

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

July 6, 2010

Meeting Location:

Marina Village
The Captains Room
1936 Quivira Way
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 Bussel
Jim Greene
Kevin Konopasek
Lani Lutar (arr@ 6:27pm)
Mort McCarthy
Gregg Peterson
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Judy Swink

Members Absent

Cynthia Hedgecock (exc)

Staff Present

Kathleen Hasenauer
Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie
Scott Reece
Kathy Ruiz

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 UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2010 MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- 1). **Correct spelling of Lani Lutar's name.**
- 2). **Page 3, Sergeant Rick Strobel: Change typo of 154 to 144 (number of water rescues over Memorial Day weekend, May 2010).**

**(POTTER/BUSSELL/PETERSON ABSTAIN 7-0-1)
(LUTAR NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS TIME)**

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

None

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis was not in attendance at this meeting.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski was not in attendance at this meeting.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park -

Ms. McKenzie's report covered information regarding past July 4th weekend. She mentioned that crowds were large at Mission Bay Park and there was a lot of trash, but no problems and parks were in good shape by July 6th.

Sergeant Rick Strobel, San Diego Life Services

Sergeant Strobel gave information regarding the use of Mission Bay in the month of June. Sergeant Strobel said that because of the colder than usual weather, the weekends have been slow. Sergeant Strobel mentioned that the San Diego Police had two boats in the water over the weekend. He also mentioned that there is going to be another Floatopia on July 17 in the Sail Bay / Fanuel Park area.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Lieutenant Foley was not in attendance at this meeting.

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. AT&T Wireless Communication Facility at SeaWorld: Shelly Kilborn, PLANCOM, Inc.

Note: Mission Bay Park Committee Chairperson Paul Robinson recused himself from this adoption item as his law firm represents SeaWorld. Rick Bussell, Mission Bay Park Vice-Chairperson, took over the Chair while Item #201 was on the floor.

AT&T is proposing a wireless communication facility at SeaWorld. The facility will consist of twelve (12) antennas and associated radio equipment located behind a mechanical screen above an existing SeaWorld equipment building. The equipment building is located adjacent to the parking lot between the main entrance and the SeaWorld offices. The antennas and proposed equipment will be screened from view. The new roof top screen will match the design of the existing building.

In 2005, AT&T proposed the same design. That project received a recommendation of approval from the Mission Bay Park Committee and was about to be issued an approval from the City when AT&T withdrew the project due to some company-wide changes. The 2010 version of the project has not changed from the 2005 version.

Ms. Kilborn distributed handouts consisting of the blueprints and photo-simulations of the proposed telecommunications site.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT AT&T'S PROPOSAL FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AT SEAWORLD AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.
(SWINK/POTTER 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. Leisure Olympics - Robert Rynearson, Free PB.org

Mr. Rynearson of FreePB.org, came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to give his proposal for a new special event called Leisure Olympics to be held during the summer moratorium on July 31, 2010, 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM at South Crown Point Shores South. This event consists of two-person co-ed teams participating in leisure recreational activities such as horseshoes, ping pong and bocce ball.

301. Leisure Olympics - Robert Rynearson, Free PB.org (Continued)

Mr. Rynearson's proposal includes beach games, concessions, vendor booths and alcohol sales (alcohol sales to be held 12 noon-8:00 PM.) There will be amplified public address and back ground music 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM. The expected attendance is one hundred (100) participating and one hundred (100) spectators.

Questions/comments from Committee:

- It was asked if there was a charge to attend this event.
 - Answer: There is no charge to attend, but there is a charge to participate.
- It was asked if other dates were looked at besides the date within the moratorium period.
 - Answer: No
- It was asked if the waiver criteria was given to him.
 - Answer: No

Stacy McKenzie, Mission Bay Park District Manager presented information detailing the history of the summer moratorium. Ms. McKenzie reiterated the reaffirmation of the moratorium period by the Mission Bay Park Committee as a result of a vote taken at their January 2010 meeting. Ms. McKenzie spoke of the moratorium in Balboa Park and listed groups and venues that had been given permission to hold their events during the moratorium. Ms. McKenzie reviewed the process for issuing Park Use Permits for special events, including what to do if denied a request for a special event.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT LEISURE OLYMPICS.
(POTTER/SWINK 9-0-0)**

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan, Mike Singleton, KTU&A

Mr. Scott Reese, Park and Recreation Assistant Director, introduced Mike Singleton and gave a brief history of the Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan. Mr. Reese informed Committee members and the audience of the many steps, from the inception of an idea to the numerous community groups and committees that will study an item before it goes to Council.

Mike Singleton, KTU&A, presented a Power Point presentation that drew attention mostly to the changes that have been made since 2007. Some of the basic ideas for use are:

501. Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan, Mike Singleton, KTU&A (Continued)

- East Side: Passive
- West Side: Informal Beach Use, “permitted” area
- South Side: Recreation
- North: Multi-use sand area, created wet land area
- Central - Dune Habitat – sand management
- Southeast area:
 - Regional Park land
 - Primitive Camping / Day Use
 - Botanical garden
 - Wetland treatment pond
- Southwest corner:
 - Least Tern site – during nesting season, fences can be used as buffers
 - Trail bridge, mounds for viewing
 - Leash free trail system – crossing points
 - Small dog fenced leash free area
 - Obstacle course
- 68 % to 76 % of total island – Slated for dog use, 400 plus acres
- Emphasis on natural landscape
 - Dog element: Mr. Singleton discussed the changes made to the dog use areas.
 - Parking loops to help with congestion and safety
 - More access to leash free areas

Mr. Singleton took this time to take questions and comments from the Committee:

- Committee member wanted to know the acreage of the green space added at the eastern part of the southwest corner: Less than 27 acres.
- Committee members agreed the current plan is greatly improved over the 2007 plan.
- Committee member would like an assessment of the cost in order to understand it.
- Committee member had a question on the type of surface material used on the roadways: The material is a permeable concrete surface.
- Committee member wanted to know the opinion of the California Coastal Commission on the changes regarding the wetlands / natural habitat and is it consistent with the Master Plan.

Public comment:

Laura Sasaki: Triathlon Club of San Diego, spoke of safety issues and how Fiesta Island is a safe haven away from street traffic.

Public comment: (Continued)

Julie Hamilton: San Diego Cyclo-Vets. Ms. Hamilton had kudos for KTU&A for bringing together multiple areas of concern. Fiesta Island is the only place to ride without having to stop due to vehicle traffic. Concern is the increase in vehicle traffic. Need more hiking trails and to de-emphasize vehicle use.

Kathy Keehan: San Diego Bicycle Coalition: Fiesta Island is a special treasure . KTU&A has done a great job. She supports the new bike path.

Shawnee Merriman: Would like to keep the feeling of the place (Fiesta Island) intact.

Dr. Kay Henderson: Fiesta Island Riders: Fiesta Island is a wonderful resource and she would like it to stay rugged. She would like to have the off leash part dropped.

Alise Shatoff: FIDO Note: the following people conceded their time to Ms. Shatoff:

Stephen S. Wear
Debra Madden
Jean Spengel
Kathleen A. Marpee

Ms. Shatoff spoke of representing the over seven thousand (7,000) members of FIDO, Fiesta Island Dog Owners. Ms. Shatoff is concerned with the lack of area dog owners can call their own. The concerns of FIDO are: They want no reduction in off leash area; no beach fencing; move the road as far eastward as possible; and the paddlers need to move. Ms. Shatoff said the paddlers need an area of their own and that FIDO can support 5b and 5c.

Les Hopper: Representing four outrigger canoe clubs, stand up paddlers, and Dragon Boats. Note: the following people conceded their time to Mr. Hopper:

Louann C. Guzman
Christine King
Noelle Murphy

Mr. Hopper spoke of the need for public access to water and of the need for beach development. Mr. Hopper pointed out that the canoe and outrigger clubs are scattered all over the bay and are frequently required to move, leaving them far from the ocean and paddling in polluted and/or unsafe water.

Public comment: (Continued)

Chance Adair: Speaking for Dave Ramsey and the Kai Elua Outrigger Canoe Club – Paddling Community

Ms Adair spoke of the continuing tradition of the children’s programs and the Adopt-A-Beach programs. Paddling has provided many with scholarships, team building, beach participation through their Adopt-A-Beach program and introduction of culture.

Wendy D’Witt: Outrigger Paddler. Ms D’Witt said she appreciated FIDO ‘s efforts but there were a number of things overlooked regarding the use of Mariner’s Point. Ms D’Witt mentioned things such as beach launch areas and security. Mariner’s Point is not the paddlers number one choice and they feel that certain criteria was overlooked. They feel that the southwest point of Fiesta Island is the best point for them. They need at least 1,000 meter area for the purpose of competition.

Steve Jewel: San Diego Dragon Boat Club. Mr. Jewel said the Dragon Boats bring over one billion dollars into San Diego economy each year.

Sean (No last name given): Kai Elua Outrigger Club. Mentioned that not only is this a sport, it is also a lifestyle. Sean spoke of how they teach respect, culture and the history of the sport.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

CHAIRPERSONS COMMENT

Paul Robinson, Mission Bay Park Committee Chairperson, gave his appreciation to everyone for all the work and input that has been done on the Fiesta Island Park Precise Plan. Mr. Robinson would like everyone to submit questions they would like to have discussed at the workshop to Stacy McKenzie, Mission Bay Park District Manager.

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2010
6:00 PM
Marina Village - Captains Room
1936 Quivira Way
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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