

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

February 12, 2008

Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
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

Members Present

Rick Bussell
Bill Bushe
Monica Fuentes
Pam Glover
Jim Greene
Mort McCarthy
Richard Miller
Gregg Peterson
Billy Paul
Jeton Prince
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Karl Jaedtke
Donald Peterson
Mike Duckor

Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Kathleen Hasenauer
Susan Gonzales
John Hudkins
Paul Jacob
Rick Strobel
Lloyd Sentinella
Sharon Knutson

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2007 meeting were approved.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE December 4, 2007 MEETING. (Miller/Swink/13-0-1 (Abstain - Glover))

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Don Gross:
 - Spoke on Mission Bay - Mission Bay Park – Mission Bay State Park. Mr. Gross has a copy of the operating agreement between the State of California and the City of San Diego, and will give the copy to Ms. Gonzales.
 - 60 Acres in question – there are 16 acres on the map at Rose Creek that are referred to as “parcels” and there is a question as to how land was when the map/document was made.
2. Marshall Wiseman – Campland
 - Concerned regarding the loss of revenue due to the loss of water depth in Mission Bay.
 - Campland’s lease is up in 2017
 - 550 people 95,000 site nights a year
 - 140 slips
 - Concerned about the depth of water at low tide. Equipment cannot be rented and/or used when they cannot get their boats out.
 - As an example – for 16 days in January -16 days out of 31 days were impacted due to water issues.
3. Staff input: Ms. Gonzales told the committee and audience that the Bathymetry Report is almost completed and should be ready by next month.
4. Committee input: Mr. Paul spoke of his disappointment regarding the replacement of a full grown Torrey Pine tree that fell at Dana Landing and was replaced with a nine foot Monterey Pine. Ms. Gonzales replied that it was replaced with a nine foot Monterey Cypress which was selected by the City arborist and should eventually grow to forty feet.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Rick Bussell spoke on the need for status reports on the “status” of Mission Bay Park in regards to how far the Park and the Committee have come. Mr. Bussell said the Committee needs to look at the completion of goals, including previously discussed projects around the park. This would also help to identify action items for future meetings. The Fiesta Island Plan is going to the Design Review Committee on February 13, 2008.

Chairperson Bussell would like the Committee to also think of topics that the Committee needs to discuss and come up with a plan for revisiting topics from previous meetings.

STAFF REPORT

Lt. Rick Strobel of the Boating Safety Unit (BSU):

- Beach Bar renewals begin on March 1. Letters have gone out.
- Biggest concern is derelict boats and boats with no value.
- Changes on renewal: Mast must be rigged; no standing water in hull.
- Lt. Strobel also spoke on the sand maintenance.
- Spoke regarding Coast Guard class for vessel safety.

Officer Lloyd Sentinella of San Diego Police Department, Northern Division:

- Change of Command – Capt. Boyd Long, Northern Division is now Assistant Chief of Police for Patrol, and has been replaced by Capt. Shelly Zimmerman. Lieutenant Brian Ahern is now the Watch Commander for Northern Division; Lieutenant Brian Ahern has been replaced by Lieutenant David Nisleit .

Susan Gonzales, District Manager, Mission Bay Park:

- Alcohol ban: Went into effect on January 14, 2008 and will last for one year. Ms. Gonzales showed the Committee the stickers that were placed on existing signs around Mission Bay Park giving details about the ban.
- Ms. Gonzales spoke to Real Estate Assets regarding the committee's request for updated information. Real Estate Assets will be communicating with Ms. Gonzales on leasehold information within the next couple of months.
- All Mission Bay Park Maintenance employees have been trained and can identify rat issues.
- South Shore Promenade: Ms. Gonzales spoke on the upgrade of the promenade which starts at Sea World. The upgrade includes landscaping and lighting also.
- Ms. Gonzales offered to track the numbers of days Mission Bay Park is closed due to water quality issues.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

201. None

Adoption

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Rob Hutsel – San Diego River Park Foundation - Mr. Hutsel gave a short presentation on the San Diego River Foundation and how the Foundation is raising awareness about the San Diego River through educational programs, outreach and special River Days events.

There was a discussion about locating an interpretive facility (kiosk) in Mission Bay Park. The facility is being considered adjacent to the Southern Wildlife Reserve, San Diego River, as a project led by the San Diego River Park Foundation and, if approved, would be an additional to the facility recommended in the MBPMP 1994 for the Northern Wildlife Reserve.

- Mission Bay Park Environmental Sub-Committee could also assist with ideas for location.
 - Put on agenda in future after research is done.
402. Patrick Owen - Sea World – New Administration Building – Mr. Owen came to the Mission Bay park Committee to inform the committee about the new single story office building being built in an area of the former staff parking lot.
- Building is to be 9000 square feet.
 - Will use same color/style as the one approved for the education building.
 - Coastal Commission approved project.
 - Rain run-off will be contained via Sea World’s regular capture method.

Communications:

Al Strohlein: Upon hearing that no public parking spaces will be used for the new building, Mr. Strohlein had no objections to this project.

403. Keith Merkel, Merkel and Associates – City of San Diego Beach Maintenance (Fiesta Island Sand Management Area) – Keith Merkel of Merkel & Associates was introduced by Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director. Ms. LoMedico asked Mr. Merkel to look at overall sand management after a public comment made during the September 11, 2007 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting discussion of the Fiesta Island Precise Plan.
- Discussed the motivation for the study and gave a brief history of beach maintenance.
 - Beach areas groomed: Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla Shores.
 - Mr. Merkel explained to the Committee about the different areas used for sand maintenance.
 - Specified the 1995 adoption of maximum recycling practices ie: separation and sorting of sand, trash, green waste, kelp and wood.
 - Discussed beach maintenance activities: grooming, collection of debris, storm protection, and kelp management.
 - Kelp collected and sent to Fiesta Island for drying and cleaning
 - Waste to Miramar, fire ring cleaning, sand screening

- Cleaned sand back to beaches
- Mr. Merkel discussed the protocol and requirements for permits. Some beach maintenance does require a permit. The City of San Diego has obtained the permits as required.
- Different beaches have different type of sand and it needs to be kept separate.
- A map was shown with the sand management areas on Fiesta Island.
- Sensitive resources: Fiesta Island is not suited for native habitats and sand maintenance supports rare plant growth.
- Alternative sites were also looked at.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 501. **Finance:** Rick Bussell (Chairperson); Bill Bushe; Mort McCarthy; Jim Greene; Jeton Prince; Jarl Turner: No report
- 502. **Permits:** Jarl Turner (Chairperson); Karl Jaedtke; Don Peterson: No report
- 503. **Environment:** Richard Miller (Chairperson); Monica Fuentes; Billy Paul: Have not met yet.
- 504. **Safety:** Pam Glover/Mike Dukor (Co-Chairpersons); Gregg Peterson: Will have first meeting at Santa Clara Recreation Center on February 19, 2008.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

Chairperson - Rick Bussel

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** – Jim Greene – No report at this time
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Monica Fuentes – No report at this time
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** - Pam Glover – New kiosk for posting information
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke – Absent
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** – Mort McCarthy – No report at this time
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller – No report at this time
- **Member at Large** – Gregg Peterson – No report at this time
- **Member at Large** – Mike Duckor – Absent
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson – Absent
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Bill Bushe – No report at this time
- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Billy Paul – Left after one hour – not here for report time.
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Judy Swink – Rose Creek Watershed report is moving forward
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** – Jeton Prince – No report at this time
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Jarl Turner – No report at this time

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next regular meeting:

March 4, 2008

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales
District Manager, Mission Bay Park