

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

October 7, 2008

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

Mailing address is:
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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	Kathleen Hasenauer
Bill Bushe	Monica Fuentes	Mark Heacox
Jim Greene	Donald Peterson	Gary Jones
Karl Jaedtke	Gregg Peterson	Mike Rodrigues
Mort McCarthy	Jarl Turner	Casey Smith
Richard Miller		Rick Strobel
Billy Paul		
Jeton Prince		
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 September 9, 2008 meeting were approved.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING. (JAEDTKE/GREEN 8-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Don Gross:
 - Distributed map of tide lines and boundaries of Mission Bay State Park.
 - Inquired about future and current projects occurring within Mission Bay that he does not have information for. Requested that city staff and the council review the projects and provide information to him.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

None

STAFF REPORT

Mike Rodrigues, Outgoing Acting District Manager of Mission Bay Park

- Contamination of Mission Bay Park started on September 17. After several tests it was determined to be natural occurring decaying sea sponges. The material was not illegally dumped sewage. The water closures lasted approximately one and a half weeks.
- The Department of Environmental Health will no longer be generating Beach Water Quality Reports, testing or posting for beach closures. Funding for the program was cut from the state budget.
- An Ethics Commission Fact Sheet was distributed to the council via email. Additional copies are available if requested.
- Three large special events occurred over the past month; Thunderboats, Pacific Islander Festival and the Mission Bay Triathlon. Park and Recreation staff along with SDPD will be meeting to minimize impacts to the park for future events.
- Upcoming events are: Fiesta Island Time Trial Series; 26th Annual MS Bay to Bike Tour; US Open Water Ski Racing, and Subaru Women's Triathlon Expo.
- The Mayor's Office along with the Water Department will be conducting several Town Hall Meetings to discuss Critical Water Supply Issues. A flyer with the locations is available upon request.

Casey Smith, Acting District Manager of Mission Bay Park

- The department has adopted the sound amplification recommendation from the committee. The changes will be reflected on applicable permits beginning this week.
- The City is currently accepting bids for Phase 3 of the Mission Bay Palm Tree Trimming Program. Over 500 palm trees will be trimmed when completed.
- Great Scott has been contracted to begin preventative tree trimming of 22 trees within the West Shore for safety purposes and prior to winter rains.
- ARC/GIS mapping of park fixtures including benches, hot coal containers, drinking fountains, picnic tables, fire rings, etc. has begun park wide.
- Roughly 130 moorings along with directional and informational buoys are scheduled for inspection.

Mr. Paul asked what caused the sea sponge material to come to the surface. Chairperson Bussell requested that city staff ask Merkel and Associates for a possible cause. Developed Regional Parks Deputy Director Kathleen Hasenauer stated that she will provide the information at the next meeting.

Sergeant Mark Heacox, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

- A crime map of Mission Bay for September 4 - October 4, 2008 was distributed and discussed. One homicide was reported and the suspect was detained. The homicide incident occurred between two roommates. One robbery was reported at Belmont Park and three juveniles were taken into custody shortly after.

Mr. Bushe requested a list of crimes relating to bars and alcohol in Mission Bay. Sgt. Heacox referred Mr. Bushe to the ARJIS website (www.arjis.org) which is available to the public. Chairperson Bussell suggested that the issue be referred to Capt. Zimmerman.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

201. None

Adoption

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

404. Mission Bay Park Ordinance – Proposition C – Bob Otilie

- Discussion regarding how the council proceeds with Prop C. Deputy Director Kathleen Hasenauer stated that the committee can discuss the issue but cannot take a position. Committee members can take a personal position and speak as a member of the public but cannot speak to the public as a representative of the Committee.
- Ms. Hasenauer read the City Attorneys “Impartial Analysis” that was distributed to the Committee.
- Mr. Otilie discussed the origins of Prop C, his involvement in the process, his coordination with Councilmembers Kevin Faulconer and Donna Frye, allocation of funds within the proposition, current Mission Bay funding structures, history of past similar measures that have either succeeded or failed, and public oversight of the proposed proposition.

Committee members discussed and commented on the proposition. Committee member Richard Miller announced that the Sierra Club voted to endorse Proposition C. Committee member Judy Swink announced that the C 3 Board voted not to support Proposition C. Chairperson Bussell asked Mr. Otilie if there were any trust violations within the Proposition. Mr. Otilie responded that no challenges have been identified.

401. Revisions to Council Policy 700-100, Sale and Leasing of City Property – Gary Jones - READ

- Council Policy 700-100 was distributed. It was approved by city council on July 15. Additional copies are available on the cities website.
- Policy covers the sale and leasing of city owned property.
- Major changes to the policy include division portfolios, umbrella policy that will govern city approval to leased assets, and recognizes special policies towards other leases.
- READ is looking at changes, updates and a clear framework for handling city leases.

402. Update on Mission Bay Park Leases – Gary Jones - READ

- Council Policy 700-08 governs the use of property in Mission Bay including non-profit leases.
- Staff plans to start the process of revising sub-policies within Mission Bay.
- The Aquatic Center lease was approved by city council on July 15.
- READ has a proposed lease for the Everingham Bait Barge and plans to present it to the committee next month.
- READ staff met with Dana Landing staff to discuss amending their lease to include an additional parcel.
- READ will meet with Park and Recreation Deputy Director and city staff regarding the Sportscenter lease. Lease may go out in an R.F.P.
- The Hilton lease was presented to the Park and Recreation Board in July. The lease

was approved with exceptions to the parking components. It may have to go back to the Park and Recreation Board.

- READ has completed 50% of the upgrades to their software programs and have completed scanning 90% of lease records.

Several follow up questions were asked by the committee. Mr. Jones answered questions regarding site visits, complaints about lease holds, timeframe of leases, availability of records to the public, financial structures, and the Boat and Ski Club. The Committee congratulated Mr. Jones for the improvements to his department and thanked him for his time.

403. Mission Bay – Fiesta Island GDP – First Amendment to Consultant Agreement – Kathleen Hasenauer, Deputy Director, Developed Regional Parks for Paul Jacob, Asset Management

- The consultant made a mathematical error to the scope of services. In addition, as work progressed there were more community meetings and outreach to community groups.
- Staff will notify the committee when the draft is ready to go to City Council.

Several follow up questions were asked by the Committee. Ms. Hasenauer answered questions regarding changes to the fenced in area, plans for a horse staging area, review of revisions, and public input. Chairperson Bussell requested that if any changes are made to the plan, beyond what was originally approved, that it be sent back to the committee for review, before going to council. Ms. Hasenauer stated that the request will be communicated to Asset Management staff. The Committee thanked Ms. Hasenauer for her time.

405. Beach Improvements – Laura Hendrickson – San Diego BIG

- Beach Improvement Group (BIG, www.sdbig.org) is a non-profit group that was started in 2005 to raise funds for the maintenance of volleyball and basketball courts at South Mission.
- L. Hendrickson approached the council for support and suggestions for future improvements.
- BIG conducts two fundraisers per year, a silent auction at the Wave House and a 6 on 6 volleyball tournament at South Mission.
- They have outgrown their tournament location at South Mission and would like to move to Mariners Point next year.

The Committee responded that they are open to projects throughout the park and thanked Ms. Hendrickson for her interest in Mission Bay Park.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

None

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, Jim Greene
- Amplification recommendations have been accepted by the city.

