

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
February 18, 2016

Minutes

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Location

(Note Location Change)

Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2144 Pan American Road West
San Diego, California 92101

Mailing Address:

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

Members Present

William Diehl, Chair
David Baron
Bruce Brown
Robert Chávez
Vicki Granowitz
Bobby Hughes
David Kinney
Martin Moreno
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

City Staff Present

Herman Parker, Director
Andrew Field
Heather Ferbert
Manny Gonzalez
David Monroe
David Powell
Becky Yzaguirre
Bonnie Pearson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Diehl at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2015 MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2015 MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown/Mr. Otsuji

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve the October 15, 2015 and the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (7-0-1), with 2 abstentions.

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 (3) three minutes and is not debatable.)

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA - None

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.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Report

Community Parks II Area Committee

- Mr. Hughes states there were no major items to bring before the Board; the Committee had general discussions.

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported that the committee approved several items; the addition of San Diego Museum of Art's sculptures to be placed around the sidewalk between their building and the Plaza de Panama. This has been a long-term plan to have public art there. The committee recently approved an event in the Organ Pavilion. This year is the Zoo's Centennial and the Zoo is planning a number of events and on May 14, 2016 a huge event is planned and is free to the public. Additionally, the committee is re-initiating the Land Use Sub-committee to the Balboa Park Committee. The Sub-committee is meeting again and beginning to look at issues such as, permitting the Plaza de Panama signage and some other issues the committee may be able to help Park and Recreation create policy.
- Ms. Granowitz complimented and congratulated the committee on making a good decision.
- Chair Diehl inquired about the matter of schools on parkland and if it is a part of the Balboa Park Committee's discussions? Mr. Kinney responded as of now, he hasn't heard if that will come before the Balboa Park Committee.

Design Review Committee

- Chair Diehl reported that the Design Review Committee has been disbanded effective with the new Park CIP Streamlining process which was approved at City Council on January 12, 2016 .

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee - No report

DeAnza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee

- Ms. Granowitz inquired if the this ad hoc committee was being added to the committee reports, as it was approved as a sub-committee of the Park and Recreation. Chair Diehl yielded the floor to Ms. Granowitz. Ms. Granowitz reported there have been two ad hoc meetings, one public workshop. She added the meeting was slow-going and added it is an exciting opportunity. She is still waiting for basic information and a report on current conditions. This is a very large area with a lot of competing interest. Ms. Granowitz encouraged members if interested to attend meetings. It is anticipated the Board will receive a presentation from the Ad Hoc Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Diehl announced he anticipates bringing to General Development Plan Amendments before the Board; Canyonside Community Park and Black Mountain Ranch Community Park. A parking lot is being added to Canyonside Community Park and an off-leash dog area at Black Mountain Ranch Community Park .

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker added to the Chair's comments regarding the January 12, 2016 City Council meeting approving a streamlining process for our CIP process for parks. As a result of Council Policy 600-33, we have eliminated the Design Review Committee. On behalf of the Park and Recreation Department, Mr. Parker acknowledged and gave a "special" thank you to all of those who served on the Design Review Committee. Additionally, Mr. Park presented certificates of appreciation to members of the committee who were in attendance at the meeting and those not attending, staff will ensure they receive their respective certificate. Ms. Pearson read the following names:

- William Diehl
- Dennis Otsuji
- Simon Andrews
- Fred Blecksmith, Jr.
- Kevin Carpenter
- Kathryn Fulhorst
- Dan Mallec
- Vince Marchetti
- Michael Theilacker
- Roget Utt
- Stewart White

Mr. Monroe and Mr. Winter assisted in presenting the certificates to committee members. One of the members, Mr. Utt thanked the Board and encourage members to have a design specialist in the review process. Mr. Jim Winter thanked all the committee members for participating in the Design Review Committee and added they really made a difference in the design process.

- Mr. Parker announced that on December 10, 2015 we opened a brand new park in Southeast San Diego, the Charles Lewis Memorial Park; really happy to cut the ribbon and open this park. It is being used quite heavily.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony last weekend on a temporary dog park at Ward Canyon park site. Mr. Parker added that San Diego Park and Recreation is still growing.

