

MINUTES

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

September 6, 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 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jennifer Ayala
Laue Burgett
Vicki Granowitz
Mick Hager
David Kinney
Patti Roscoe (left at 7:00 p.m.)
Michael Singleton

Members Absent

Mike McDowell - excused
Don Steele

Staff Present

Charles Daniels
Kathleen Hasenauer
Mike Rodrigues
Becky Yzaguirre

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Vicki Granowitz called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 5, 2007 MEETING, AS CORRECTED. (KINNEY/AYALA 4-0 WITH 3 ABSTENTIONS, BURGETT, ROSCOE, SINGLETON)

Correction: Item 502 should state that the modifications to the Mingei International Museum are to the glass interior doors and will not change the "historical" exterior doors.

Chairperson Granowitz requested to change the agenda order. Item 202 after item 401; Items 501, 502 & 503 after item 201.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Warren Simon, representing Balboa Park December Nights, stated that the committee plans to relieve traffic congestion this year by expanding the shuttle

system. Parking Lots at Petco Park, the County Administration Building and City College will be used. Plans also include enhancing the public transportation to and from the event by using the Smart Corner and increased bus service. There are also plans to improve recycling by using Urban Corps. The next planning meeting will be held at the San Diego Auto Museum on Wednesday, October 17 at 2:00 P.M. All the Balboa Park institutions are encouraged to attend

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vicki Granowitz stated that she chooses to vote on Action Items, as the Chairperson, rather than only vote in the event of a tie vote. Vicki announced that the Purple Heart Memorial was voted on and approved at the Park and Recreation Board. The Ad Hoc Committee was cancelled until further notice. Vicki requested that city staff report on all significant donations, donors may remain anonymous. She will continue to work with the Parker Foundation and the San Diego Foundation.

STAFF REPORT

Park and Recreation Director, Stacey LoMedico, introduced herself, welcomed new committee members and thanked the returning members. Stacey stated that she was appointed as the Director in April. She has worked for the City of San Diego for twenty-one years in different Departments, with thirteen years of service with the Park and Recreation Department. Prior to her appointment, she worked as the Assistant to the Director of Park and Recreation.

Jeffery Tom, Representative from City Council District 3, stated that he has been working with the San Diego Junior Theater on their upcoming 60th Anniversary celebration. In addition, he has been working with Donna Frye's office and the Twilight in the Park Committee to further enhance the sound system for the summer concerts. Jeffery thanked Kathleen and her staff (Dan, Casey, Becky & Mike) for assisting citizens with public facility, graffiti, and tree issues within Balboa Park.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Acting Deputy Director, reported that the Balboa Park Nursery received a donation of 164 palm trees valued at \$17,420.00.

A letter was received objecting to the early closure of Balboa Drive.

The Park Maintenance BPR report is being finalized.

Becky Yzaguirre, Acting District Manager, reported that the kiosk installation at the south side of El Prado between Balboa Drive & 6th Ave. will be scheduled soon.

The Haunted Trail loads in the first week of September and will be open to the

Public from September 28 through October 31. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; Friday and Saturday from 7 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.

The Freedom Walk will be held on Tuesday, September 11. The walk will travel From the Veteran's Garden Area, north along Park Boulevard to the Bea Evenson Fountain, down El Prado, south on Pan American Road., and exit at Presidents Way.

Mike Rodrigues, Acting District Manager reported that the San Diego Museum of Man pedestrian bridge will be repaired from September 10 to 14. The Cabrillo Bridge will be closed to vehicles during the repair.

Crystal Ritchie, the new Balboa Park Horticulturalist and Central Crew Manager, has begun her assignment. We are in the process of filling the vacant Nursery Gardener position to staff the Botanical Building on weekends.

Ornamentations have been removed from the San Diego Museum of Art and have been sent to the casting facility to be molded. Masonry cleaning is underway at the San Diego Museum of Man and scaffolds will be installed at the California Tower during the week of September 10. Work on the Casa del Prado is scheduled to begin in late September. Estimated completion for the entire project is June, 2008.

Chairperson Granowitz stated that parking availability and traffic circulation within the park seemed better this summer.

Charles Daniels, Park Designer, provided a report on the Myrtle Way Pergola Restoration Study. Only the project design has been funded at this time. The plans include, reinforcing the existing foundation wall and preserving/replacing the existing pergola. Staff has accepted Option 3 which includes installing soldier piles and lagging with plates and through bolts. This Option preserves some of the original historical fabric. Estimated probable costs for Option 3 is \$105,000.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. San Diego Museum of Art proposal to install sculptures in the Plaza de Panama Parking Lot

Julianne Markow, Deputy Director, Operations and Finance with the San Diego Museum of Art presented her proposal to place two LED sculptures of walking figures, 73 inches tall by 39 inches wide and 20 inches deep in two parking spaces each in the Plaza de Panama North Parking Lot. The

sculptures would be installed on October 8, 2007. The San Diego Museum of Art will remove the two sculptures for Balboa Park December Nights and reinstall them to remain in place until January 14, 2008. Cables will be secured by using cable ramps. The display will be in conjunction with the exhibition titled Animated Painting.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SCULPTURE PLACEMENT AS PRESENTED. LOGISTICS TO BE DETERMINED BY CITY STAFF. (ROSCOE/AYALA 7-0)

Committee Member Comments: Applicable Grounds Use or Parking Lot as a Venue fees will apply; A site map of the sculpture placement would have been helpful; The sculptures will be a fun addition to the park.

Special Events

301. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Balboa Park Committee Retreat Debrief
Vicki Granowitz reported on the workshop/retreat that took place on August 18, 2007. During the four hour meeting many topics were discussed including, Committee Member areas of expertise, expectations of the Chair and Members as well as goals for next year. A list of goals and focus areas was developed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan Update
Marlon Pangilinan provided an update on the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan and provided four “draft” alternatives which were based on community outreach. An open house meeting will be held in early November. The Bankers Hill group will finalize their recommendation in late September. The final plan should be ready for approval in February, 2008. Committee Member, Michael Singleton, provided additional information regarding traffic calming measures proposed on 5th & 6th Streets, which includes improving the crossings.
502. Balboa Park Over-Height Vehicle Sensors
Charles Daniels presented an overview on the Balboa Park Over-Height Vehicle Sensors project. Sensors will be installed at three locations which will trigger a sign and flashing strobe to alert drivers with over height vehicles entering El Prado from the North, West and East. Up to \$100,000 has been allocated toward the design and installation.
503. Roosevelt Junior High School - Joint Use Improvements CIP Project
Barry Kelleher, Park Designer, presented a plan which would develop the decomposed granite 1.8 acre field at the northwest corner of the campus

into a natural turf /multi purpose field area. The area will include a walking path and necessary accessibility improvements. A total of \$1,050,000 has been secured, including \$400,000 from City Council District 3 (DIF) and \$650,000 from San Diego Unified School District. The proposal will be presented to the Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council for approval in October, 2007.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy

Laurie Burgett offered to continue as Chair of the Land Use and Policy Sub-committee, they will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 P.M.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE LAURIE BURGETT AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE LAND USE AND POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE. (HAGER/SINGELTON 6-0)

Mick Hager, Mike McDowell, Vicki Granowitz and Jennifer Ayala offered to serve as members for the Standing Rules/Administrative Guidelines Sub-Committee.

Discussions regarding other sub-committees took place including the need for a 2015 centennial event sub-committee and having members submit their priorities for additional sub-committees.

COMMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

Mick Hager, representing large institutions reported that on Saturday, September 8 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. memorial will be held at the Mingei for Charmine Kaplan. A fine art symposium will be held at the San Diego Museum of Art November 8-11.

ADJOURNMENT - Vicki Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, October 4, 2007
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hasenauer

