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FIESTA ISLAND PARK PRECISE PLAN
PADDLE CLUBS
MEETING MINUTES
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GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mike gave a recap of the project process and next steps; he mentioned that the design team was holding a series of user meetings to get each group's design input on the latest master plan alternate 5c. These meetings will result in further refinement of the plan, before it goes back to the Mission Bay Park Committee on Sept. 7. The meeting will be open to the public and public comments are likely to be allowed.

SPECIFIC INPUT:

1. The completed independent paddling assessment for the paddling club beach use yielded Mariners Point as the most suitable base location. Concerns were raised that a relocation to Mariners Point may impact the many special events that take place there and the public's general use. Mike Singleton noted that in order for this location to be used, an official act such as amending the Mission Bay Park Master Plan would need to occur. One negative impact not reflected in the independent assessment is the requirement for the paddling clubs dragon boats to have a 1,000 meter linear course in a speed restricted zone adjacent to their launching point. Mariners Point does not provide this distance for the course. As a point of reference the south facing beach of Fiesta Island's southwest corner provides the full course needs.
2. Paddling club practice hours occur 6-7 days per week from the beginning of February through mid-September. In the remaining months the clubs practice 1-3 days per week. The clubs have boats in the water by 6 pm. and generally have the boats out of the water by 8:30 during the week, and from 7:30 to noon on Saturdays and Sundays. Each club has approximately 6-7 boats with 6 people per boat (36-42 people). There are a total of 4 clubs bringing the total to the range of 144 to 162 people. During the course of the season it will be sufficient to plan for 120 people.
3. Locating the outrigger clubs and the dragon boats in the same location is not imperative. The clubs train together in the off season, however they remain separate during the season.
4. Siting the drop off point away from the beach creates a safety concern. The boats sometimes weigh as much as 400 pounds, which must then be lifted overhead to load onto the trailer. The trailers are 40 feet long and would not fit in the typical pull through trailer spaces at the park.
5. The storage facility is mostly needed for storing personal effects during a training outing. This would include backpacks, clothes and other personal property as well as some shared paddles. Most paddlers have their own paddles they bring to the event with them. Some club storage may be needed for club shared assets. The groups felt that the storage building would work as presented by Mike Singleton.

6. Boats on the beach would sit in cradles, which would then be strung together by a steel cable to minimize theft and vandalism. Paddlers are opposed to not having a fenced beach area for security. A reasonable compromise may be to have an implied barrier such as a vegetated dune. This would discourage general public traffic, while not precluding it.
7. All boats are beach launched and do not utilize a concrete launch, pier or dock. The paddling clubs see some minor benefit to having a dock, but it would not be used frequently. The paddling clubs have adaptive use programs that benefit and instruct disabled veterans and children's groups. The dock would provide access for those with disabilities to establish social equity, however the floating dock is not essential for the paddlers needs.
8. Paddling Clubs Special Events (Current Location) include:
 - a. The Dragon Boats Festival (East Mission Bay)
 - b. Outrigger Race (Mariners Cove)
 - c. Hano Hano (Ski Beach), Regional Event incorporates all of the Southern California Outrigger Association (SCOA).
 - d. Camp Wet n' Wild, which is hosted by Parks and Rec. for up to 1,000 children.
 - e. Outrigger Event (Crown Point)
 - f. Various single person events in winter months.

ACTION ITEMS

1. KTU+A will look at adjusting alternative 5c by adding a sand berm near the walkway to encourage the natural flow of beach users and dog walkers to walk around the on-beach area for storage of watercraft.
2. KTU+A will refine the boats shown on the shoreline to the correct size and increase the general quantity. Also, the boats will be moved up-shore to approximately +10 foot above sea level.
3. Paddling clubs to review the revised plans (when available) and make comments by the end of the month. Please provide more detailed input on the number of boats stored and the 16 individual spaces in the storage buildings.

Prepared by: Mike Singleton and David Leonard

All parties are requested to review these meeting minutes and report any discrepancies to the author prior to the next meeting.