

MINUTES
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

June 2, 2009

Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
 1008 Santa Clara Place
 San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing address: Park and Recreation Department
 Developed Regional Parks
 Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
 2125 Park Blvd.
 San Diego, CA 92101

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Rick Bussell		Kathleen Hasenauer
Bill Bushe		Thyme Curtis - CD 2
Monica Fuentes		Mary Ann Kempczenski - CD 6
Jim Greene		Stacy McKenzie
Jeton Prince		Sgt. Mark Heacox
Jarl Turner		Sgt. Rick Strobel
Richard Miller		
Billy Paul		
Gregg Peterson		
Judy Swink		
Mort McCarthy		
Karl Jaedke		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rick Bussell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 5, 2009 MEETING AS READ. (R. Miller/D. Peterson 9-0-2)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE None

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW None

COMMUNICATIONS None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

- Mr. Bussell spoke of how this was the last meeting of Mission Bay Park Committee in its current configuration as it is to be disbanded, effective June 30, 2009. Mr. Bussell spoke on the concerns he has regarding people in the community not being perceived as having the qualifications necessary to serve on the new committee. Mr. Bussell said being involved in Park and Recreation has been a privilege. It has been an honor working with the members of the Mission Bay Park Committee. The level of expertise of current members is staggering. The work done is something to be proud of. Everyone gave for the benefit of fellow citizens. Mr. Bussell expressed optimism because of the City staff who continue to serve. Mr. Bussell told the committee to not let involvement hinge on the fact that they are or are not a part of the new committee.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council District 2

- Ms. Curtis spoke about the new web site which is user friendly, has more photos and is better than the previous one.
- Ms. Curtis said Council Member Kevin Faulconer supports the Beach Area Community Court. The Court handles the lower level offenders who commit quality of life offenses. The offenders are given community service and pay \$40 to participate as opposed to paying up to \$250 tickets.
- Ms. Curtis spoke about the water restrictions imposed June 1, 2009. Residents with addresses ending with an even number water Saturday, Monday and Friday. Residents with addresses ending with an odd number water Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Apartments and businesses water Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Watering time is from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.
- The budget has a \$22,000,000 unexpected short fall. Council Member Kevin Faulconer imposed a 6 % compensatory reduction on his staff, in order to help lessen the gap.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council District 6

- Ms. Kempczenski passed out "Frye Lights".

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

- Ms. McKenzie gave an update on the lease holds in Mission Bay:
Everingham Bait Barge: Council approved in April 2009
Mission Bay Sports Center: Will be presented at the July M.B.P.C. meeting
The Hilton Hotel: Applicant is working with Park Planning on parking issues. One final item on proposed lease amendment is to be negotiated.
Paradise Point: Park and Recreation approval process held pending Hilton Hotel application.
Bahia Sternwheelers: Rent appraisal requested.
Dana Landing: Staff to draft lease terms.
Mission Bay Yacht Club: Staff review required.
- Ms. McKenzie spoke of the Level 2 Drought Alert which is in effect June 1, 2009-October 31, 2009. There are 3 assigned days per week for parks. Watering should be before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Automatic and manual irrigation systems may operate for 10 minutes maximum per station, with exception of stream rotor type or drip type irrigation.

Sergeant Mark Heacox, San Diego Police Department

- Mr. Heacox said the Memorial Day weekend went well. Crowds were moderate in size. There was only one boating accident. He spoke of cracking down on 12 to 13 illegal operations on Jet Ski rentals.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Rescue Service

- Mr. Strobel said he has learned a lot from the Mission Bay Park Committee and by attending the meetings.
- Mr. Strobel said Memorial Day weekend was manageable. There was only 1 accident where a sailboat hit rocks. It took about 15 minutes to get boat off the rocks.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

