



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : January 8, 2009

TO : Council President Ben Hueso & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments and Reappointment to the Balboa Park Committee

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It is my pleasure to appoint Don Liddell, Michael Singleton, Robert Steppke, and reappoint Mike McDowell to the Balboa Park Committee, subject to your confirmation.

Don Liddell retired in 2003 as Assistant General Counsel for Sempra Energy where he specialized in unregulated aspects of energy law with an emphasis on business transactions. Employed with Sempra and its predecessor companies since 1982, Mr. Liddell also served as legal counsel for Sempra Energy Solutions and annually contracted for more than \$400 million in energy-related commodities and services. Mr. Liddell began his career as an Attorney for the U.S. Department of Energy assisting with the implementation of alternative and renewable energy programs. From 2006-2008, Mr. Liddell shared his expertise as an Adjunct Professor of Law at University of San Diego Law School where he taught a course on energy law and policy. Currently, Mr. Liddell is in private practice as a Principal for Douglass & Liddell, specializing in sustainable energy development. Mr. Liddell holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Juris Doctor degree from Hastings College of Law. He also received a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from San Diego State University.

A resident of Bankers Hill, Mr. Liddell became a member of the Uptown Planners in March 2007, and is also active with the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association and Friends of Maple Canyon. Mr. Liddell will serve as the member from the Planning Group representing the Uptown neighborhood on the Balboa Park Committee. He will replace Michael Singleton, whose term on the Uptown Planners has expired, for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

Michael Singleton has been serving on the Balboa Park Committee since 2005 as the member of the planning group representing the Uptown Neighborhood (Uptown Planners). Mr. Singleton's term on the Uptown Planners has expired, however, as a result of Mr.

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Singleton's efforts, commitment, and participation on the Balboa Park Committee, he has been nominated by Councilmember Todd Gloria to continue serving as one of the members nominated by the Council member representing the majority of the area in Balboa Park. He will replace Patti Roscoe, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term expiring March 1, 2009.

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Robert Steppke came to San Diego in 2001 after having served as Supervisor of Real Property Management for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a Real Property Management Supervisor, Mr. Steppke identified, negotiated, and coordinated the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, and condemnation of real property for potential school sites and district support facilities. Previously, Mr. Steppke worked for the County of Clark in Las Vegas as a Planner II where he coordinated the preparation of a five-year Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, including Community Development Block Grant and other grant applications, for a consortium of seven jurisdictions located within Clark County. Mr. Steppke's 30-year professional work history includes serving as a Title Insurance Examiner, Mortgage Banking Officer, Urban Planner and real estate sales and development positions. Mr. Steppke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, and Master of Urban Planning degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

A resident of North Park, Mr. Steppke has served on the North Park Planning Committee since 2001, and also serves on the North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee, and the North Park Maintenance Assessment District. He is also the Past Treasurer of the American Planning Association, Southern Nevada Section.

Mr. Steppke will serve as the member of the planning group representing the North Park neighborhood on the Balboa Park Committee, and will replace Dan Mazella, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

In addition, Vicki Granowitz has been serving as the designated member from the planning group representing North Park on the Balboa Park Committee since 2002, and was appointed as the Chair of the Committee in 2007. She will continue her service on the Balboa Park Committee as the member of the Park & Recreation Board who is also the designated Chair for the Balboa Park Committee for a term expiring March 1, 2009.

I ask that you confirm these appointments and reappointment join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time to serve the City of San Diego.

  
JERRY SANDERS  
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland