

MINUTES

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

October 4, 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
Lauie Burgett
Vicki Granowitz
David Kinney
Mike McDowell
Donald Steele

Members Absent

Mick Hager - excused
Michael Singleton - excused
Patti Roscoe

Staff Present

Charles Daniels
Kathleen Hasenauer
Bruce Martinez
Becky Yzaguirre

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Vicki Granowitz called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING. (AYALA/KINNEY 4-0 WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS, STEELE, MCDOWELL)

Chairperson Granowitz requested to change the agenda order. Item 502 before staff report; Item 401 after staff report.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Julie Lawrence, representing Ruben H. Fleet Science Center, stated that they are Collaborating with four other park institutions and Scripps Institute of Oceanography to host the Polar-Palooza National Science road show. The performance will combine scientific research from Earth's polar regions with stories about the people and wildlife living in these extreme environments.

Warren Simon, representing Balboa Park December Nights, stated that the committee will be hosting two meetings in October. On October 10 at 3:00 P.M. at the World Trade Center the Health Department will conduct a training for outdoor food vendors. On October 17 at 2:00 P.M. at the Auto Museum there will be a general meeting to discuss overall plans including parking and the shuttle system. All the Balboa Park institutions are encouraged to attend.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vicki Granowitz stated that the Draft Work Plan is on the City Web page. Vicki attended a meeting with residents on the West side to discuss their concerns with Balboa Park. The Committee is invited to attend the Hillcrest Centennial Gala being held this evening in the Prado Ballroom.

STAFF REPORT

Jeffery Tom, Representative from City Council District 3, stated that a meeting was held last month to discuss the joint use site at Roosevelt Jr. High School. The proposal will be reviewed by the University Heights Community as well as the Morley Field Recreation Council.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Acting Deputy Director, introduced Bruce Martinez as the new District Manager for Balboa Park Operations. He comes to us with over 20 years of experience with the Park and Recreation Department.

The Park and Recreation Department is now reporting to Jay Goldstone. Gary Stromberg is Assistant Director for Park and Recreation. Clay Bingham is Deputy Director for Community Parks I and Andrew Field is Assistant Deputy Director, Maintenance Assessment District.

The House of Spain will be hosting their Inauguration October 5 at 3:00 P.M.

The House of Hospitality will be issued a right-of-entry permit for Valet Service for the following parking lots: Alcazar, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, and the Federal Building. The permit is being reviewed by the Deputy City Attorney.

Becky Yzaguirre, Acting District Manager, reported on the following upcoming events: Native American Pow Wow at Park and President's Way, October 6 and 7 from 10:00 A.M – 6:00 P.M. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, October 21, bridge closure from 7:00 A.M – 9:00 A.M. Memory Walk, October 27 Park and President's lawn, bridge closure from 7:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. Light the Night, Crime Stoppers 5K Run, October 27 5:00 P.M. Park Boulevard closed at 6:00 P.M.

Bruce Martinez, District Manager reported that the San Diego Museum of

Man pedestrian bridge will be painted Wednesday, October 10. The Cabrillo Bridge will be closed to vehicles during the painting.

Tom Cartier, Environmental Services Department has been working to research LED lights for the Cabrillo Bridge. 2,500 multi-color light have been purchased for the holidays. Based on the energy savings the initial cost will be covered within two years.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. Site location for Single Adult Shelter FY 2008 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program – Inspiration Point, one of three alternative sites proposed. Brief Committee and position letter to Mayor's Office

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO OPPOSE THE RECOMMENDED USE OF INSPIRATION POINT FOR A HOMELESS EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. (STEELE/BURGETT 6-0)

Committee Member Comments: There are fifteen potential sites with three locations going before City Council, Barrio Logan, Spawar and Inspiration Point. Requirements for a shelter include the need for power, water and a specific size. Staff was not consulted; Balboa Park is dedicated park land; violation of City Charter; many special events held in the park with children; proximity to schools.

202. Balboa Park Committee Work Plan and Sub-committee assignments
Note: Information will be sent out after the Sub-committee meeting

Laurie Burgett provided a brief overview on short term and long term Goals being addressed by Ad-Hoc Committees. Jennifer Ayala will Chair the Bi-laws/Guidelines Committee and Mike Singleton the Urban Park Forest Management Committee.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE DRAFT OF THE BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. (STEELE/KINNEY 6-0)

Special Events

301. San Diego Lunar New Year TET Festival sponsored by the Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA)
Larry Tran was introduced as the representative of the Vietnamese American Youth Alliance (VAYA): Larry presented his proposal to hold a

three day festival at Park Blvd & Presidents Way Lawn and most of the Federal Building Parking lot on February 8-10, 2008. The Festival includes a cultural village, entertainment, vendors and mechanical carnival rides. Estimated attendance is 6,000 persons per day. Sponsors and supporters include Qualcomm, Barona, Time Warner, United, Senator Feinstein, Susan Davis, Donna Frye. They advocate no smoking and no alcohol use. A shuttle system will be in place to address the large number of attendees. They are working with City College and would like to work with the zoo. They hire off duty police officers for security.

Members of the committee expressed concern with the size of the event, parking, traffic control, and amplification.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 3RD ANNUAL VIETNAMESE TET FESTIVAL AS PRESENTED. (STEELE/AYALA 6-0)

302. EarthTHRIVE Initiative's Thanksgiving Celebration proposal has been canceled.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Myrtle Way Pergola Project repair/replacement options
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 and replacing the existing pergola.

The Committee recommended Option 1 which includes the removal and replacement of the wall. This Option preserves some of the original historical fabric. Estimated cost for Option 1 is \$65,000. A suggestion was made to add a plaque and photo to the wall.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Cabrillo Bridge LED Light Project
Staff reported that Tom Cartier, San Diego Gas & Electric and The Friends of Balboa Park are working to determine the best process for replicating the current incandescent bulb. The Friends of Balboa Park have funded a portion of the project and are working with a donor.

502. Balboa Drive Signage Proposal
Ranger Smith will replace the "No Left Turn" signage that was removed years ago on Balboa Drive.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

601. Land-Use and Policy - Laurie Burgett
Provided a brief overview on short term and long term goals
602. Administrative Guidelines
A guideline was prepared for the committee by Jennifer Ayala

COMMMTTEE MEMBER REPORT

Vice Chair - No Report

Members at Large

- Donald Steele apologized for missing the September meeting

Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council – Vacant

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership

- Large Institution – Absent
- Small/Mid-size – David Kinney reported that Valet service is going through the City process. Since 1996 there has been a change in lots and the number of spaces available. The City is considering an RFP.

Centre City Advisory Committee – No Report

Golden Hill Planning Group – No Report

Greater North Park Planning Group – No Report

Uptown Planning Group - Absent

ADJOURNMENT - Vicki Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, November 1, 2007

6:00 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Becky Yzaguirre

