

## MINUTES

### **MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

June 1, 2010

#### **Meeting Location:**

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

#### **Mailing Information:**

Park and Recreation  
2125 Park Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92101

#### **Members Present**

Katy Bendel  
Rick Bussell  
James Greene  
Cynthia Hedgecock (arr @ 6:03 PM)  
Lani Lantar  
Mort McCarthy  
David Potter  
Paul Robinson  
Judy Swink (arr @ 6:03 PM)

#### **Members Absent**

Kevin Konopasek  
Gregg Peterson

#### **Staff Present**

Thyme Curtis  
Paul Jacob  
Sharon Knutson  
Stacy McKenzie

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Paul Robinson at 6:01 PM

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2010 MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

**(POTTER/GREEN 8-0-0)**

#### **REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

None

#### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Chairperson Paul Robinson announced that he had been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the San Diego Regional Airport Board. He said that the appointment will not affect his role on the Mission Bay Park Committee.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2**

Ms. Curtis reported on the following:

Ms. Curtis reported on the “open carry” law. The Assembly on Tuesday approved a bill forbidding the open carry of unloaded firearms. (It's already illegal to openly carry loaded guns, and only people with permits issued by a law enforcement agency are allowed to carry concealed weapons.) The bill was introduced by Assemblywoman Lori Saldana (D- San Diego) after armed open carry demonstrators frightened families and tourists on Pacific Beach last year. Ms. Curtis reported it is very difficult for police, or anybody else, to know whether a gun is loaded.

### **Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6**

Ms. Kempczenski did not attend the June 1, 2010 meeting.

### **Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park**

Ms. McKenzie reported on the following:

- De Anza Trailer Park – The City has started the impact reporting process after the trial decision in May 2008. In the trial decision, the residents appeal stayed the proceedings until it was dismissed in December 2009. The first post-appeal was scheduled for April 22, 2010. At that time, the City announced that it would resume the process of the tenant impact report and relocation plan as ordered by the Court. This process is expected to take four to six months to complete. Court-appointed referees will need to review the report and plan and make recommendations to the Court regarding final relocation numbers. As soon as the Court approves the final numbers, there will be a final judgment and a court ordered move-out date. Lacking a settlement, it is expected for cross appeals to be filed. Ms. McKenzie said it is a safe assumption that the move-out date will be sixty to ninety days after the move-out order issued. The reality is that a stay will accompany the appeals and the appeals will likely be in place for two years.

It was also mentioned that the OPC contract has not been finalized due to the plaintiffs wanting to broaden the scope of the contract to include un-needed services such as appraisals and replacement cost estimates, all at the City's expense. The court ordered the City to meet with OPC to try to resolve the dispute and to finalize the contract. Completion of the report is expected around December 31, 2010.

- Mission Bay Jetty Project – Ms. McKenzie stated the contractor has completed their work on the middle jetty of Mission Bay Harbor. As soon as there is a good weather “window”, the contractor’s equipment will be moved out of the bay and back to Long Beach.

### **Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services**

Sergeant Rick Strobel reported on the following:

Sergeant Strobel reported on a drug load boat that was found on the beach. Sergeant Strobel mentioned that it is getting more and more common. The one from last night also included the Border Patrol as enforcement.

The Flotilla (Flotopia) that took place on Fiesta Island was a small one, but it did impact the Scout Camp on Fiesta Island. There is going to be another Flotilla, this time at Sail Bay on July 10, 2010.

Sergeant Strobel said the summer season is upon us and Lifeguards will be fully staffed on June 12, 2010. However, he also said that this past Memorial Day weekend was very calm although busy with the largest crowd being around 786,200. Sgt. Strobel mentioned there were one hundred forty-four (154) water rescues and one hundred ninety (190) medical aids. He commented on the picture in the San Diego Union Tribune showing what appeared to be four (4) underage children using a PWC (Personal Watercraft) with no life jackets and no one over sixteen aboard. Sergeant Strobel said it undermines what the Lifeguards are doing, as the Lifeguards promote the legal use of PWCs.

