

MINUTES

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

December 2, 2010

Meeting held at:

War Memorial Building
3325 Zoo Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Jeri Dilno
Jason Elrod (arr. 6:35PM)
Scott Glazebrook
Mick Hager
Luann Kanzawa
David Kinney
Don Liddell
Mike McDowell (arr. 6:14 P.M.)
Michael Singleton (arr. 6:45 P.M.)

Members Absent

Rob Steppke
Andrew Kahng
Donald Steele

Staff Present

Charles Daniels, Park Designer
Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park
Bruce Martinez, Balboa Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M. He welcomed Luann Kanzawa to the Committee representing the small to medium sized Park institutions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (HAGER/DILNO) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED (3-0-3) GLAZEBROOK, KANZAWA, LIDDELL ABSTAINING.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED (GLAZEBROOK/KINNEY) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MEETING (4-0-6) DILNO, KANZAWA ABSTAINING.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Weiss noted the lack of benches on the West side of the Park. Bruce Martinez noted that benches are currently on order and being placed in the Park.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Kinney described how this meeting would be conducted. The next meeting regarding the Plaza de Panama, Circulation and Parking Structure Project will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Extensive breakout sessions will be conducted and the meeting will be approximately three to four hours in length. He thanked Susan Lowery-Mendoza for providing the report requested regarding special events and road closures.

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District – Steve Hill

- He invited everyone to attend December Nights
- The 2015 Centennial Celebration Planning Framework which was prepared for the San Diego Tourism Marketing District is on the Council District 3 website

Bruce Martinez Balboa Park Operations - No Report

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events District Manager - No Report

CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

Michael Hager reported the following:

- The 2011 Balboa Park Sustainability kickoff will begin on Thursday, January 27 with a session on How to manage your business's energy costs. The program will be held in the Museum of Photographic Arts from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- On Wednesday, March 23, the first session of the Sustainability Workshop Series will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- Mr. Hager recognized the Balboa Park Sustainability Program which has been awarded 2 million in Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants for 30 energy efficiency projects. Over \$200,000.00 will be saved annually and emissions will be lessened.
- The Smith Leadership Symposium was webcast to Los Angeles and San Jose. It was pod cast around the world.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. None

Special Events

301. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Balboa Park Plaza de Panama Circulation and Parking Structure Project – Mark Johnson

Public Comments:

- Bruce Coons of Save Our Heritage Organisation presented a brief DVD presentation noting: images of the past; damage since 1917 of the historic fabric by automobiles; the garage will bring more vehicles into the Park; the bypass bridge will ruin the view and destroy the character of the area. He is in favor of removing the vehicles from the Plaza and starting with the historic plan of the Spanish Colonial style as it is part of the National Historic District.
- Jay Shumaker remarked that the top down tour should remain. The European plazas are 50 yards x 80 yards and plazas larger than that are empty and hot in the middle. He suggested building the garage first, then the plaza. Don't alter the bridge traffic for the plaza.

Presenter's Comments:

- Mr. Johnson of the design team noted that they are charged with balancing the project, not to interpret Bertram Goodhue's plan of 100 years ago, as the current needs are different than those of 1915.
- Mr. Johnson noted a change in the process now, to begin conversation about what should happen in the Plaza and the Esplanade. He reviewed the issues brought forth by the Planning Commission and described the connection to the bridge.
- David Marshall noted that tables are set-up in the back of the room for feedback of the three key elements, the bypass bridge, the parking structure and the Plaza de Panama. The project will be reviewed by three historic oversight groups at the local, state and federal level and the project will go through the public process.

The following items were presented:

- The configuration of the Alcazar parking lot
- The Bypass Road design criteria
- The roadway and elevations
- Pedestrian and tram service roadway
- The Organ Pavilion garage design criteria and plan
- Possibilities for roof top programming
- Plaza de Panama design criteria
- Esplanade design
- Existing conditions of lights, trees and railings
- Large tower and reflecting pool in the Plaza de Panama in the past

- Possible elements that may be incorporated in the Plaza de Panama

Attendees were asked to participate in a break-out session at one or all of the three subject areas for the next forty minutes.

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m. and thanked the consultants. He asked everyone to attend the January 8, 2011 meeting to continue to provide input on the project.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB - COMMITTEE REPORT

601. Land-Use and Policy – Chairperson Kinney noted that this subcommittee will meet in January.

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – Don Liddell reported that the operator of the Haunted Trail and Susan Lowery-Mendoza met with the subcommittee and a number of changes were suggested to lessen the impact to the residents.

COMMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kinney adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2010
6:00 P.M.
War Memorial Auditorium (Note Change)
3325 Zoo Place
San Diego, CA 92101

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza