

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
November 6, 2007

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

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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	Mike Duckor	Susan Gonzales
Bill Bushe	Pam Glover	Sgt. Mark Heacox
Monica Fuentes	Richard Miller	Debbie Marcotte
Jim Greene	Jarl Turner	
Karl Jaedtke		
Mort McCarthy		
Billy Paul		
Donald Peterson		
Gregg Peterson		
Jeton Prince		
Judy Swink		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rick Bussell called the meeting to order at 6: 05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting were approved.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE October 2, 2007 MEETING. (Jaedtke/Greene/8-0-2 Abstain: Swink, Jaedtke)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Shannon Dougherty, representing the San Diego Audubon Society, discussed their Mangrove Removal Project in the Northern Wildlife Preserve.
 - Their first bay clean-up is on December 8, 2007 and they are looking for volunteers.
 - It was noted that she should also speak to the Pacific Beach Town Council

- regarding the clean-up.
2. Mary Grandell of ZLAC Rowing spoke regarding water safety in Mission Bay.
 - Ms. Grandell mentioned that there have been increased accidents due to speed.
 - Accidents with injuries have increased over the past year.
 - Large wakes over-power the rowing shells.
 - It was noted that she could bring her concern to the next Mission Bay Committee as an Information Item by contacting Susan Gonzales, Mission Bay Park District Manager to be put on the agenda.
 3. Annette Frank of ZLAC Rowing Club also spoke of water safety.
 - Spoke of accidents with injuries that have occurred as a result of large wakes created by power boats.
 - It was suggested that an AD HOC meeting/workshop be put together to review the water safety problem.
 - It was also suggested that a workshop be brought together to discuss the problem.
 4. Susan Dieckman also of ZLAC spoke of buoys and boating safety in Sail Bay.
 - Rowers are being beached and swamped by wakes caused by power boaters.
 - It was noted that perhaps someone from San Diego Fire-Rescue may be willing to meet with both parties to discuss water safety. Sail Bay area is not good for mixed use.
 - There are no lifeguards in the morning hours when rowers are present.
 5. Susan Wills, Athletic chairperson of ZLAC Rowing Club, spoke on boating safety and the problems caused by wake-boarders on Mission Bay.
 - Large wakes seem to be done on purpose.
 - The mixed use of sail bay is an accident waiting to happen.
 - It was discussed that the Lifeguards have to see the incident themselves in order to bring charges.
 - Ms. Wills also spoke of the number of injuries and damages to boat shells as a result of power craft.
 - Would like to restrict the use of Sail Bay to non-power craft from dawn to 8:00 am.
 - Would also like to get all users of Sail Bay together to discuss how to best use the area.
 - Problem is worst on a daily basis from May through September.
 6. Don Gross
 - Spoke of areas in Mission Bay Park - Rose Creek Flood Channel area that are not being maintained.
 - Would like to see the castor bean plants be removed in the area by Mission Bay High School needs maintenance also as there are camps in the overgrowth.
 - Fence in area has been cited for removal because it is on the public right of way.

Ms. Susan Gonzales responded to Mr. Gross's concerns saying she is meeting with Senior Park Ranger and the City's GIS person to go over areas of Mission Bay Park to determine boundaries. There are different entities that come into play. Some of the park area belongs to CalTrans and some of the area is also Streets Division.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

No Special Events at this time

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

No report at this time.

STAFF REPORT

Mark Heacox, San Diego Fire Rescue, supervises the Mission Bay Water Unit. Sgt. Heacox spoke on the Rose Creek problem previously mentioned and said that the San Diego Police Department spend a lot of time there. Sgt. Heacox also spoke on the crime map that was distributed two weeks ago at the Mission Bay Park Committee meeting.

- It was asked if there was information available regarding the number of incidents on the bay.
- Rick Strobel, San Diego Fire Rescue introduced himself to the Committee. Sgt. Strobel said that there are monthly statistics available. This information will be distributed to Susan Gonzales.
- Sgt. Strobel agreed that there are problems with power craft on the bay.
- Discussion continued with the duty times of Lifeguard staff for the bay area.

Susan Gonzales, Mission Bay Park District Manager, distributed the updated Mission Bay Master Plan on CD's. She then spoke on boating safety on Mission Bay. On October 5, Ms. Gonzales met with representatives from the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Fire Rescue, and members of staff to discuss the boating safety issues. The meeting was initially called to address concerns regarding recommendations for additional buoys installed in the Sail Bay. Andy Lerum addressed questions presented by ZLAC Rowing and commented that more buoys are a clutter to the bay and that the rules do exist and the lifeguards would take care of the enforcement part. However, Lifeguard Services stated that they should be called in the event there is an unsafe boater in the area.

