MINUTES
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

January 12, 2010

Meeting Location:
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	Members Absent	Staff Present
Rick Bussell	Katy Bendel	Thyme Curtis
James Greene		Ali Darvishi
Cynthia Hedgecock (arr 6:35 PM)		Lieutenant James Filley
Kevin Konopasek		Paul Jacob
Lani Lutar		Mary Ann Kempczenski
Mort McCarthy		Sharon Knutson
Gregg Peterson		Stacey LoMedico
David Potter		Stacy McKenzie
Paul Robinson		Scott Reese
Judy Swink		Sergeant Rick Strobel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

This was the first meeting of the newly appointed members to the Mission Bay Park Committee so there are no minutes.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer welcomed the new Committee members and thanked them for their time to protect San Diego's jewel, Mission Bay. He introduced his representative for Mission Bay Park, Thyme Curtis. Council Member Faulconer reflected on his tenure on the Mission Bay Park Committee. He and Council Member Donna Frye were instrumental in drafting and campaigning for Proposition C. Council Member Faulconer also expressed to the Committee that they are setting a precedent this year with the future of this Committee and how it is going to operate and interact with the City. He also stated that the Committee will be responsible for seeing that the voter's will is upheld and projects are completed. He stated that he and Council Member

Frye are available.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Paul Robinson introduced the newly formed Mission Bay Park Committee members to each other, to staff and to the audience. Chairperson Robinson stated he is looking forward to reports from the Auditors regarding the amount of funds that have been raised to date pursuant to Proposition C and how the Committee will place into process the spending of those funds.

Chairperson Robinson also introduced Pat Owens from Sea World who was in the audience. Chairperson Robinson stated that due to the fact his law firm represents Sea World, the Committee will need to elect a Vice-Chairperson to be in compliance with any conflict of interest issues that might arise.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis introduced herself to the Committee. Thyme stated she represents the areas of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park and Mount Soledad in Council Member Kevin Faulconer's Council District 2.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski introduced herself to the Committee. Mary Ann represents Mission Bay Park in Council Member Donna Frye's Council District 6.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms. Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, introduced herself to the Committee. She provided an overview of her twenty-nine year history with the Park and Recreation Department and her past year as Mission Bay Park District Manager. She indicated that she is looking forward to working with the members of the Committee.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Strobel introduced himself and spoke of the Lifeguard Service's focus on safety enforcement in Mission Bay. Sergeant Strobel said he will be attending the Committee meetings to update the Committee on safety issues on Mission Bay. A question was raised regarding the flotillas on Mission Bay last summer and this will be covered in future meetings. Sergeant Strobel told the Committee that the Lifeguards are peace officers and can issue citations.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Lieutenant Filley spoke of the elimination of the Harbor Unit. He said that the Harbor Unit has not been totally eliminated. Six officers were transferred to patrol duty in Northern Division. Of those six officers, four will continue to be available to get a boat quickly in the water when needed. Lieutenant Filley did say that one will not see the Harbor Unit boats in the water very often. Lieutenant Filley indicated the Police Department is reviewing Police operations in Mission Bay Park.

Committee Member Comments:

- Concerns about safety during summer holidays were expressed.
- Concerns about Police response time were mentioned.
- Would like to see current and pass coverage is in Mission Bay Park.
- Would like Lieutenant Filley on the February 02, 2010 Agenda

Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director

Ms. Stacey LoMedico welcomed the Committee and thanked them for their time and service in volunteering for the Committee. She also introduced Scott Reese, Assistant Park and Recreation Director, and Paul Jacob, Associate Engineer, a member of the Department's Asset Team. Ms. LoMedico discussed the following items:

- The Mission Bay Park Committee binders. By-laws will be included in the Mission Bay Park committee binders.
- The Committee will draft By-Laws which will convey when the Committee meetings will be held, where they will be held and how the meetings are to be conducted.
- This is the first "Oversight Committee" for the Department as it pertains to an advisory committee on financial oversight.
- It is also a dual Committee in that this Committee plays the advisory role for Mission Bay Park. The Committee will need to decide how to run meetings, as an example: two agendas versus one agenda, etc.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any Committee member.)

101. None

Adoption (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the Committee.)

201. Affirmation of Summer Moratorium Policy. New Special Events are not scheduled in Mission Bay Park from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Ms. Stacy McKenzie reported on the Summer Moratorium in regards to Special Events in Mission Bay Park. She stated that the Summer Moratorium policy, in various forms, has been in effect for over twenty years. A Special Event is defined as any organized assemblage that may require security, street closure, traffic control, safety, health and environmental review.

