

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

April 4, 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>
Pam Glover	Mohsen Khaleghi	Donna Frye
Rick Bussell	Ryan Levinson	Susan Gonzales
Karl Jaedtke	Chris Rink	Mauro Garcia
Catherine Strohleln	Donald Peterson	Sharon Knutson
Judy Swink	Bob Otilie	
Richard Miller		
Mike Pallamary		
Mindy Pellissier		
Ted Jardine		

CALL TO ORDER

The April 3, 2007 meeting of the Mission Bay Park Committee was called to order at 6:10 pm by Acting Chairperson Rick Bussell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 6, 2007: Motioned (Jardine), seconded (Swink) and approved with two abstentions.
March 6, 2007: Motioned, (Miller) seconded (Jaedtke) and approved with two abstentions.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Rick Bussell filled in for Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie, who was not in attendance.

STAFF REPORT

Susan Gonzales, District Manager for Mission Bay Park announced the appointment of Stacey LoMedico as Director of the Park and Recreation Department. She also reported the appointment of Ema Moreno as Grounds Maintenance Manager. Susan updated the Committee members on the BPR process. Susan passed out a handout regarding the success of the Calsense centralized irrigation system. The system is working very well and the department is pleased. Susan also told about the Roving Crew Pilot Program that was piloted for one month. The purpose of this

program was to prepare staff for possible competition with the private sector. She gave background on choosing the crew, the work they did and the results.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Donna Frye first thanked Rick Bussell for “acting” as Acting Chairperson Bob Otilie. She also thanked the members of the Mission Bay Park Committee for staying on after the expiration of their terms. Ms. Frye explained the next step is for the Mayor to appoint new members to the committee. She was also at the Mission Bay Park Committee meeting to show her support for Item #301 on tonight’s agenda, the grandfathering in of the Kai Elua Outrigger group for events during the moratorium period. Councilmember Frye also spoke of the latest on the Clean Water Act and said she would keep Committee members posted on the outcome.

Al Strohleim – spoke of his frustration with the San Diego Police Department and alcohol use on the July 4th holiday.

Wayne Bamford – Spoke on behalf of and invited all to attend events at the various parks in the Linda Vista area.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

1. Great Strides, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – DeAnza Cove May 19, 2007 – Jacquie Dutchover

Jacquie Dutchover was at the Mission Bay Park committee to request the use of a DJ for the Great Strides Walk on May 19, 2007. Event planners want the DJ to set up at 7:30 am and start 8:00 am., event will be over at noon. The committee recommended not to allow the DJ at this event.

2. Vaya Tet Festival – February 2008 – Ski Beach – Thuy Huynh

Thuy Huynh spoke on behalf of the Vaya Tet Festival. They would like to hold it at Ski Beach. The event this year was held at Qualcomm Stadium. Mission Bay Park District Manager Susan Gonzales attended. She reported that the event, while a worthy event, was not suitable for the Mission Bay Park area. The event had a tent for music performers, a stage with over 1,000 chairs, carnival rides and many vendors. The Mission Bay Park Committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously to recommend not approving this event to take place in Mission Bay Park. It was suggested Balboa Park at Presidents Way may be a good alternative.

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 (Each adoption item requires individual action.)

301. Kai Elua Outrigger Canoe Club – Request to be “grandfathered” during the moratorium period. - Di Rose and Betsy Service

Kai Elua came to the Mission Bay Park Committee requesting that their event, *The Ironman Challenge*, be “grandfathered” during the moratorium period of Memorial Day and Labor Day. They spoke of the many years they have been in Mission Bay Park. It was agreed to allow the event during the moratorium period as it has been in the past, not the estimated participation/attendance as stated in their application. Also, no new vendors, or additions to the permit are to take place. The event will be looked at and reviewed for the next two years.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Fiesta Island General Plan Update – Paul Jacob and Mike Singleton.

Mike Singleton shared the latest information regarding the Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan. There were handouts showing the changes and the comments from the meeting at the Balboa Park Club on March 22, 2007. The main ideas shared were in regards to the idea of a multi-use trail, swimming/wading at Hidden Anchorage; natural park vs no fence and the entry road.

Communications on #401:

Jonathon Strohl – Spoke regarding the boat launches, parking lots and the Least Terns. Would like to see an additional buffer zone.

Paula Lynn – Shared her ideas for changes to the Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan. Would like to see more areas for people to run, bike and walk their dogs without having to go in and out of gates.

Billy Paul – Spoke regarding the various uses of Fiesta Island and some of the problems they pose, including traffic problems. He also advocated not allowing corporate events on Fiesta Island and the need for people to escape from the noise such events create in an urban environment.

402. Sea World – Vladimir Balotsky, Real Estates Assets; Pat Owen and Darlene Walter – Sea World- Happy Harbor Enhancement

Spoke regarding a new attraction at Sea World based on Sesame Street, slated for opening in 2008. Staff from Sea World provided a power point presentation and fielded questions from the committee. They should receive Coastal Commission approval in May 2007.

403. Sportmen’s Seafood Remodel , Quivira Road, - Ben Hooley

This has been moved to an action item for the May 1, 2007 Mission Bay Park meeting.

404. Mission Bay Yacht Club Dock Repair – Marc Cicchetto – Failed to appear as directed by the Mission Bay Park Manager.

COMMUNICATIONS

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 – None
- Environmental Organization Sierra Club - Richard Miller –None
- Member at Large - Bob Otilie – Absent
- Member at Large – Mike Pallamary – None
- Stakeholder OMBAC - Don Peterson – Absent
- 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 – Absent
- Council District 6 Representative - Ryan Levinson – Absent
- Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee -Catherine Strohlein – None

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Bussell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M

Next regular meeting:

May 1, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales
District Manager, Mission Bay Park
Staff Representative