

MINUTES
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

April 6, 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

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

Members Absent

Katy Bendel, excused

Staff Present

Thyme Curtis
Mary Ann Kempczenski
Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2010 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS;

Page 1, change misspelling of “Porter” to “Potter”.

Page 2, Item #202 San Diego Cyclo-Vets: Change all references of Ms. Kathy Keehan to read Ms. Julie Hamilton.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 10-0-1 (PETERSON ABSTAIN))

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Debra Madden – from FIDO (Fiesta Island Dog Owners). Ms Madden spoke on behalf of the 6,000 members of FIDO. Stated they are a 501-3-C not for profit organization and they would like to keep the fenced in area on Fiesta Island as an off-leash area. FIDO has been having beach clean-ups and special projects. FIDO tried to send briefing material to the committee about their group. FIDO would like to keep the fenced area on Fiesta Island in order to preserve the uniqueness of the area.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Pat Owen from SeaWorld – Would like to inform the committee of the construction project regarding the lengthening of the southbound on-ramp to Interstate 5 South. All the permits are in place and the project will start in April 2010 and end in May 2010. The construction work will add an additional 200 feet to the south bound turn lane.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Paul Robinson had no report.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis reported on the following:

- Medical Marijuana – Council President Pro Tem Kevin Falconer supported with additional changes:
Councilmember Falconer would like to see additional use permits for dispensaries; no grand-fathering of past dispensaries; would like it to be cost recoverable
- Ms. Curtis spoke on the closures of the restrooms in Mission Bay, and how the Ventura and Playa I restrooms had been reopened.
- Floatilla – has started up again. Using Facebook as an invitation device. Bad for safety and for the environment, Councilmember Falconer is working with the Mayor, etc to change.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski reported on the following:

- Passed out *Fryelights*
- Congratulated Rick Bussell on his reappointment to the Park and Recreation Board.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

- Ms. McKenzie spoke of the North Crown Point project that started on Monday April 5, 2010. The project consists of: Demolition of the old gazebo, demolition of the existing concrete, new slab and sidewalks and a new gazebo, complete with benches, tables, trash cans and bbqs.
- A temporary fencing was put into place around the surrounding gazebo and staging area.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Rick Strobel reported on the following:

- Sergeant Strobel spoke on the Floatilla. There is a new one being advertised on Facebook for May.

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. 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. San Diego CityFest - Festival Director Chris McFarland, Luis Palau Association

Mr. McFarland was at the Mission Bay Park Committee to request approval to hold a free two-day family festival on September 11 and September 12, 2010, 1:00 PM to 10 PM, to be held at Tecolote Shores North and Playa Pacifica. This event features top musicians, action sport demonstrations and a family fun area. Estimated attendance is 50,000-75,000. A multi-bus shuttle system running to various lots will be in place. Offsite parking and shuttle schedule will be posted and publicized.

The festival will be the “wrap-up” of months of selected community work/projects done by a number of different churches, their congregations and lay people also. Completely free event, all San Diego will be invited. Ty Miller, Co-Chair of Season of Service, spoke in support of the event.

Event to have the following:

- Family fun Zone
- Moto Cross/Action Sports – Motorcycle jumps in parking lot
- Main Stage with contemporary artists
- Free
- No alcohol

Concerns of the Committee:

- Wanted to know if they had talked to the Hilton Hotel
 - CityFest answer: Yes, many of the event personnel will be staying at the Hilton
- Total time for set up and take down, including event is eight days
- Music
 - Committee: Decibel levels need to be addressed and the speakers should be faced south
- Ramps for sports in parking lots
- Removal of parking lots for parking
- Committee members wanted to know the reason for closing of seven (7) parking lots
 - CityFest answer: storage, parking and entertainment
- Committee members wanted to know about CityFest using the Sunrunner Lot.
- What events are happening at Sea World during that time period?
 - Pat Owen from Sea World was in the audience and he said he will check.
 - CityFest said they will contact Sea World also

Special Events (Continued)

301. San Diego CityFest - (Continued)

- Parking
 - Committee : Parking off site highly encouraged-CityFest said they will have the Sports Arena lot as a shuttle parking

Discussion continued with the Committee members agreeing that the event in Mission Bay Park sounds good but there are many concerns.

Benjamin Nichols, Hillcrest Business Association, Promoter - CityFest

Mr. Nicholls has a concern with the use of the name “CityFest”. Mr. Nicols represents eleven hundred (1,100) businesses in the Hillcrest area and have used the name “CityFest” proudly for twenty-five (25) years for their annual festival celebrating the re-lighting of the Hillcrest sign. Mr. Nicols believes there will be confusion with another event with the same name so close to their event. Mr. Nicols reiterated that they are enthusiastic to protect their name and would like to come to a solution regarding this issue.

Committee Concerns:

- Hillcrest advertises “CityFest”
- Logo is very similar – creates confusion between events
- Hillcrest CityFest logo is trademarked
- Event at Mission Bay Park name can be changed to BeachFest, BayFest, etc.
 - Mr. McFarland stated at this point in time too much money has been spent and it would be a hardship for them to change their name this late in the game.

Benjamin Nichols and Chris McFarland will be meeting on this issue. The Committee was concerned and interested in the Office of Special Events input on the traffic and crowd control, etc-a request was made to have a representative come to the May 4, 2010 meeting.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT “CITYFEST” CONTINGENT ON THE CITY’S APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC PLAN, THE USE OF THE OTHER PARKING LOTS, AND THE RECOMMENDATION TO END AMPLIFICATION AT 9:00 PM.
(SWINK/BUSSELL) 11-0-0)**

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Information/Update on the Mission Bay Channel, Dredging and Jetty Repair – Paul Jacob, Associate Engineer.

Mr. Jacobs spoke on two (2) projects for the channel. The first, repair of the jetty, is incomplete and is scheduled to begin again on April 12, 2010. The jetty repair should be complete within three (3) weeks from that date. The final height will be raised and a navigational light will be installed.

The second project, dredging of the channel, will be mobilized after the Lest Tern and grunion seasons. The contract was awarded to another contractor and the timing was between the awarding of the contract and the least terns and grunion seasons. The contractor is not based in San Diego. There are no contractors in San Diego who do, or who have the equipment to do, this type of work. The work will begin to mobilize in mid-August. Some components of the work will be:

- A 36” hose from the jetty to the disposal site
- Grade impound dirt 100 yards to beach
- Sand slurry – left with sand
- Bury pipe so as not to be in the way

A question was raised by a committee member regarding the overall dredging of the bay, and when it will be addressed. The answer was that the next priority will be the Fiesta Island General Development Plan.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

Rick Bussell reported that on April 24, 2010, the Linda Vista Cultural Fair will take place and invited all to come out.

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 6:00 PM
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park