

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board **BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE**

June 7, 2007

Meeting held at:

Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room
2150 Pan American Road
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration
2125 Park Boulevard MS39
San Diego, CA 92001-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jennifer Ayala
Laurie Burgett
Vicki Granowitz
Mick Hager
Sungill Kim (6:13 P.M.)
David Kinney
Mike McDowell
Don Steele

Members Absent

Patti Roscoe
Michael Singleton (excused)

Staff Present

Charles Daniels
Dan Daneri
Kathleen Hasenauer
Mike Rodrigues

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson, Mike McDowell asked Vicki Granowitz to chair the meeting. Vicki called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2007 (Former Members Only)

Former members had no corrections to the minutes. Approval of the minutes was tabled until July 5.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Warren Simon, representing Balboa Park December Nights, announced that the event will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8 in 2007. The first planning meeting will be held on July 18 for all the stakeholders to discuss the initial plans for the event.

The Balboa Park Committee introduced themselves and identified their areas of representation. Jennifer Ayala represents the Centre City Advisory Committee; Laurie Burgett is representing the Golden Hill Planning Group; Vicki Granowitz represents the Greater North Park Planning Group; Mick Hager is representing

the

BPCP Large institutions; Sungill Kim represents the Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council; David Kinney represents the BPCP Small and Medium institutions; Mike McDowell is the newly appointed Vice Chairperson; and Don Steele is a Member at Large.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vicki Granowitz briefly reviewed the Municipal Code relative to the roles of Advisory Boards and Sub-Committees for the Park and Recreation Department.

Vicki asked if committee members are interested in attending a retreat in the near future. If there is enough interest, she will e-mail some possible retreat dates to the members. Balboa Park documents will be presented to them prior to meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Jeffery Tom, Representative from City Council District 3, reported on the City of San Diego FY08 Budget which included funding for the additional roof work at the San Diego Museum of Man. Also included in the proposed budget was a line item to include \$150,000 for seed money for the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration in 2015. Jeffery added that additional funding was requested for the San Diego Museum of Art roofing project to include HVAC vent improvements.

Kathleen Hasenauer reported that she is the Acting Deputy Director for Developed Regional Parks since the departure of Mauro Garcia who has accepted the Public Works Manager position with the City of Santee. Kathleen also reported that Paul Sirois has accepted an Open Space Manager position with the City of Chula Vista. Both positions were vacated on June 4 and requests to fill the vacancies have been submitted. Once approved, it is anticipated that the positions will be filled by late summer or early fall.

Kathleen introduced Mike Rodrigues, the Acting District Manager for Balboa Park Events/Recreation/Cultural Arts/Public Buildings and Dan Daneri as Acting District Manager for Balboa Park Operations.

Kathleen stated that Park and Recreation Director Stacey LoMedico, will attend a Balboa Park Committee meeting in the coming months.

City staff is working on a Request for Qualification for all valet services in Balboa Park. Once completed, a Request for Proposal will be advertised. It is anticipated that a new Right-of-Entry Permit will be in place in early fall.

Balboa Park staff has temporarily suspended baiting for squirrels.

Dan Daneri, Acting District Manager, reported that the Westside canyon brush clearing project utilizing the California Conservation Corps is on-going and crews are currently working on the area south of Nate's Point. The areas north of the

Cabrillo Bridge are complete.

Nate's Point Off Leash area improvements have started. Concrete forming should begin on Monday, June 11.

New plant material for Founder's Plaza will be delivered to our nursery soon. The plantings will include George Marston Geraniums and summer colors.

Central Mesa clean up project of Palm Canyon is currently underway. The project includes installation of new plant material. The Zoro Butterfly Garden re-dedication and butterfly release is scheduled for Saturday, July 21.

Mike Rodrigues, Acting District Manger, reported that Spring Special Events in Balboa Park have concluded with the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and Greatest Show on Turf, both huge successes. The 33rd Annual San Diego Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transsexual (SDLGBT) Pride Parade and Summer Festival has been scheduled for July 21-22.

The 27th Anniversary Twilight in the Park Concerts will begin on June 19 and continue through August 30. The free concerts will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion.

The 20th Annual International Summer Organ Festival concerts will be held on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion from June 18-August 27.

The San Diego Natural History Museum is finalizing details for the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition which will open to the public on June 29. The Museum expects between 2000-4000 visitors per day to experience the exhibit over the next six months.

The San Diego Museums of Art and Man Ornamentation Project is underway. The scaffold work will begin the week of June 11 at the San Diego Museum of Man. Estimated completion of the project is May 2008.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. Westside Bridle Trail Restoration and Signage

Alyssa Wolver presented the Bridle Trail Signage and Cross-Street Marker

proposal. She provided information packets to the committee members.

Phase I includes, kiosks, directional signs and distance markers along the Cabrillo Canyon Bridle Trails. Alyssa briefly discussed the historical significance of the Bridle Trails and stated that recent brush clearing of the canyon has made the area more enjoyable and safer for park visitors. Cal Trans has also agreed to replace the fences along Highway 163 with new eight foot fencing and enclose the area below the Quince Street Bridge off ramp.