### **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 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 Triathlon** – presented by Mike Kitts, Business Development Director, San Diego Hall of Champions, San Diego Sports Commission

Mr. Kitts presented information regarding the San Diego Triathlon, a triathlon race (swim, bike, run) and fitness festival. The triathlon is to be held throughout San Diego, including Mission Bay Park. The fitness festival is to be held at Ski Beach 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, Saturday, March 12, 2011 and 7:00 AM-4:00 PM, Sunday, March 13, 2011. There will be a beer garden and alcohol

sales Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 2011 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. The event averages 2,000 estimated participants and 3,000 spectators per day. Mr. Kitts said this event was to bring triathlon “global elite” to San Diego. This event will feature top athletes in the world including Olympic medalists among the 2,000 competitors. The Committee had some concerns regarding the San Diego Triathlon:

- Traffic around Mission Bay is a concern as the map shows the “run” part of the triathlon passing by the Paradise Point Resort on Vacation Isle and the Hilton Hotel on East Mission Bay Drive.
  - The Committee had concerns about parking.
  - The Committee had a concern regarding the amplified music.
- ❖ Mr. Kitts answered that the traffic control plan for the San Diego Triathlon is three hundred (300) traffic officers from San Diego Police Department as well as volunteers and additional traffic control from the private sector. This event will be using the Sunrunner Lot, the Hospitality Point (dirt) Parking Lot and the Sea World Parking Lot for parking; this event will be using Ski Beach where amplified music is allowed.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SAN DIEGO TRIATHLON AND FITNESS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AND MARCH 13, 2011 AS PRESENTED.  
(BUSSELL/POTTER 8-0-0)**

The Committee thanked Mr. Kitts for bringing this event to the committee well in advance of the event date.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS** (No actions taken; discussed by the committee and Staff.)

401. None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. Dredging of Mission Bay-Paul Jacob, Civil Engineer

Paul Jacob came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to share information regarding the status of the dredging of Mission Bay. Mr. Jacob presented a power point tutorial showing the change in Mission Bay from the 1950’s to present. Mr. Jacob also explained how the request for having the Bay dredged came to be. The reason behind the present work is to determine the state of Mission Bay and the prospective need for maintenance dredging. Mr. Jacob explained that Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been completed.

The slide show started with historic photos of Mission Bay, starting in 1928, to present. The second part of the slide show discussed the sedimentary environment characteristics, where it comes from and where it goes. In this section of the slide show, there were diagrams of the historical dredging operations in the Bay from 1969 to 2007. This section of the slide show

also showed the erosion/accretion in various areas of Mission Bay like Paradise Cove, Bahia Point, and Quivira Basin for example. The last part of the slide show was a table summarizing gains and losses in regards to sediment and it also showed the number of acres of eelgrass in Mission Bay. In the years 1997 to 2007, most of Mission Bay showed little sediment deposition. However, the sedimentation patterns were well defined by the geography, the source and the actual characteristics of the sediment along with the Bay hydrodynamics.

The Committee thanked Mr. Jacob for his report.

502. Rose Creek Watershed Alliance - Ann van Leer, President, Land Conservation Brokerage, Inc.

Ms. Ann van Leer came to the Committee to impart information regarding the Rose Creek Watershed.

The Rose Creek Watershed Alliance is an alliance of organizations and individuals formed to help plan the future of the 23,427-acre Rose Creek Watershed in San Diego County, California. Its purpose is to define and implement integrated improvements to the Rose Creek Watershed.

Ms. van Leer gave the Committee an overview of the Watershed Assessment “Themes”:

- Implement activities in the watershed in an integrated manner
- Encourage net benefit approach
- To promote other groups to study the same thing and to share data and information
- Connecting of Clairemont and University City to Mission Bay beneficial for both people and wildlife

Ms. van Leer spoke of the progress that is being made within the confines of the watershed alliance. A bulletin titled “Rose Creek Watershed Assessment Update” was given to each Committee member also. In the bulletin, information was shared on such items as biological resources, public safety, recreational trails, etc.

Ms. van Leer stated that State funds (from bonds) are beginning to flow into the project.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE**

601. None

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

None reported.

### **ADJOURNMENT** - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie  
District Manager, Mission Bay Park