

**MINUTES**

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board  
**MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**  
May 6, 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

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Present</u></b>
<b>Rick Bussell</b>	Billy Paul	Susan Gonzales
Monica Fuentes	Mike Duckor	Lori Gerbac
Jim Greene		Mark Heacox
Karl Jaedtke		Rick Strobel
Richard Miller		Gary Jones
Gregg Peterson		
Jeton Prince		
Judy Swink		
Donald Peterson		
Jarl Turner		
Bill Bushe		
Mort McCarthy		

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Rick Bussell called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 1, 2008 meeting were approved.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2008 MEETING. (R. Miller/J. Greene/10-0-1 [Abstain- M. McCarthy])**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Pete Penguin, Sea World: Patrick Owen of Sea World introduced "Pete Penguin" to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the penguin exhibit at Sea World. Mr. Owen read a proclamation issued by the City of San Diego.

2. Patrick Hunter, Executive Director of City of San Diego Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices: Provided an overview of the role of the Board and case review procedures.
3. Sonja Chandler: Spoke about the San Diego Boat & Ski Club being in business for 68 years, the history of their achievements, programs, events and satisfying City's requests for maintenance.
4. Cory Mitskevich: Spoke on his business "Wakeboard San Diego" and requested a permit to operate business in Mission Bay Park.

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

No report at this time.

### **STAFF REPORT**

#### **Susan Gonzales, District Manager of Mission Bay Park**

- Mary Ann from Donna Frye's office advised that City Council will continue discussions on the Park & Recreation budget on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm.
    - Positions proposed to be cut as they pertain to Mission Bay Park: 1-Mission Bay District Manager, 1- Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, 2.5- Grounds Maintenance Worker II.
  - Second phase of palm tree trimming is completed, 1100 trees trimmed so far, 500 remain to be trimmed.
  - Pam Glover resigned from Mission Beach Planning Board; as a result, she has resigned from MBPC. Contacted by Julie Hamilton from City Boards & Commissions and they will be in process of replacing Pam Glover.
  - Reviewed when MBPC member's terms are up for reappointment.
  - Walk for Animals event (2<sup>nd</sup> annual at Crown Pt. Shores) had no major issues, the after effect is unknown.
  - Additional buoys were installed at Sail Bay per the request from Lifeguards.
  - Letter from Mr. Busalacchi- re-distributed and attached to minutes.
- Beach Closures, Water Quality Results
- No closures in April, one advisory at Leisure Lagoon from April 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> for high bacteria levels.
  - The County link to beach closures is now on the City's website.

#### **Sergeant Mark Heacox of the San Diego Police Department, Northern Division**

- Reported recent boat accident, no serious injuries, the driver was arrested for boating under the influence.

#### **Sergeant Rick Strobel of the Boating Safety Unit**

- Reported a bridge jumper on May 4<sup>th</sup> who was rescued by a nearby boater.
- Capsized boat in Mariners Basin turned out to be a stolen vessel, suspects arrested.
- Working with Sgt. Heacox and City Attorney regarding the inability to enforce laws on state waterways.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> -tentative date for the opening of the new operations dock at Mission Bay.
- Oil spills and their source have been identified, and turned over to the Coast Guard.
- Working with SDPD, Coast Guard to coordinate enforcement efforts on weekends.
- Self Workout in the park event at Ski Beach had several boat trailer parking violations and complaints.

### **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

101. Safety on Sail Bay- Safety sub-committee: Gregg Peterson reported:

- The need of additional buoys in front of ZLAC per recommendations of Lifeguards and Park & Rec. installed.
  - More Lifeguard presence was needed on weekends and mid-May
  - Lifeguards spoke with Boat & Ski Club regarding illegal buoys.
  - Sub-committee meetings are public and well attended.
  - Lifeguard Sgt. Rick Strobel commented on a video being made on boating regulations and safety.
102. Amplification Policy- Permit sub-committee: Jarl Turner reported:
- Areas considered for permitted amplification were noted on map, and coincide with alcohol permitted areas.
  - Decibel ratings are the same as per the San Diego Municipal Code.
  - Approved times for designated amplification areas would be 8am-5pm.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consent**

201. None

### **Adoption**

301. Mission Bay Hilton Hotel- Proposed Leasehold Improvements

- Gary Jones, Real Estate Assets Department: asked for approval to send proposal out to the Design Review Committee.
- Alicia Calhoun, Rossi Architecture Project Manager: Provided an overview of site improvements, landscape, front entry turn around/circular drive, added trellis feature, new conference center, wedding site entrance, and new pool. There would be no loss of parking spaces.
- The goal for a start date is November 2008 and completion would be at the end of spring.
  - A motion was made to approve the proposal by Mr. D. Peterson, and seconded by Mr. Jaedtke. Ms. Fuentes opposed and there was discussion regarding the proposed Mexican Fan Palms being used in the Hotel landscape, as they are invasive. There was a recommendation to use Phoenix Palms instead.
  - The motion was amended by Mr. D. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Jaedtke. Unanimous approval.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE MISSION BAY HILTON HOTEL'S PROPOSED LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS 12-0-0.**

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

501. Finance: Rick Bussell (Chairperson); Bill Bushe; Mort McCarthy; Jim Greene; Jeton Prince; Jarl Turner

- No report at this time.

502. Permits: Jarl Turner (Chairperson); Karl Jaedtke; Don Peterson

- One permit approved. Ms. Gonzales requested information be forwarded to her. Mr. Bussell recommended all approved amplification permit documents be sent to Ms. Gonzales.

503. Environment: Richard Miller (Chairperson); Monica Fuentes; Billy Paul

- No report at this time.

504. Safety: Gregg Peterson (Chairperson), Pam Glover/Mike Dukor (Co-Chairpersons)
- Mr. Prince has accepted the Co-Chairperson position to fill Ms. Glover's vacant position.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS**

Chairperson - Rick Bussel

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** – Jim Greene – No report at this time
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Jarl Turner – No report at this time
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke – No report at this time
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** – Mort McCarthy – No report at this time
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Monica Fuentes – Ms. Fuentes reported the San Diego River Days event will be May 10-18<sup>th</sup> and distributed program events. Ms. Fuentes commented on having visited the Boat & Ski Club, Special Olympics business parties.
- “I Love a Clean San Diego” will be holding their annual beach cleanup on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller – Attended the Sierra Club awards banquet last month, on behalf of the Sierra Club, Mr. Miller presented Environmental Stewardship Reward to Ms. Fuentes.
- **Member at Large** – Gregg Peterson – Crew Classics event was successful.
- **Member at Large** – Mike Duckor - Absent
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson – OMBAC Coming Out party May 17<sup>th</sup> 12pm-10pm at Mariners Point.
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** – Bill Bushe – No report at this time
- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Billy Paul – Absent
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** – Jeton Prince – No report at this time
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Judy Swink – Recognized Ms. Fuentes for San Diego River Park Coalition as a representative of the friends of Ruffin Canyon. Reported that the Balboa Park Committee sent a letter to Mayor Sanders regarding the budget cuts and suggested the MBPC keep the idea in mind for the future. She commented that Stacey LoMedico, Park & Recreation Director made a presentation at the Balboa Park Committee on the budget and that there are several sightings of California Least Terns at the Dog Beach site this year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

### **Next regular meeting:**

June 10, 2008                      The Dana on Mission Bay  
1710 West Mission Bay Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales  
District Manager, Mission Bay Park