Discussion Points:

- One thousand five hundred (1,500) Park Permit requests are received annually for Mission Bay Park. Of that more than one hundred twenty five (125) requests are received for Special Events.
- Limitation of Special Events helps to:
  - Mitigate impacts to turf and landscape from overuse

- Reduce traffic and crowds
- Reduce noise and sound amplification
- Reduce congestion and overfilled parking lots
- Creates more open space for the public to recreate

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends adhering to the current Summer Moratorium Policy with no new Special Events scheduled in Mission Bay Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Committee Discussion:

- Flexibility exists in the current policy. As an example, the Volleyball Professional Beach Tournament, a one-time event prior to the 2008 Summer Olympics; and the Rock and Roll Marathon, an annual event, occurred during the Moratorium.
- Consistent with how Special Events are managed in Balboa Park.
- Concerned was voiced regarding full cost recovery. Most events should be cost neutral to City.*
- Most events that are large and generate road closures, etc. do generate income for the City. The events are processed through the city Office of Special Events as well as the Park and Recreation Department.
- Due to crowds in the park, the Moratorium ensures more open space in park areas.
- Committee does not see most requests for events as event organizers choose other dates when informed of the Summer Moratorium.
- Event organizers may present their event to the Committee and ask for special consideration for waiver of the Summer Moratorium Policy.
- As a rule most Special Events that take place in Mission Bay Park do not generate significant revenue.
- Information on the Summer Moratorium appeal process will be updated on the Webpage.

***Ms. Stacey LoMedico responded that Special Event Park Permits were not fully cost recoverable. The following has been added to provide clarification on the question.**

Park and Recreation Ground Use Permit Fees are not 100% cost recoverable / Special Event Permit Fees – The Fire Department fees are 100% cost recoverable for nonprofit and commercial and Police Fees are 100% cost recoverable for commercial permit holders.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED TO END THE DEBATE ON THE SPECIAL EVENT SUMMER MORATORIUM.
(BUSSELL/KONOPASEK 7-2-0)

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT SUMMER MORATORIUM WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW SPECIAL EVENT TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE MORATORIUM TIME PERIOD IF THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE DEEMS IT SATISFACTORY TO DO SO BASED ON EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.
(BUSSELL/GREENE 9-0-0)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW

Special Events (Special Events that require road or plaza closures, or will potentially impact park and/or commercial operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.)

301. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No actions taken; discussed by the Committee and staff.)

401. City Charter 55.2, Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Mission Bay Park Army Corp of Engineers Projects - Paul Jacob, Associate Engineer

Paul Jacob introduced himself and gave a quick overview of the two Army Corp of engineer projects. The Army Corp of Engineers are responsible for the areas in Mission Bay from the entrance of the channel to the West Mission Bay Bridge. These projects have been scheduled for years. The projects are proceeding due to the availability of stimulus funding.

Project 1: Jetty Repair:

- Project commenced in October 2009 and completion was anticipated at the end of November 2009.
- Ninety (90) days was allocated for the project.
- Due to inclement weather, work was ceased and will recommence in May 2010 to completion.
- The rock is now ten (10) feet above sea level.
- No more submerged hazards exist.
- Lights on the jetty will be upgraded and replaced.

Project 2: Dredging of Mission Bay

- It has been twenty-three (23) years since the last dredging project.
- The last survey completed revealed that 600,000 cubic yards of material has collected in the channel and needs to be removed.
- Priority areas: Entrance of channel progressing into the bay; the area south side of the channel between Quivira Basin and the bridge; Mariner's Basin and the north side of the channel between Mariner's Basin and the West Mission Bay Bridge.
- Work will take about six weeks.
- All sand dredged will be placed on Mission Beach beginning south of Belmont Park and continuing north.
- Sand levels will be returned to original design depth.
- The project is supposed to be completed by March. If work is not completed by April 15th, 2010, work will cease due to the Least Tern season which ends in September.

Committee Member and Staff Comments:

- A request to place some of the sand to be placed on the Mission Point jetty was declined by the Army Corp of engineers.
- The rocks used for the jetty repair are much larger than previous rocks.
- In order for a project to be "shovel ready", clearance of all Federal documents must have already occurred already cleared.
- Lease revenues will be reflected in July 2010 for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
- Dredging and jetty repair are not being done simultaneously

502. Mission Bay Park Capital Improvement Projects - Ali Darvishi, Project Officer II

Ali Darvishi, Project Officer, introduced himself to the Committee and spoke on the two projects within his section:

Project #1: CIP Mission Bay Park

- Resurfacing of parking lots in Mission Bay.
- ADA issues
- Would affect six or seven parking lots
- Scheduled start date is after the Summer Moratorium

503. North Crown Point Gazebo and Comfort Station

Project #2: North Crown Point Gazebo & Comfort Station

- Due to wood rot in the current structure, the new gazebo will be replaced with four (4) twenty-four (24) foot by twenty-four (24) foot metal framework.
- Anticipated project start in mid-March 2010.
- Comfort station repairs are in the second phase of the project.
- Comfort station will be ADA compliant.
- Two additional ADA compliant parking spaces will be sited.
- Total project cost is $190,000

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS The reports are non-debatable.

None

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
6:00 PM
Santa Clara Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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