis Otsuji – present
*Commissioner Matthew Boomhower – present
*Commissioner Kelly Moden – present

Staff

Mike Hansen, Planning Director – present
*Corrine Neuffer, City Attorney – present
*Laura Black, Planning Department – present/teleconference
PJ FitzGerald, Development Services Department – present
*Tony Khalil, Development Services Department – present
Carmina Trajano, Recorder – present/chamber

*NOTE: Deputy City Attorney Corrine Neuffer, Planning Deputy Director Laura Black and City Engineer Tony Khalil participated in the meeting by teleconference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PJ FitzGerald from Development Services passed along an announcement from the Mayor's office that a Chair and Vice-Chair have been named for the Planning Commission: Mr. William Hofman as Chair and Mr. James Whalen as Vice-Chair. She offered congratulations to both of them.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Commissioner Granowitz congratulated Chairperson William Hofman and Vice-Chair Whalen.

Commissioner Whalen commented that he was deeply honored to be the Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Hofman commented that he spoke to the Mayor's personnel and said that they are very aware of the issues on the teleconferencing. They are recruiting high powerful companies to come and try and make this work a little better for the Commission. He assumed that the Planning Commission will be doing the virtual hearings for quite some time especially with the new spike that is occurring. He noted that it is very challenging, but he is confident that things are being worked out, so we don't have to go through these delays.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1: **COMPLETE COMMUNITIES: PLAY EVERYWHERE – CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS MASTER PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN RECREATION ELEMENT AMENDMENT**

City Council District: All

Plan Area: Citywide

Staff: Heidi Vonblum and Jonathan Avila

Public testimony by Jonathan Franco, Howard Greenstein, Deborah Sharp, Jeff Stevens, Glenn Smith, Tom Maloney, Kathy Vandenheuvel, David Moty, Wallace Wulfeck and Matthew Adams

COMMISSION ACTION:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GRANOWITZ TO APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE ADDENDUM TO THE 2008 GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 104495 EIR (SCH # 2006091032); ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN RECREATION ELEMENT; ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS MASTER PLAN.

WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. INCLUDE STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL POLICY THAT ESTABLISHES CONTINUAL MONITORING AND ALLOWS FOR ADJUSTMENTS AND REFINEMENTS TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION.
2. INCLUDE STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL POLICY THAT RECOGNIZES THE MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF PARKS BY VALUING HABITAT RESTORATION THAT IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT IN THE PARKS SCORING SYSTEM.
3. AMEND THE PLAN TO CLARIFY THAT THE 10-20-30-40-MINUTE ACCESS STANDARD IS INTENDED TO INCREASE RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO MORE PARKS ACROSS THE CITY, BUT THAT NEARBY PARKS ARE ALSO OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE.
4. AMEND THE PLAN TO CLARIFY THAT THE PARK DESIGNATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN ARE INTENDED AS A GUIDE TO THE TYPES OF PARKS THAT MAKE UP THE CITYWIDE PARKS SYSTEM, BUT THAT THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO SUGGEST THAT ANY PARTICULAR PLANNING EFFORT BE LIMITED TO THESE PARTICULAR PARK TYPES.
5. PARK & RECREATION RESOURCES SHOULD BE SURVEYED AND ASSESSED FOR EACH COMMUNITY PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION.
6. THE PARK MASTER PLAN NEEDS TO CLARIFY STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE.
7. THE SCORING MATRIX NEEDS ANALYSIS AND REWORKING, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. LAND ACQUISITION NEEDS TO BE A HIGHER PRIORITY IF VIABLE LAND DOES BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. THIS SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE SCORING MATRIX.
 - b. MAKE THE OVERALL MAXIMUM POINT VALUE HIGHER.
 - c. CONSIDER A "CAP" FOR CATEGORIES.
 - d. INCLUDE AN:
 - i. ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PROCESS FOR UNCONVENTIONAL IDEAS AND
 - ii. A WEIGHTED SYSTEM
8. THE ROLE OF PARKS IN SEQUESTERING CARBON AND MITIGATING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TOXIC POLLUTANTS SHOULD BE BETTER ADDRESSED. THIS NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN PARK PRIORITIZATION AS WELL AS THE CLIMATE EQUITY INDEX.

9. PROGRAMMING SHOULD EMPHASIS AND BUDGET FOR MULTILINGUAL, CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING. MARKETING AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED MORE.
10. CONSIDER DEVELOPING A POLICY THAT WOULD REPURPOSE OVERSIZED STREETS AND UNUSED ALLEYS FOR RECREATION.
11. THE NUMBER AND SIGNIFICANCE OF LOCAL HISTORICAL, CALIFORNIA LANDMARKS, NATIONAL REGISTER AND NATIONAL LANDMARK RESOURCES WITH SAN DIEGO PARKS NEEDS TO BE BETTER CALLED OUT AND POLICIES CREATED TO PROTECT THESE RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGE AWARENESS AND ACCESS TO THEM. PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS ADEQUATELY INCLUDED IN POLICY DIRECTIVES.
12. THE USE OF THE TERMINOLOGY "COMFORT STATIONS" IS AN ANACHRONISM AND SHOULD BE ABANDONED FOR THE TERM "RESTROOM" USED IN COMMON LANGUAGE.
13. CREATE A GOAL OR POLICY TO EXPLORE IMPLEMENTING NEW APPROACHES TO PROVIDING PUBLIC RESTROOMS.
 - a. THIS WOULD INCLUDE CONDUCTING AN EXISTING CONDITION REPORT AS WELL AS RESEARCHING HOW OTHER SYSTEMS IMPLEMENT RESTROOMS.
14. THERE SHOULD BE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE SYSTEM THAT IS TRANSPARENT AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. THERE SHOULD BE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO A CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE.
15. ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE BASED ON CURRENT PRACTICES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.
16. NEED A NEXUS STUDY ON THE FEE SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO MAKE FINDINGS.
17. RECOMMEND FINISHING THE STORM WATER COMPLIANCE PROGRAM EIR WHICH COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR RECREATION NEEDS.

Seconded by Commissioner Otsuji. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Hofman, Austin, Granowitz, Boomhower, Otsuji, Moden and Whalen voting yea.