

## MINUTES

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

November 1, 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  
Laurie Burgett  
Vicki Granowitz  
Mick Hager (Arr 6:33)  
David Kinney  
Mike McDowell  
Michael Singleton  
Donald Steele

##### Members Absent

Patti Roscoe

##### Staff Present

Kathleen Hasenauer  
Bruce Martinez  
Mike Rodrigues

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Granowitz called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. She then announced that Action Item 301 was cancelled and reordered the Agenda to reflect that Information Items 501 and 502 will be presented after the Chairperson's Report.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2007 MEETING. (STEELE /KINNEY 6-0-1) ABSTENTION - SINGELTON**

#### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS

None

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Vicki Granowitz stated that the Mingei International Museum will be presenting their landscaping plan at the December Balboa Park Committee Meeting. The Land Use and Policy Sub-Committee will also present the proposed

changes to the Balboa Park 12 Hour Alcohol Ban at the December Meeting. The Legler Benbough, Parker, and San Diego Foundations are funding the Balboa Park Governance Study. A report of the study findings will be presented at a future Balboa Park Committee Meeting, the recognized Planning Group for the park.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Jeffery Tom stated that Council Member Atkins would like water conservation handouts to be distributed at public meetings.

Funds were transferred from the Arizona Landfill to the South Chollas Landfill to help fund a slope stabilizing project.

Due to the recent increase in car break-ins, Council Member Atkins has asked the Chief of Police to increase patrols throughout the area along with increased RSVP assistance.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Acting Deputy Director, stated that during the week of the October 22 wildfires, Developed Regional Parks Division staff managed Fiesta Island as an evacuation site for large animals. Evacuees from across the county, their horses, goats, cats, dogs, chickens, birds, and chinchillas were hosted. The generous donations brought to Fiesta Island by the San Diego community were overwhelming.

Mike Rodrigues, Acting Facilities and Special Events District Manager, reported that several Special Events were either cancelled or rescheduled due to the fires. The Haunted Trail once again was a success. They made donations to the Balboa Park Morley Field Recreation Council, Children's Hospital, and the Fire Relief Victims Fund.

On Friday, December 7, at 11:00 A.M. the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Poinsettia Display Dedication will be held in front of the Botanical Building. The Community Christmas Center Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 24, at 5:00 P.M. on the Mall.

The Balboa Park Ornamentation Project continues to be on schedule, with 40% of the work completed to date.

New hardwood flooring has been installed at the War Memorial Building. Wooden floors at the Balboa Park Activity Center and Municipal Gymnasium will be resurfaced in December. The House of Denmark was granted a Right-of-Entry Permit to perform minor facility repairs.

Bruce Martinez, Operations District Manager, reported that El Prado may be temporarily closed due to a scheduled repair of a storm drain lateral line blockage in the pavers near the San Diego Museum of Man. Staff is developing a corrective plan of action which will minimize traffic impacts on El Prado.

AT&T has requested access to communication vaults throughout the park to conduct a conduit survey for a fiber optics project they are working on for the San Diego Zoo.

When Betty Baldwin, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, recently retired, Mike Tully, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, was reassigned to her area until the position can be permanently filled. Ansen Caires is the new weekend Nursery Gardner at the Botanical Building.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consent**

101. None

### **Adoption**

201. None

### **Special Events**

301. MS Walk sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Proposal to hold a 5K Walk fund-raiser on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

This event was cancelled at the request of event organizer.

302. Kinder Foundation 5K Fun Run and Fitness Fair sponsored by the Kinder Foundation, Organized by NAHA Marketing.

This Item was tabled due to increased attendance estimates by the organizer. Committee members recommended that Kinder Foundation work with staff to address the logistics of the event's new size.

303. Circus Vargas Proposal to conduct Circus Vargas in Balboa Park January 31, – February 4, 2008.

Mark Landon presented the proposal for Circus Vargas. This is the 2008 opening tour date for the circus. Load in is proposed for January 26 and load out on February 5. The Circus has requested the use of approximately 250 parking spaces in the Lower Inspiration Parking Lot. Circus Vargas is a family show with acrobats, clowns, comedy, and other circus performances. Circus Vargas does not have any exotic animals or mechanical rides. Estimated attendance is 300 to 500 spectators for each of the ten shows scheduled.

Members of the committee inquired about ticket prices and impacts of parking during show times.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE CIRCUS VARGAS EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 4, 2008. (STEELE/SINGELTON 8-0)**

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

401. None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. San Diego Model Railroad Museum (Casa de Balboa) Roof Mounted Solar Panels Proposal  
John Rotsart, Executive Director of the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, and their consultant, Mike Puckett, presented an overview of the proposed roof mounted solar energy panel project for the Casa de Balboa. The placement of solar energy panels would help reduce peak demand hours used at the Casa de Balboa. Currently they have two bids for the project and are seeking a third.
502. Alcazar Garden Tile Replacement Project  
Mike Kelly, President of the Committee of 100, presented an overview and status report of the project. Their goal to return the Alcazar Garden to the original 1935 look will soon be realized. When the replacement tile installation is completed, all of the anti-skateboard safeguards will be removed from the area. Original tiles, not damaged, will remain in place. The project also includes surplus of tiles and a maintenance fund for any future repairs. Once the project is complete a Dedication Ceremony in honor of the memory of Pat De Marce, the founder of the Committee of 100 will be held.
503. Overview of the House of Hospitality  
David Kinney, Executive Director of the House of Hospitality, gave an overview of the House of Hospitality Association, Inc., a public benefit non-profit corporation. They promote the rich cultural and recreational resources of Balboa Park. The Balboa Park Visitors Center, Passport to Balboa Park, Balboa Park Marketing and the Prado Restaurant are located at the House of Hospitality. The House is involved with balboapark.org and their newest program Balboa Park e-News. David has a book authored by Pam Crooks for each of the members.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

601. Land-Use and Policy – No report.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT**

### **Members at Large**

Donald Steele acknowledged Senior Park Ranger Casey Smith for his work with the Presidio Park Council.

### **Balboa Park Cultural Partnership**

Mick Hager reported that the Robert Smith Symposium will be held on November

19 at the San Diego Museum of Art. The Keynote speaker is Dr. Ken Blanchard.

**Centre City Advisory Committee** – Jennifer Ayala reported that Tweet Street Park will be maintained by CCDC for the first year and that the City will maintain it thereafter. It has yet to be determined who will maintain the statuary.

**Uptown Planning Group** – Michael Singleton reported that he is looking forward to the Community Plan Update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

**Next Regular Meeting:**

Thursday, December 6, 2007  
6:00 P.M.  
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hasenauer