

MINUTES
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

February 2, 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

Katy Bendel
Rick Bussell
James Greene
Cynthia Hedgecock
Kevin Konopasek
Lani Lutar
Mort McCarthy
Gregg Peterson
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Staff Present

Lieutenant James Filley
Mary Ann Kempczenski
Kathleen Hasenauer
Sharon Knutson
Stacey LoMedico
Assistant Police Chief Boyd Long
Stacy McKenzie
Sergeant Rick Strobel

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2010 MEETING. (BUSSELL/PETERSON 11-0-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Julie Hamilton of Cyclo-Vets spoke regarding her request for the modification of the Fiesta Island closure policy. Fiesta Island is closed to the public from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM (two hours) for bicycle time trials and Ms. Hamilton is requesting extending the hours 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM (four hours) for bicycle time trials. Ms. Hamilton requested the changes based on the age groups of bicyclists represented by Cyclo-Vets. Ms. Hamilton proposed the change as a one-time event but would like to review for other cycling events also. Ms. Hamilton requested the Committee place this item on the Mission Bay Park Committee agenda in the near future.

Kathy Keehan of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition supports Ms. Hamilton and the Cyclo-Vets. Ms. Keehan spoke of wanting to discuss Fiesta Island with the Mission Bay Park Committee

in the future.

Don Gross, a resident, spoke of the De Anza Trailer Park and how this part of Mission Bay Park never comes up in the Mission Bay Park Committee meeting. Mr. Gross would also like clarification on who is responsible for the dirt protrusion on Pacific Beach Drive between Olney Street and Noyes Street.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Paul Robinson introduced Committee Member Katy Bendel as she was unable to attend the meeting in January 2010.

STAFF REPORTS

Mary Ann Kempczenski, City Council Sixth District Representative reported the following:

- Ms. Kempczenski passed out the latest version of Donna Fry's newsletter, Frye Lights.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Deputy Director Developed Regional Parks reported the following:

- Ms. Hasenauer introduced herself to the Committee and spoke of her thirty-eight year career in the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. Ms. Hasenauer is looking forward to working with the members of the Committee.

Stacy McKenzie, Mission Bay Park District Manager reported the following:

- Ms. McKenzie discussed the recent storm activity in Mission Bay Park.
- Ms. McKenzie commended her staff on the great job they did in removing debris, downed trees and broken signs within park areas.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division reported the following:

- Lieutenant Filley commended Storm Water Department for staffing the Mission Blvd Pump Station during the recent storms. Lt. Filley commented that San Diego Police Department, the Park and Recreation Department, Street Division and Wastewater Departments all did an incredible job clearing debris and routing traffic.
- Lt. Filley said that other than the storms, January was a quiet month.

ACTION ITEMS

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

101. Nomination and election of Vice Chairperson for the Mission Bay Park Committee Advisory Committee

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO NOMINATE AND ELECT RICK BUSSELL AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE.
(ROBINSON/HEDGE COCK) 11-0-0**

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

201. None

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. 2010 Rock and Roll Marathon and Half Marathon- Bruce Walton and Elizabeth Cox, Competitor Group Inc.

Mr. Walton and Ms. Cox requested approval to modify the marathon course and add a half marathon component to the event scheduled on Sunday, June 6, 2010. The marathon and the half marathon courses start on 6th Avenue at Laurel Street and finish at the north end of parking lot at Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park. Changes to the marathon route in Mission Bay Park include the exclusive use of Fiesta Island. Impacts to other areas of Mission Bay Park are reduced with the course change. Ms. Cox distributed two (2) handouts, Rock and Roll Marathon Summary of Impact and a larger formatted map of the race course. Mr. Walton and Ms. Cox offered a re-cap on recent changes to the marathon. The use of Fiesta Island removes seven (7) previous road closures. It was mentioned that the new course keeps the runners from going deeper into the park, thus leaving the majority of Mission Bay Park open for public use.

Committee Comments:

- Concern that there was not enough space at the entrance to Fiesta Island for two-way running (in and out).
- Concern regarding dog walkers and others wanting to use Fiesta Island.
- Concern regarding the DeAnza Sewer System construction impacting the course
- Concern about boat launch being available
- Committee members spoke favorably towards the course change and the ending at Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park.
- Businesses need to be advised of all closures no later than thirty (30) days prior to the event

Mr. Walton and Ms. Cox responded to Committee Comments:

- There would be ample space at the entrance to Fiesta Island due to the staggered start. Only the full marathon runners would be entering the island. Due to variances in the speeds, the runners would be spread out substantially.
- Dog walkers and day users can walk onto the island.
- Although Rose Marie Starns South Shores Park will not be available for boat launches, there are two other boat launches in the park that will be available for use.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE COURSE MODIFICATIONS AND THE HALF MARATHON COMPONENT AS PRESENTED.

(SWINK/BUSSELL) 11-0-0)

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Mission Bay Park Police Statistics and Programs Updates – Assistant Police Chief Boyd Long, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Assistant Chief Long introduced himself to the Committee and provided information regarding police presence in Mission Bay Park following the recent budget cuts. Assistant Chief Long said the San Diego Police Department will continue to keep crime down in Mission Bay Park. He explained that Beat 123 encompasses Mission Bay, Crown Point and Mission Beach. Assistant Chief Long said there were seventeen (17) violent crimes in Mission Bay Park in 2009 and he will continue to keep a strong relationship with the Park and Recreation Department and the Rangers in Mission Bay Park. Assistant Chief Long stated the Police Department will be visible in a boat if necessary in order to provide a high level of service. He advised the Committee the Police Department will be using RSVP (Retired Seniors Voluntary Patrol) as an extra set of eyes and ears and of the use of “phantom cars”, by parking unattended patrol cars in areas of concern. Assistant Chief Long stated beat officers will be assigned to do directed runs through areas previously covered by the Harbor Patrol. Assistant Chief Long additionally mentioned the Police Department is working with federal grant monies to put uniformed personnel in areas of concern.

Committee Member and Staff Comments:

- Members of the committee expressed their thanks to San Diego Police Department in their goal to keep crime statistics down in Mission Bay Park.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 2, 2010
6:00 PM
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie

