



From Controversy to Solution Series



San Diego's Great Balancing Act: Exploring Creative Recreational Choices for the Future

Co-Sponsored by the Planning Department and the Park and Recreation Department

- Our demographics are changing. What are the current trends in recreation that the city needs to address over the next 20 years?
- People enjoy recreation for different reasons: from exercise to relaxation, solitude to social interaction. How do these diverse recreational needs fit into San Diego's City of Villages strategy for smart growth?
- With the epidemic of physical inactivity in our country, what role should general plan policy play in promoting public health, safety, and welfare?
- How do we balance the need for open space and habitat protection with the need for passive recreation such as bird watching and nature hiking?
- How can we balance the recreational needs of San Diego's residents with that of visitors to one of America's premier tourist destinations?



Join us as we discuss the issues and create collaborative solutions.

Panel:

Kathleen (Kathy) Garcia, ASLA is currently serving as a Commissioner on the City of San Diego Planning Commission and is Principal of Wallace, Roberts, & Todd, Inc. in San Diego. She is a landscape architect, planner and urban designer who has designed park systems for municipalities including Santa Monica's South Beach and Palisades Park. Kathy holds a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

Reint Reinders has been President and CEO of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau since 1991. He is also a State of California Tourism Commissioner and serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the International Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus. He is active in the Economic Development Corporation, Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Hotel-Motel Association.

Leslie Linton is the Deputy Director for Active Living Research at San Diego State University. She is an attorney with experience in land use planning and litigation, real estate transactions, government administrative law, health care regulatory matters, and employment law. She obtained a master's degree in public health at Harvard School of Public Health.

Virginia (Ginny) Barnes has been a member of the Park and Recreation Board for the past four years. She currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Board and is the chair of the Design Review Committee. She has served for over 12 years on the Carmel Valley Recreation Council as Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and a member-at-large.

James (Jim) Peugh served as the Audubon Society Chapter President from 1993-1996. He is the Chair of the Friends of Famosa Slough where he conducts interpretive walks, cleanups, maintenance, habitat restoration, and visitor programs. He also serves as a member of the County Parks Advisory Board and state appointed San Diego River Conservancy. In 1996 he was awarded the "America's Finest Volunteer Award" by the San Diego Park and Recreation Department.

Community Members: *You are invited to join our discussion. We want to hear your voice about the recreation issues that matter to you the most. Add your perspective and suggestions for what the City can do to promote sound recreation policy decisions for our future.*

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2004 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Next Forum:** Thursday, September 16, 2004

All meetings will be held in the Santa Fe Room (near the Aerospace Museum) at Balboa Park 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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