Information also shared by Ms. Gonzales:

- The buoys requested for the Northern Wildlife Area are in the area and it may be that they should be moved.
- There was a concern about the lack of buoys in the Wildlife area. Ms. Gonzales stated they were deployed today.
- It was agreed to a six month trial period which will be reviewed in April/May 2008. At that time the issue of additional buoys for Sail Bay will be re-visited if needed.

Ms. Gonzales also responded to Committee Member Jeton Prince's concerns of the unsafe areas along the sidewalks at the Fanuel Park play area and Susan stated that signs have been posted.

Ms. Gonzales shared an email from Councilperson Donna Frye's office regarding increased leashed dogs at Crown Point Park. This was a result of the Special Event for the San Diego Humane Society Animal Walk at Crown Point. The permit was originally approved despite the concerns of staff. Ms. Gonzales pointed out that in a couple of weeks the Humane Society will be back for a review of the 2007 event and approval for their 2008 event.

Ms. Gonzales also shared pictures of the animal evacuation site during the recent wildfires at Fiesta Island. The evacuation site worked extremely well with 150 horses, numerous goats and dogs and a lot of very happy animal owners. Mr. Paul commented on the fact that Fiesta Island was not called out as an evacuation site on the General Development Plan and that maybe this was something that was not looked at. Chairperson Bussell pointed out that during an emergency all City property can be used for emergency purposes.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

201. None

Adoption

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Rose Creek Watershed meeting and tour - Judy Swink
Ms. Swink reported on a meeting she attended regarding the Rose Creek Watershed/ Mission Bay Wetlands Gateway. The goal of the proposed Mission Bay Wetlands Gateway is to define and implement a natural recreational gateway which would follow Rose Creek into Mission Bay Park.
- A bicycle and pedestrian bridge to be built going over the railroad tracks in Rose Canyon and under the freeway to allow the public to safely cross.
 - Continuation of the bicycle/pedestrian path via Lower Rose Creek. Current path is incomplete and bounded by chain link fences.
 - Removal of non-native vegetation and restore water quality.
 - Would create 80 acres (plus or minus) of Wetland Habitat that will improve the areas ecosystem functions.
 - There are legal issues regarding Campland that must be settled prior to formal discussions regarding the proposal.
402. Mt. Soledad Fiesta Island Debris Storage-Jamal Batta - Mr. Batta did not show up at the meeting as scheduled. Mission Bay Park District Manager Susan Gonzales reported that the first request was to use the SunRunner Lot for debris storage. The plan is for after the stabilization of the area the soil that is now being stored on Fiesta Island will be removed from the site.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Bussell reported that standing Sub-Committees need to be noticed according to the Brown Act.

501. Finance: Rick Bussell (Chairperson); Bill Bushe; Mort McCarthy; Jim Greene; Jeton Prince; Jarl Turner
- Issues:
 - Hold over leases
 - Dredging
 - Members would like copies of all leases in Mission Bay Park
 - Are holdover leases appropriate in some cases?
 - Members would like to look at the budget. Is Mission Bay Park getting the money? Focus on how we can implement plan.
 - Finance Committee to discuss with Councilpersons Kevin Faulconer and Donna Frye; this is not a workshop item yet.
 - First step for Finance Sub-Committee is to walk through the budget.

502. Permits: Jarl Turner (Chairperson); Karl Jaedtke; Don Peterson
- Issues
 - Alcohol for events? Beer garden okay, not everyone can bring in alcohol to park.
 - Need parameters: 1,000 plus in attendance or road closure.
 - How permits are issued, Review of all permits? All permits do not need review.
 - Permits denied by staff can come to regular meetings of the Permit Sub-Committee
 - Recurring events do not need to go to Sub-Committee
 - Amplification - Sub-Committee will also deny music
 - The Permit Sub-Committee will review rules and regulations
 - Two forms of permits - Citywide and Park and Recreation
 - Sub-committee will also deal with other Park Use issues.
503. Environment: Richard Miller (Chairperson); Monica Fuentes; Billy Paul
- Issues
 - Least Tern nesting information
 - Water quality
 - Marsh land areas
504. Safety: Pam Glover/Mike Dukor (Co-Chairpersons); Gregg Peterson
- Issues
 - Reports every month from Fire Life Rescue and San Diego Police Dept.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

Chairperson - Rick Bussel

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** – Jim Greene – No report
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Monica Fuentes – No report
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** - Pam Glover – Absent - No report
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke - Mr. Jaedtke reported that the Holiday Parade is on December 8 along with Yule-Tide at the Santa Clara Point Recreation Center.
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** – Mort McCarthy - Absent - No report
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller - Absent - No report
- **Member at Large** – Gregg Peterson - Mr. Peterson would like to see a Mission Bay Park priority list.
- **Member at Large** – Mike Dukor - No report
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson - No report
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Bill Bushe – No report
- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Billy Paul – No report
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Judy Swink - No report; has priority list from last year and will bring to next meeting.
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** – Jeton Prince – No report
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Jarl Turner - No report