101. None

Adoption

201. None

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

301. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 501. Dredging and Jetty Revetment Information** - Paul Jacobs and Brent Eidson
Mr. Eidson spoke of the collaboration of Mayor's office and lifeguard services on identifying dredging and jetty repair. Needs were prioritized, then numerous contact and work with Federal Government, Senators, Congressional members led to the \$10.5 million allotted for the project, to be done by the Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Jacobs spoke of being in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers for the last 5-6 years, doing surveys of improvement and repair. A previous environment document was in place so that if monies became available, they would be shovel-ready. Details:
- \$5.4 million will go to jetty revetment
 - \$5 million to dredging.
 - Work will take place in Fall/Winter 2009.
 - 500,000 cubic yards of silted material needs to be removed.
 - A priority listing has been established.
 - Last time the bay was dredged was in 1986.
- 502. Aquaculture Project - Hubbs Sea World Research Institute** - Don Kent
Mr. Kent spoke of the need to restore the fish stock. Global supply is limited. Stock replenishment is an important tool for sustainable fisheries management. It is defined as the rearing of aquatic organisms during part of their life cycle for subsequent release in open waters to replenish natural populations. Stock enhancement of both inland and coastal fisheries is a complex undertaking and requires significant scientific knowledge in a diverse array of fields, high levels of several technological skills, and finally sensitive application to put it into practice. The aquaculture project is 5 miles off the coastline, with lines running 1200 feet all directions, 300 feet down. There is a 97 % survival rate. They are able to produce juvenile fish and make available year round supplies.
- 503. Establishment of the Mission Bay Park Improvement Committee** - Kathleen S. Hasenauer
Ms. Hasenauer spoke on the new ordinance that provides for the establishment of the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee and the San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund Oversight Committee. Some of the points covered by Ms. Hasenauer were:
- The ability to prescribe the qualifications of future appointees to the Mission Bay Park Committee and the Park and Recreation Board is one component of the Ordinance via Section 55.2 and was added to the San Diego City Charter and two amendments, section 26.30 (b) and 26.30 (g) have been proposed for Chapter 2, Article 6 of the San Diego Municipal code to fulfill the requirement to "prescribe specific qualifications for future appointees to ensure that members possess the expertise necessary to perform effective oversight."
 - Discussion at the May 27 NR&C Committee Meeting on the word "expertise" lead to an expanded definition for both the Park and Recreation Board and the Mission Bay Park Committee. Instead of "...shall possess expertise in one or more of the

following areas:” it was proposed and has been agreed upon to read “...shall possess expertise *or demonstrated knowledge or experience* in one or more of the following areas: auditing, finance, or municipal finance, general business, planning, biology or environmental science, resource management, construction management or recreation management.”

- The current Mission Bay Park Committee will term out on June 30, 2009.
- The new Committee will mirror the Park and Recreation Board, with eleven members instead of fifteen.
- The Mayor shall appoint three (3) Members-At-Large: three (3) members each from nominees submitted by the Council Member representing Council District 2 and Council District 6; one (1) Mission Bay lessee who shall represent a hotel in the Park and one (1) Mission Bay lessee who shall represent a Lessee in the Park other than a hotel.
- In summary the City Council must pass an Ordinance prior to July 1, 2009 to designate the Mission Bay Park Committee to fulfill the role of the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee and the Park and Recreation Board to fulfill the role of the San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund Committee; and prescribe qualifications for future appointees to ensure that member possess the requisite ability to perform effectively.
- Discussion ensued.
 - Concerns were expressed on how members were contacted on the plan and the requirements for the new committee. It was explained that Park and Recreation staff informed the Committee as soon as they knew.
 - Some felt emphasis given in looking for expertise in certain areas would detract from the importance and necessity of getting community members who have a vested interest and historical knowledge of Mission Bay Park.
 - Some felt the requirements were a good thing to ensure money was spent wisely and appropriately. There was understanding of the value of having skills but concern that the importance of citizen advisory boards was being diminished.
 - Some questioned why another or separate committee was not being formulated to be the oversight and why no discussion with current members for input was solicited.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 601.** Finance: Rick Bussell (Chairperson); Bill Bushe; Mort McCarthy; Jim Greene; Jeton Prince; Jarl Turner –None
- 602.** Permits: Jarl Turner (Chairperson); Karl Jaedtke; Don Peterson, Jim Greene – Jarl Turner expressed thanks to all members for their participation on the Permit Subcommittee.
- 603.** Environment: Richard Miller (Chairperson); Monica Fuentes; Billy Paul –None
- 604.** Safety: Gregg Peterson (Chairperson), Jeton Prince (Co-Chairperson)-None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** - Jim Greene - No Report
- **Council District 6 Representative** - Jarl Turner - No Report
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** - Vacant
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Karl Jaedtke - Day at The Faire for Pacific Beach Town Council is on June 21, 2009.
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** - Mort McCarthy - No Report
- **Council District 6 Representative** - Monica Fuentes - A Taste of Sports will be held July 23, 2009 at Marina Village.
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller - Said everyone was great to work with.
- **Member at Large** - Gregg Peterson - Commended staff of graffiti removal turn- around time.
- **Member at Large** – Vacant
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson – Pleasure to work with everybody.
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Bill Bushe – Wonderful to serve with everybody.
- **Clairemont Community Planning Group** - Billy Paul - Appreciated being on Mission Bay Park Committee.
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** - Jeton Prince - No Report
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Judy Swink - Reported on the link that was emailed to everyone last month on the Landfill survey study.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next regular meeting: TBD
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park