

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

September 9, 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

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Rick Bussell	Mike Duckor	Dwayne Abbey
Bill Bushe	Richard Miller	Lori Gerbac
Monica Fuentes		Kathleen Hasenauer
Jim Greene		Sgt. Mark Heacox
Karl Jaedtke		Paul Jacob
Mort McCarthy		Stacey LoMedico
Billy Paul		Mike Rodrigues
Donald Peterson		Sgt. Rick Strobel
Gregg Peterson		Capt. Shelley Zimmermann
Jeton Prince		
Jarl Turner		
Judy Swink		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rick Bussell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2008 MEETING AS WRITTEN. (K. Jaedtke/G. Peterson/11-0 [No Abstentions])

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW - None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Don Gross provided the Committee and staff with aerial maps of the DeAnza Mobile Home Park and pointed out the boundary lines. He expressed his concerns regarding the park boundaries and encroachment. Mr. Gross requested clarification and information on this matter and asked what the City intends to do regarding the "City owned" property

portion within DeAnza Mobile Home Park.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

- Mr. Bussell discussed Councilmember Faulconer's and Mr. Otilie's commitment and involvement to Mission Bay Park. They recognize Mission Bay Park as a national and global resource with high visitation. Council is requesting input. There is a public facilities finance plan which gives council a list of priorities for the community.

STAFF REPORTS

Mike Rodrigues, Acting District Manager, Mission Bay Park

- The City of San Diego has initiated a spending and hiring freeze for the Park and Recreation Department, Park and Recreation can only purchase essential items for safety and operations.
- The vacant District Manager position for Mission Bay Park is currently being rotated until it is filled through an interview process.
- The Park & Recreation Department budget was approved at the end of June, there were minimal cuts to current staffing levels at Mission Bay Park.
- The permanent Beaches, Shoreline Parks and Mission Bay alcohol ban will be on the November ballot for City residents.
- Mr. Rodrigues reported on the water quality reports for Mission Bay and answered questions regarding the beach closures and water quality advisories. As of September 9, there are three advisories: 1) Bonita Cove, 2) North Cove, 3) DeAnza Cove – due to high bacteria levels, as tested by the San Diego County Environmental Health Department.

Sergeant Mark Heacox, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

- Reported that inner tube towing has resulted in a higher number of accidents/injuries than skiing due to choppy water.
- There have been fewer boats and people on the beaches this year. It appeared that more families are enjoying the beaches and bays.
- Discussion took place regarding the capacity of Mission Bay Park and how traffic can be limited; pollution issues and a theory that vessels are contributing to high bacteria levels, this theory has not yet been proven; wakeboarding - no significant incidents or observation regarding their use and impacts.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Police Department Boating Safety Unit

- Reported there were no deaths from May-September.
- Provided the Summer 2008 statistics report and distributed information on what the Lifeguards are responsible for, noteworthy items, pre planning efforts for Summer 2008 season, as well as results, observations, and future goals for the boating unit. The report was well received and appreciated by the committee members and residents.

Captain Shelley Zimmerman of the San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

- Lieutenant David Nisleit transferred to Northern Division patrol. Lt. James Filley will be filling the vacancy.
- Described the beach and bay atmosphere as relaxed during the summer despite several million visitors. Arrest numbers went considerably down. This could be related to the trial alcohol ban at beaches and bays.

- Is working on crime analysis statistics and will return back to the Committee with a report when it is available.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

201. None

Adoption

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Mission Bay Bathymetry and Change Analysis: Paul Jacob, Asset Management & Keith Merkel, Merkel & Associates

A Power Point presentation was given on the Geomorphic and Developmental History of Mission Bay Park, which included: 1) Historical aerial photos dating back to 1928; 2) Mission Bay dredging timeline; 3) Water depths and changes; as well as 4) A summary on Eelgrass and sediment deposits. The Committee Members were also provided handouts of the presentation.

Mr. Bussell stated that if the Mission Bay Ordinance is approved in November, the dredging of the Bay should be a high priority item for Mission Bay Park. He recommended forming Focus Committee for this issue. An analysis of the impacts to the City, lessees, and water activities would need to be determined.

Several follow-up questions were asked by Committee Members and the public. The consultants answered questions regarding eel grass, bridge effects on water flow, wakeboarding activity impacts, navigational aid improvements and process of dredging relating to Lifeguard safety concerns.

Park and Recreation Staff thanked Mr. Jacob, Mr. Merkel and his associates for their efforts to complete the study.

402. Station 41 Improvement Project: Dwayne Abbey, Project Manager, Engineering and Capital Projects, Right -of-Way Division.

- A landscape plan was distributed for the pump station project.
- Mr. Abbey stated that the proposal went to the California Coastal Commission.
- The pump station perimeter fence will be protecting entrance hatches and pipes; it will surround the concrete slab. There will not be a building. The project is planned to start construction in March 2009 and will last approximately two years. The landscaping will go in after the system is online. During construction, the area will be fenced with construction fencing, equipment will be moved out during the moratorium.
- Mr. Bussell recommended that the information on the construction project be placed on

the City's website and to notify the permit holders through the Developed Regional Park's Permit Center.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

501. Finance: Rick Bussell (Chairperson); Bill Bushe; Mort McCarthy; Jim Greene; Jeton Prince; Jarl Turner
- No report at this time, will have an updated report on leases when READ returns.
502. Permits: Jarl Turner (Chairperson); Karl Jaedtke; Don Peterson, Jim Greene
- Amplification recommendations have been submitted to Park & Rec. Stacey LoMedico, Director had not received the recommendations until recently. She will let the Committee know her opinion by the next meeting. Park & Recreation staff will follow-up and notify subcommittee as soon as possible.
 - The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18th. The deadline to submit agenda items is Friday, September 12 at noon.
503. Environment: Richard Miller (Chairperson); Monica Fuentes; Billy Paul
- No report.
 - Mr. Paul inquired as to why the same areas within the Bay are under high bacteria advisory. Several theories were offered including animal contamination, storm water runoff from outlets, and possible illegal septic discharges.
504. Safety: Gregg Peterson (Chairperson), Jeton Prince (Co-Chairperson)
- Mr. Peterson reported he will have a post summer meeting where an analysis of lessons learned and summer events will be discussed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

- **Lessee Hotel Representative** – Jim Greene – No report
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Jarl Turner – No report
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** – Vacant – No Report
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke – Announced that the Police and Emergency Service Personnel Appreciation Night will be held on Wednesday, September 10th at Crown Point Shores Pavilion.
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** – Mort McCarthy – No report
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Monica Fuentes- Announced that the California Coastal Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, September 20th. She distributed flyers.
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller – Absent.
- **Member at Large** – Gregg Peterson – No report
- **Member at Large** – Mike Duckor - Absent
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson – Stated that the special event permitting process is very challenging. He has recommendations that he would like to share with the Permits Sub-Committee.
- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Bill Bushe – No report
- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Billy Paul – The Coastal Cleanup event be held at Rose Creek on September 20th from 9am-12pm, litter will be removed, the meeting place will be at Mission Bay High School.
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** – Jeton Prince – No report

- **Council District 2 Representative** – Judy Swink – Reported on the San Diego River Park Coalition meeting. The River Park Master Plan meeting will be held on September 20th at Mission Trails Regional Park from 1:30-3:30 pm. A “draft” of proposed methods of implementation is available for distribution. September 13th marks the 10th anniversary – River Walk celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Next regular meeting: October 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rodrigues, Acting District Manager, Mission Bay Park