

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

February 6, 2007

Meeting held at:
Santa Clara Rec Center
1008 Santa Clara Pl
San Diego, CA 92109

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

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Rick Bussell	Pam Glover	Susan Gonzales
Ted Jardine	Mohsen Khaleghi	Sharon Knutson
Mindy Pellissier	Karl Jaedtke	Howard Kummerman
Judy Swink	Ryan Levinson	
Richard Miller	Mike Pallamary	
Donald Peterson		
Catherine Strohlein		
Chris Rink		
Bob Otilie		

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED, AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2007 MEETING AS FOLLOWS: MOVED (PETERSON), SECONDED (SWINK), APPROVED (All)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Al Strohlein: Private citizen, spoke regarding the ban of alcohol over the July 4th holiday.
- Diana Rose: Represented Kai Elua and IKuna Kona Outrigger/Kayak clubs and their recent service projects in Mission Bay.
- Poli Lillard: Representing FIDO, spoke of the groups opposition to the development of Fiesta Island.
- Florence Sloane: Representing the Sporting Dog Council of San Diego. The group is not specifically opposed to the development of Fiesta Island, but would like to see more of a multi/compatible use of the island.

COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

- Billy Paul: Spoke in favor of the non-development of Fiesta Island. He says that the new roadway is a waste of money. Also commented on some of the proposed changes to Fiesta Island.
- John Winklareth: Private citizen, spoke of the need for an area for dogs to be able to socialize with other dogs, especially with the population growth in San Diego.
- Alise Shatoff: A private citizen, spoke of her family's use of Fiesta Island. Would like to keep the road and the dog park the way it is now.
- Brian LaRoche: A private citizen spoke of his use of Fiesta Island and walking around the island to lose weight, especially with his dog being able to be leash free.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie spoke of the changes that have been made the in the Park and Recreation Department during the past month. Acting Chair Otilie explained some of the changes and the effect they will have. He feels that parks have been moved to the top of the list and will getting the Park Department back to its core function, which is recreation. He said that the biggest concern of most of the people has been not knowing who/where to call for maintenance. Acting Chair Bob Otilie said that he thinks this is an excellent idea because it will get the parks the attention they deserve. He spoke of the planned move of the maintenance portion of Park and Recreation Department to General Services; the resignation of Park and Recreation Director Ted Medina; and the departure of Ted Martinez, Jr. and April Penerea. The Park and Recreation Department Director will now report to Ronne Froman. Bob said he believes the Mayor hopes to solve the inefficiencies he sees in the Park and Recreation Department and that he would like to see some of the inequities in the financial department taken care of.

Acting Chair Otilie also commented that everyone on the Mission Bay Park Committee could be gone also.

Bob reported that he will be going to Sacramento with Kevin Faulkner in early March to meet with staff at the Coastal Conservancy regarding help for Mission Bay Park.

STAFF REPORT

Susan Gonzales, District Manager for Mission Bay Park, also spoke regarding the changes in the Park and Recreation Department, Ted Medina's leaving, and other issues, including the BPR's. Susan commented that her report was pretty much identical to Bob's.

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No actions will be taken, subject discussed by the committee)

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (The Consent Agenda will be acted upon, as a whole, with little or no

discussion. Any one member of the Committee may move a Consent Item to Adoption.)

201. None

Adoption

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Fiesta Island General Development Plan Update – Paul Jacob and Mike Singleton
A power point presentation on proposal 4C was shown and a handout was also distributed. The presentation and handout showed the changes made to the project in a side by side comparison to Proposal 4B.

The main changes to 4C were:

- Southwest end of the island was adjusted to make a protected leash free area for dogs
- Roadway system was updated with additional fencing to protect sensitive areas
- Two way trail makes a full loop even when the area is closed to vehicles
- Sensitive plant areas were spread out on the island for reduced intensity
- Bridge – land bridge – at a less cost
- Compared to the Master Plan – less turf parkland
- Reduced sand areas, sand management area moved to the middle of the island

All the new information will be up on the web site. There will also be a public workshop at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom on March 22, 2007. It was also suggested that all council offices be briefed as Fiesta Island is a regional park.

After the presentation, they fielded questions from the Committee members.

402. Update on the Rose Canyon Watershed Assessment – Ann van Leer

Ann was at the Mission Bay Park committee to seek endorsement from the Mission Bay Park Committee of the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment and asked the Mission Bay Park Committee consider membership in the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance. She also brought a handout that detailed information about the work being done and the Alliance. There are several actions that are being recommended for implementation such as controlling invasive species, restore and enhance native habitats, manage fire risks, etc.

It was suggested that the Committee obtain a legal determination on this matter. It will be docketed for the March 6, 2007 meeting.

403. Friends of Mission Bay Park – Judy Swink

Judy Swink spoke regarding the Friends of Mission Bay group. She mentioned that the Mission Bay Park Committee would not be the ones responsible for the mission statement although they would probably be active participants in the creation of it. Judy had submitted a report to staff which was also handed out at the Mission Bay Park Committee meeting. It is getting very close to creating an entity to use to begin looking for grants, etc.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The question was asked by staff representative as to what is the difference between the Park Use Sub-Committee and the Permit Sub-Committee. It was explained that the Park Use Sub-Committee was for issues of maintenance, etc. It was mentioned by staff that it is heard to try to get everyone together for a separate Permit Sub-Committee. It was suggested that Acting Chair be notified of the difficulties in getting the sub-committee together.

- 501. Finance - None
- 502. Park Use - None
- 503. Permit – None –
- 504. Least Tern Nesting Sites - None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

- Lessee Hotel Representative - Moshen Khaleghi – Absent
- Council District 6 Representative – Rick Bussell – None
- Mission Beach Planning Board - Pam Glover - Absent
- Council District 2 Representative – Karl Jaedtke -Absent
- Environmental Organization Sierra Club - Richard Miller –None
- Member at Large - Bob Otilie – None
- Member at Large – Mike Pallamary – Absent
- Stakeholder OMBAC - Don Peterson – None
- Ocean Beach Planning Board - Mindy Pellissier – None
- Ted Jardine – Lessee other than Hotel – None
- Council District 2 Representative - Judy Swink - None
- Clairemont Mesa Planning Group – Chris Rink – None
- Council District 6 Representative - Ryan Levinson – Absent
- Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee -Catherine Strohleim – None

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Bussell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M

Next regular meeting:

March 6, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales
District Manager, Mission Bay Park
Staff Representative