

FIESTA ISLAND PARK PRECISE PLAN TRIATHLON CLUBS MEETING MINUTES- August 20, 2010

ATTENDEES:

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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. Mike reviewed the proposed circulation changes, the bike time trial courses and the potential triathlon and special event opportunities afforded by the use of four loop systems with a clockwise flow pattern.

SPECIFIC INPUT:

1. Tom indicated that their organization has been around for 26 years and currently has 2,500 active members. Their current use of Fiesta Island is primarily on Wednesday nights where an average of 40 members train, mostly on bikes on the road, with some run training. The club holds three triathlon club events per year. These events are generally in March, April, May, September, October and November. There are about 10 triathlon clubs in San Diego County.
2. Tom indicated that although San Diego is the birthplace of Triathlons (in fact Triathlons started on Fiesta Island in 1974), very few events are held here because of the difficulty of getting permits, especially in the summer due to the Mission Bay Park moratorium on new events. There is a Mission Bay Spring Sprint in May, another in October and an Olympic length triathlon in San Diego Bay in March. Also, the Woman's Reebok Triathlon in October. Most major cities have many more events and San Diego is loosing out on the tourism and economic gain brought to the host city.
3. Tom expressed great interest in more capacity and facilities at Fiesta Island. The use of Fiesta Island for events or training would be very helpful since there are so many limited venues and most are spread out in various areas, making it difficult to conduct the event and control traffic and other course logistics. The club currently spends about \$14,000 a year for their club events for traffic control.
4. Tom and Laura felt that the course options shown in the movie animations were good, they also indicated that it is difficult for users to remember multiple loops or complex routes.
5. The use of the road for the cycling events is very important. However, the running events may be able to take place on the multi-use trails. Since the competitors are very spread out by the running stage, the use of a 8-10' trail is acceptable. Since the trail is grade separated, it will allow for de-conflicting of the cycling and running events, since users are on the course generally at the same time. Tom did express the desire to have asphalt trails instead of concrete, due to the harsher affect of concrete on knees and joints. However, after explaining the need for lower long term maintenance, it was thought that concrete trails would be acceptable.



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ACTION ITEMS:

1. KTU+A will look closer at the loops proposed for the various distances and try to simplify the multiple loops systems. Though beneficial, the transition zone for the swimming to bike and the bike to running do not have to be in the same location. An update loop system using the outer three loops would be best. KTU+A to provide a rough of this new layout and send it to Tom and Laura.
2. Tom will arrange for a presentation by Mike to their membership in the near future.
3. Tom will provide some information on the history of triathlons on Fiesta Island so that the possibility of a historic panel could be added into the plan.
4. KTU+A will look closer at the running trail loops and confirm that they can all be hard surfaced.

Prepared by: Mike Singleton

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