Phase II includes, Cross Street Markers and a Cross Street Tree Marker proposal. These signs will be placed on the Cal Trans fence to indicate the point of intersection of the east-west running line of the city streets. The signs will correspond with the botanically named streets where a tree can be planted nearby.

Committee members recognized and thanked Alyssa for all her hard work on this project as a volunteer. Don Steele commented on a Phase III that will include an interpretive component to enhance knowledge of Balboa Park. Don provided kudos to the park staff that worked on this project as well.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE BRIDLE TRAIL SIGNAGE AND CROSS STREET MARKER PROPOSALS AS PRESENTED. (BURGETT/STEELE 7-0)

202. July Committee Meeting Date
After a brief discussion, it was decided that the July 5 meeting will be held as scheduled.
203. Balboa Park Committee (BPC) Waiver Criteria for the Moratorium Period,
Information Priority List or Applicants Presenting Special Events to BPC
This item was tabled until the July meeting

Special Events

301. SDLGBT Pride Festival Venue Expansion
Mike Rodrigues introduced Ron deHarte, Executive Director of San Diego Pride. Ron presented his proposal to expand the venue of the 2007 Pride Festival to include the turf area between 6th Ave, Balboa Drive, El Prado and Juniper Street. The proposed expansion would include a country western dance area, family booths, beer/spirits garden and additional ticket canopies. Ron stated that they are not expecting an increase in attendance. He wants to spread out the venue and provide additional components and accommodate crowds for a faster, safer entry into the festival.

The country western stage and dance floor would operate from 11:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Members of the community and the Committee expressed concern with the expansion of the venue. While the event was supported, they felt that the proposal was presented too close to the event date and they have concerns with the noise that will be generated from the new stage and dance floor location.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, GIVEN THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, TO RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE SDLGBT PRIDE FESTIVAL, ALLOWING THE EVENT TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT HISTORICALLY USED, AND TO ADDITIONALLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ALL OTHER COMPONENTS AS REQUESTED. (STEELE/BURGETT 7-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan Project Working Group – Marlon Pangillnan, City Project Manager with the Office of Planning and Investments, presented concepts to enhance mobility and improve parking in the areas of 4th, 5th and 6th Avenues. He stated that his office has received seed money to form a committee to solicit community input and evaluate the ideas. The kick-off workshop was held in April. On June 23,

a

design workshop is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral. Marlon can be reached at (619) 235-5293.

502. The Old Globe Expansion, Conrad Prebys Theatre Center – Lou Spisto, Executive Director of The Old Globe introduced a project that will replace the existing Carter Stage with the Conrad Prebys Theatre Center. He discussed the addition of a central space area to be used for educational programs enhancements to the current plaza area. He stated that the warehouse area will be moved to a different location.

The \$21 million project will better serve audiences and the artists without expanding from the current Old Globe Theatre footprint. Consultants from Heritage Architecture and LMN Architects narrated a power point presentation showing the design of the new building and plaza area. The

timeline for this project is from June 2008 to October 2009. They requested to bring the proposal back as an Action Item at a future meeting. The power point presentation can be obtained from the Old Globe Theatre staff.

Committee Members were impressed with the design and presentation.

503. San Diego Police Historical Assoc. Proposal for Police Museum – Gary Metrovich, Steve Rosenbloom, and Steve Miller of the San Diego Police Historical Association presented a proposal to convert the Balboa Park Recital Hall into a San Diego Police Museum. The museum would include a memorial area for Police Officers and offices to be used for Police recruiting purposes. They provided a copy of their power point presentation to the committee.

Representatives from the San Diego Square Dance Association, International Dance Association and Heritage Band Group were opposed to the proposal. All stating that their respective organizations have been meeting in the Recital Hall for many years for the purposes of public recreation.

Committee members commented on their concerns of losing public use facilities in Balboa Park. Laurie Burgett recommended that the proposal be referred to the Land Use Sub-Committee for discussion.

504. Report to May Park and Recreation Board – Valet Parking in Balboa Park
This report was included in the meeting packet.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – No report

COMMMTTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Vicki Granowitz, requested that presenters provide all attachments for the Agenda mailing so that the committee members have the opportunity to review the materials prior to the meeting.

Mike McDowell, Vice Chairperson, commented that he would not be inclined to take action on Adoption Items when supporting information was not included with the Agenda

Mick Hager, representing large institutions, announced that the San Diego Natural History Museum is in the process of finalizing the off-site parking/shuttle plan at the Arizona Landfill for the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition. Mick also distributed

his

proposal for a new seating plan for meetings which includes the addition of two microphones.

Sungill Kim announced that he will remain on the committee until his replacement from the Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council is appointed.

ADJOURNMENT - Vicki Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, July 5, 2007
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hasenauer

