

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

November 9, 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
Jim Greene
Cynthia Hedgecock
Kevin Konopasek
Lani Lutar
David Potter
Paul Robinson

Members Absent

Judy Swink

Staff Present

Sharon Knutson
Stacy McKenzie

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 7, 2010

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2010 MEETING.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 7-0-0)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Ms Florence Sloan spoke about using the website for Mission Bay Park for informational type postings. She suggested information be made available via the website that would let park users know when Fiesta Island would be closed due to Special Events taking place. Committee members agree to look into it.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT - Paul Robinson, Chairman

Mr. Robinson had no report at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Thyme Curtis, Council Representative 2

Ms. Curtis reported Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer was pleased with the outcome of the election. Councilperson Faulconer is in agreement for the dropping of terminal leave for employees that leave, retiree health care, managed competition and outsourcing landfill operations and IT services.

Ms. Curtis also stated the temporary homeless shelter for the next two years will be on Newton Avenue which is located in Council District 8.

Mary Ann Kempczenski, Council Representative 6

Ms. Kempczenski gave to each Committee Member, a hand out from Mayor Sander's office which was a summary of proposed cuts to various City departments.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms McKenzie spoke of the dredging operations in Mission Bay. This operation was completed Monday, November 8, 2010. The contractor is proceeding to de-mobilize and this will take another week or so for the clean-up and move-out. The pipe on the beach should be removed by Friday, and then later next week, all floating pipe should be out of the channel. Ms. McKenzie also said that Mariner's Basin will be clear of all the contractors' equipment by Wednesday, November 10, 2010. The figures for the overall dredged quantities aren't available yet, but the best estimate is that over 500,000 cubic yards of material were dredged out of the channel and distributed on Mission Beach.

The Army Corps is proceeding with their post construction depth survey and upon completion, the results will be sent to us. The contractor has completed dredging of all the areas specified in their contract with the sole exception of all of Mariner's Basin. Mariner's Basin had about 10,000 cubic yards removed from the easterly margin of the basin where it was indicated to be most critical for the maneuvering of large vessels that moor there.

Over the next couple of weeks a post construction eelgrass survey will be done in Mariner's Basin where the dredging encroached on eelgrass beds. The Army Corps will then proceed with planting new eelgrass as mitigation in a 1.2:1 ratio. The City will assume responsibility for a five (5) year monitoring program in accordance with Federal guidelines for the new eelgrass mitigation areas.

There was a question raised about the amount of debris left behind on the beaches after the dredging of the bay and the depositing of sand. It was pointed out that the dredging crew pulled anything they could see and that Mechanized Beach Maintenance is having their crew run a separate screening.

Chief Rick Wurts, San Diego Life Services

Chief Wurts was not in attendance at this meeting.

Lieutenant James Filley, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Lieutenant Filley was not in attendance at this meeting.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

ACTION ITEMS

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

101. Final Design - North Crown Point Comfort Station Design - Mario Reyes, Civil Engineer

Mr. Reyes returned to the Mission Bay Park Committee to present the North Crown Point Comfort Station project to the Committee. Mr. Reyes explained the beginning of this project, enlightening the Committee on the design, budget and special features.

Mr. Reyes clarified the term “30 per cent design” to the committee as there was some confusion at the last meeting over the terminology. The term “30 per cent design” means that the project is at the end of the design development phase, not the design itself is only 30% completed.

Mr. Reyes explained when they took the design to the Design and Review Committee, the committee did not like: 1) the design of the cupola on the roof, and 2) the size of the stalls. They felt it made the comfort station appear to be too big. Since then, the overall footprint of the comfort station has been shortened. Mr. Reyes continued to show and explain the various options on the various roof designs. There was concern between the Committee Members regarding the cost of preparing so many options.

101. Final Design - North Crown Point Comfort Station Design - Mario Reyes, Civil Engineer (continued)

Committee Comments/Questions:

- What are the differences between the two options on the roof?
 - A: Option A will allow for more ventilation and Option B will allow for more light.
- What is the material for Option A roof?
 - A: Plastic
- What is the cost of utilities to run?
 - A: The costs to run the comfort station have not been figured out.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED WITH ONE (1) OPPOSING TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF OPTION B ROOF LAYOUT, (MORE VENTALATION) AND TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF OPTION B STALL LAYOUT TO THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE NORTH CROWN POINT COMFORT STATION.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 6-1-0)

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. Fiesta Island Time Trials - Presented by Steve Landry, Race Organizer, Cal Pools/De Walt Cycling Team

Mr. Landry came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to request approval to increase the time of use of Fiesta Island from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM (standard race permit time frame) to 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM for bicycle time trial races to be held March 11, 2011. The increased time frame will allow for more participants.

