

WORKSHOP NOTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

Balboa Park Committee

August 7, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laurie Burgett
Jeri Dilno
Vicki Granowitz
Mick Hager
Andrew Kahng
David Kinney
Mike Mc Dowell (Arr 5:40)
Mike Singleton
Donald Steele (Arr 5:48)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Ayala

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Martinez
Susan Lowery-Mendoza
Kathleen Hasenauer

CALL TO ORDER-

Chairperson Granowitz called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Chair's Report

Chairperson Granowitz reported that she has met with Donna Fry, Lori Saldana, and Carl DeMaio. Park and Recreation Board has asked that she give a briefing on the Balboa Park study. She will send some information to the committee about eleven conservancies in New York.

She is in the process of trying to arrange a presentation by the Parks Department or the Financial Department under City Planning and Community Investment. Received the latest draft of the update to the North Park Financing Plan and given the discussion on the use of equivalencies they used Morley Field as against the parks standards. This committee should understand how the Parks Department and City Planning is looking at using Balboa Park and meeting the needs of community parks. The general plan has been approved and it does include the use of equivalencies.

We've been talking about getting our land use digitized documents online but the problem is that they are old documents. By digitizing the documents, a disabled person may be able to read them. Andrew Kang has worked with Charlie Daniels and various workflows have been explored.

Workshop Items -

Chairperson Granowitz selected the relevant City Charters and Municipal Code.

City Charter:

- Article V, Section 42 – Membership Selection
- Article V, Section 43 -Advisory Board and Committees
 - Both of the above talk about how the groups are set up.
- Article V, Section 55 – Formation of Park and Recreation Board
 - Some of the language is old. The important part is that the Mayor will have control and management of common areas of City property. The City Council will adopt rules and regulations for proper use.
 - Section 55 is one of the most important City Charters. This is what is always site
- Article V, Section 55.1 –

- Has to do with commercial restrictions in Mission Bay. Although Mission Bay and Balboa Park are a lot different, they are also similar.
- Article VII, Section 77a – Provisions for Zoological Exhibits
 - We the electorate own the animals. The language is not about giving money to the zoological society. The Zoological Society through a 501c3 are responsible to take care of the animals, which are still owned by the city.
- Article VII, Section 103.1a- Environmental Growth Fund
 - This was covered when Stacey LoMedico talked about budget and financial issues. This is the part of the charter that covers that.
- Amendment to Section 55- Spells out how hard it would be to sell Balboa Park to be privatized.
- Article VII, Section 76.1- Special Taxes (Don added this at the last minute)
 - This explains how difficult it is to get a special tax through. It is a 2/3 vote of the electorate.

Municipal Codes:

Andrew Kahng asked whether we'd received the lease agreement from Jim Barwick. Chairperson Granowitz responded that she was giving a month.

- Article 2, Division 2 – Administrative Code; the City Manager
 - It's about preparation of the Mission Bay Park and other regional park improvements.
 - It relates to the Charter amendment that Don Steele, Judy Swink and Chairperson Granowitz have been involved with.
 - Any change on a City Charter requires 50% plus one. But it is 2/3 for any special tax and if that involves a City Charter, it would still be the 2/3.
- Article 2, Division 40 – Special Events
 - Depth of rules for events. Explains what constitutes an event.
 - There is a difference between Special use permits and special events. Special use permits are Park and Rec. documents; Special events Municipal Code pertain to the whole city.
 - *Kathleen will try to get together some info on fee schedules as well as special use permits.*
 - Some of the fees dropped because when the Analyst went through the fee packet they found that some fees were overrated. They made adjustments. The fees can go up every year. We anticipate that there will be a review FY09 - FY10.
 - Most events are probably cost intensive.
 - Special permits do not have full cost recovery. Park use permits fees go into the city's General Fund. They don't come back to Balboa Park or Mission Bay Park or Park and Rec. Dept.
 - The value of special events is addressed in the Municipal Code is enriching the cultural fabric of San Diego.
- Article 3, Section 63.04 – Municipal Recreation Facilities
 - This was done in '52, and it talks about what can be built in the park. The intent is to say, things can be built in the park, but they must be non-commercial development.
- Article 3, Section 63.30 - Utilization of environmental growth fund (Don added this to in the end.)

Chairperson Granowitz announced that the FAQ's are now up on balboapark.org. Don Liddell has been invited to attend all the meetings for his transition into the Balboa Park Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm

-Notes submitted by Vanessa Nieves