- At the end of January, Park and Recreation hosted the National Park and Recreation Association (NRPA) hosted an Innovation Lab. It attracted approximately 40 Directors from large urban cities from around the country (Chicago, Miami, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Houston etc). This lab convened to talk about trends in the profession, financing parks in their environments. Mr. Parker stated he was quite pleased at the effort staff provided in welcoming folks and showing off our parks. He added attendees left here knowing that San Diego is a world-class park system.
- Mr. Parker stated the department just concluded its Annual Department Meeting. Bringing 1,000 Park and Recreation employees together over a two-day period to celebrate and talk about successes from last year was a successful event.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there was a date set for the ribbon cutting at the Ranger Station at Los Penasquitos? Mr. Parker stated no date as yet, but will let the Board know as soon as it becomes available.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Alcohol Restrictions and Curfew Implementation at Miscellaneous Park Sites

Chair Diehl recused himself and turned this portion of the meeting over to Vice Chair Kinney.

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, District Manager, Community Parks II Division presented a report requesting the Board's recommendation for some alcohol restriction and curfew implementation at a number of our parks. Staff is requesting the Board recommend a 24 hour ban of alcohol consumption at the following sites: Central Avenue Mini Park, Charles Lewis III Memorial Park, La Mirada (Joint Use), Coral Gate Neighborhood Park, Vista Pacifica Neighborhood Park, Ocean View Hills, (Joint Use), Ocean View Hills Neighborhood Park, Cesar Solis Community Park, University Heights Point (along undeveloped Golden Gate Drive between Massachusetts St. and Delaware St.), and University Heights Open Space (City-owned parcel adjacent to the intersection of Cleveland St. and Golden Gate Dr.) Mr. Gonzalez added that staff is requesting the Board to recommend City Council amend Appendix 56.54A of the San Diego Municipal Code to include these parks as a 24 hour ban. Additionally, staff is requesting the Board recommend to City Council to enact a nighttime curfew at University Heights Point (along undeveloped Golden Gate Drive between Massachusetts St. and Delaware St.) and also at University Heights Open Space (City-owned parcel adjacent to the intersection of Cleveland St. and Golden Gate Dr.). If this curfew is approved, it would make it unlawful for any person to be on the grounds of either location from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 am from April 1 – October 31 and from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. from November 1 – March 31. Staff again, is requesting the Board's recommendation to the City Council to amend the San Diego Municipal Code (§63.0120) for this curfew to be enacted.

Because of drinking and illicit issues at some of the parks and the extensive process of amending the Municipal Code, staff decided to look at all of our parks

to determine if there were others needing to be included in the amendment. That process brought staff to the parks listed above. This request has gone through a number of Recreation Councils and has met their approvals and recommendations.

Speakers: In Favor (1) Opposed (0)

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Vice Chair Kinney commented this process greatly improved other parks in the past and stated there is history with this and has proven to be efficacious.
- Ms. Granowitz added it took five years to get the alcohol changed in Balboa Park and this appears to be moving quite fast. Good job staff!!
- Mr. Otsuji inquired that every time there is a situation such as this, does staff have to individually come forth for an action to occur? Is it not covered by a blanket ordinance? Mr. Parker responded that this type of situation must be addressed as separate issue.
- Mr. Baron commented he attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Ward Canyon Temporary Dog Park. He thanked Mr. Parker and added his neighborhood has been looking forward to for years. He also complimented Michele Chicarelli on her efforts. He also took his daughter and played a round of FootGolf and truly enjoyed it. He encouraged members to try it. Mr. Parker added kudos to Mr. Field and staff and thanked Mr. Baron for his compliments.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Granowitz/Mr. Brown

A motion was made by Ms. Granowitz and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the presentation as presented by staff and recommend the City Council to enact a 24 hour ban at the sites outlined above. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-1) with one recusal.

Chair Diehl rejoined the meeting after approval of Item 101.

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

Details of Report 101 can be found on the Park and Recreation Department's website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards/index.shtml>

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: **March 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Park and Recreation Director