Mission Bay Park staff recommendations are to allow an earlier start time of 6:00 AM and keep the traditional 9:00 AM as the end time. Bicycle racing permits on Fiesta Island require the entire island to be closed. Regular patrons of Fiesta Island are required to stay off the island during the closure. This creates problems for all Fiesta Island patrons.

301. Fiesta Island Time Trials - Presented by Steve Landry, Race Organizer,
Cal Pools/De Walt Cycling Team (continued)

There would be less impact with a 6:00 AM -9:00 AM. closure than with a 7:00 AM -
10:00 AM closure.

Public Comment:

Ms. Florence Sloan opposed the staff recommendation in that she feels it will be setting a precedent regarding Special Events and the use of the Island. Ms Sloan said the positive impact of the event are off-set by the negative impact on the users of Fiesta Island.

Committee Comments/Questions:

Mission Bay Park committee members would like to know if there is a precedent regarding special events and the closure of Fiesta Island. Staff said they will look into it.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOW AN EARLIER START TIME OF 6:00 AM AND AN END TIME OF 9:15 AM FOR THE BICYCLE RACING TIME TRIALS PERMIT ON FIESTA ISLAND AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

(POTTER/KANOPASEK 7-0-0)

302. Mermaid Run San Diego-5K, 10K and ½ Marathon - Presented by Carl Facchino,
Race Organizer, Mermaid Series

Mr. Facchino came to the Mission Bay Park Committee to request approval to add the half-marathon component to the Mermaid Run and to start all three (3) races on the road at the north end of the parking lot at Tecolote Shores North as opposed to the grass area at Tecolote Shores North as in past years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the addition of the half-marathon component to the Mermaid Run and to approve the start of all three (3) races on the road at the north end of the parking lot at Tecolote Shores North as opposed to the grass area at Tecolote Shores North as in past years.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE HALF-MARATHON COMPONENT TO THE MERMAID RUN AND TO APPROVE THE START OF ALL THREE (3) RACES ON THE ROAD AT THE NORTH END OF THE PARKING LOT AT TECOLOTE SHORES NORTH AS OPPOSED TO THE GRASS AREA AT TECOLOTE SHORES NORTH AS IN PAST YEARS.

(POTTER/BUSSELL 7-0-0)

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Visitor Information Center Update – Vladimar Balotsky, City of San Diego Real Estate Assets Department

Mr. Balotsky came to the Mission Bay Park committee to report on the closing of the Mission Bay Park Visitors Information Center. On September 30, 2010 the Visitor Information Center closed their doors. The Visitor's Information Center had a current twenty (20) year lease with the City of San Diego and a forty (40) year history between the City of San Diego and Mr. Ted Jardine. As the original lease was approved by City Council, the lease had to also be terminated by City Council. It was terminated on October 11, 2010. Mr. Balotsky continued to say how the Information Center was very successful until the 1990's and decreased steadily from there. In its prime, the Information Center would gross about \$1.9 million dollars (1999) as opposed to the latest figure of \$289 thousand dollars. Mr. Balotsky also spoke of how the lessee would invest his own money to try to keep the business going but with the tough economic times, could not get a sublease to continue. The termination of the lease was approved with no penalties.

502. Water Purification Demonstration Project – Jeff Pasek – City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

Mr. Pasek explained how, due to the fact that the City of San Diego has very limited water supplies and sources, the Water Purification Demonstration Project is examining the use of an advanced water purification system and new technology to provide a reliable source of safe drinking water for San Diego.

Mr. Pasek listed the potential benefits of implementing Reservoir Augmentation in San Diego:

- It will provide a local and sustainable supply of high-quality drinking water for San Diego
- The quality of water in the San Vicente Reservoir would be improved
- It will decrease San Diego's dependence on imported water
- It will increase the utilization of recycled water
- Another benefit would be providing a supply of water that uses less energy than imported water.

Mr. Pasek continued to explain the multiple barrier water treatments steps. Each barrier or step must have frequent and continuous water quality monitoring. It was explained how safeguards are built into the process to insure that a failure or error at any given treatment step would not compromise public health.

INFORMATION ITEMS – (continued)

Committee Comments/Questions:

- What was the cost of this project?
 - A: This project was done with a \$10.7 million dollar budget, with funding coming from a \$1.5 million dollar State grant and a \$1 million dollar Federal grant.
- Will this increase the cost of the water?
 - A: Yes, there will be an increase to the cost of water. However, this process will also increase the availability of water from 3% to 9%.
- What is the difference between this project and the one done in Mission Valley?
 - A: The project in Mission Valley was mainly for irrigation purposes.
- What is the purpose of this project?
 - A: The purpose of this project is to give the public confidence in the idea of augmented water and to show State regulators
- Can you send the Chair a copy of the Power Point for distribution?
 - A: Yes
- Have there been any thoughts of increasing the number of the “purple pipes”?
 - A: Yes, it is very expensive.
- How long will this process take?
 - A: The end of the public outreach should end around mid-2012.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, December 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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