

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

February 5, 2013

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

David Hall
David Potter
Paul Robinson
Cynthia Hedgecock
Kevin Konopasek
Willie Gardner
Matt Spencer

Members Absent

Patrick Owen
Lani Lutar
Gary Rotto

Staff Present

Stacy McKenzie
Stacey LoMedico

CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/HALL) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING AS READ. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Judy Swink gave an update on the San Diego Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA) and funding for “sustainability” projects that will go to the health and benefit of communities in Mission Bay Park, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach.

Locally, the process is being facilitated by members of the SD Chapter of AIA, with participation of organizations within Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park and others city-wide. There is a timeline for the process, culminating in a charette in October 2013, to identify a project or projects the community participants want to pursue. This action will be followed by a final report from the local Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) group from which an action plan will be developed. Professionals in many areas of design and architecture will provide guidance at each stage of public participation.

There will be a Mixer on March 18 at the home of artist and sculptor Donal Hord. The home, built in the early 20th century and surrounded by gardens designed and planted by Kate Sessions, is now owned by Kristin Victor of Pacific Beach, a participant in SDAT and well-known in the Pacific Beach community.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Mr. Robinson read a letter written to him from Toni Atkins, Majority Leader, 78th Assembly. She stated that it has been a privilege representing Mission Beach as part of the Assembly 76th District and that she would continue to represent Mission Beach as part of her new 78th District.

STAFF REPORTS

Kathy Miles Council District 2 Representative

City is looking at a forty (40) million dollar deficit for this year. We will be closely monitoring the budget; the mid-year budget monitoring report will be released in February and we will know more then. CD 2 is donating \$25,000.00 for the fertilizing of Mission Bay Park. This will result in greener, healthier, more resistant turf.

Stacy McKenzie, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

Ms. McKenzie spoke on a couple issues. Last meeting there was question as to whether the Council District (CD) 6 representatives would remain on the Mission Bay Park Committee after redistricting leaving Mission Bay in CD 2 only. San Diego Municipal Code 26.30 dictates the composition of the members, three (3) being representatives in CD6. A Resolution (number 305488) passed December 19, 2009, states the same thing. As long as the Municipal Code and Resolution are in effect and left unmodified, the appointees made by nominations from CD 6 will remain.

Two items were sent to the Mission Bay Park Committee that Ms. McKenzie circulated. One is from Development Services Division. It speaks about the modification of the cell phone antennae to be placed within the Bahia Hotel leasehold. The sector has been redesigned and will be concealed by a proposed radio frequency (RF) screen. The other item is from Engineering and Capital Projects Department. It contains information about the final design phase of sewer & water group 815. This project will replace portions of existing sewer mains serving the community of Mission Bay and Mission Bay Park. The project (construction) is scheduled to start September 2014 and anticipated to finish by June 2015. There will be outreach to the community and residents through a series of notices and site meetings during construction. Door hangers will be places at businesses and residences along streets one (1) week prior to construction.

Sergeant Eric Care, San Diego Lifeguard Services

Sergeant Care spoke about the boat and safety unit. Currently Lifeguard Services use the 9 frontline vessels with 2 in reserve and ready to use. In peak seasons they use all 11 vessels. Mission Bay Park Rangers and Lifeguard Services are working toward updating the Mission Bay Park map that states the rules and regulations of the land and bay. Funding is being looked in to.

Lieutenant, San Diego Police Department, Northern Division

Not Present

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

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. Annual (2013) Waiver to Summer Moratorium for Modified Special Event Permits (MESP) - Stacy McKenzie

The Park and Recreation Department staff is recommending approval of an annual summer moratorium “waiver” for any event/activity that is requesting to be held in the summer that would not require any permitting via the Office of Special Events other than the request by the applicant to secure a MSEP. Eligibility for the MSEP application are for events being held in Mission Bay Park with the use of alcohol while meeting the following criteria; applicant has applied for a park use permit and will obtain a liquor license, the event is private (not open to the public) and there is no cover charge associated with the event, alcohol will not be sold and must be consumed in designated areas and there are no other activities planned that would require a Special Event Permit such as pyrotechnics or construction of concert stages, bleachers, etc.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (GARDNER/POTTER) TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL (2013) WAIVER TO THE SUMMER MORATORIUM FOR MODIFIED SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

202. Summer Moratorium – Request for Waiver as per SDMC 63.01.03 - Stacey LoMedico

The applicant, FreePB.org, has requested a Reservation of Park Use for July 27, 2013 at Crown Point Shores (south). The event, Leisure Olympics, requests the use of alcohol in a manner that does not comply with the terms, conditions and criteria set forth in the Modified Special Event Permit. (MSEP)

The City Council adopted changes to the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) 63.0103 which became effective December 2011. A specific change to the SDMC was to codify the Department’s practice of a summer moratorium on “special events” (as defined within the SDMC) in Mission Bay Park. Under provisions of SDMC 63.0103, a waiver process is in place for which an applicant can request a “waiver” to the summer moratorium.

The applicant has indicated that the Leisure Olympics is an event which will have games, jumpers, competitions, an area to “bring your own beer” and a hosted bar. As per the applicant, the event will have no more than 200 participants at the event during any particular time.

Staff recommends approval for the City Manager (Mayor) to grant a waiver to the summer moratorium and issue a Reservation of Park Use for this activity since the activity is for an event that is within the capacity/number of participants for the park area and has no other components that would trigger a Citywide Special Event Permit. Applicant will then move forward to the Office of Special Events and work with that office to secure the necessary Special Event Permit.

Rob Rynerson, FreePB.org, stated that the group came before the Mission Bay Park Committee in April 2012 with the same event. Mr. Rynerson said they object to this process and feel it is unfair some applicants have to go through this process while others were “grandfathered” in and do not. Mr. Rynerson wanted to point out that it is not that they chose not to abide by the provisions within the MSEP; rather their event doesn’t qualify for a MSEP, because it is a public event held for charity as opposed to a private event (one of the criteria for applying for a MSEP).

Public discussion:

Four (4) people spoke in opposition their comments are below:

- Objects to issuing FreePB.org a Reservation of Park Use because of the alcohol. Has concerns about the event and feels it will promote the consumption of alcohol in the park.
- Reject the Reservation of Park Use from FreePB.org.
- Social media promoted floatopia and that this event would be no different. Deny the the request for the waiver to the summer moratorium.
- “Ping pong” is actually “beer pong”, “ladder toss” is actually “testicle-toss”, and “bean bag toss” is actually “corn holes”. Reservation of Park Use states 200 people but the website for the event states 600 participants. Another person associated with FreePB.org also requested a park use permit for the same day and park location.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/HALL) TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER (MAYOR) TO GRANT A WAIVER TO THE SUMMER MORATORIUM AND ISSUE A RESERVATION OF PARK USE FOR THIS ACTIVITY. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

The Mission Bay Park Committee members asked that if the Office of Special Events issues a permit for this event, the committee members would be able to get a copy and review it.

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. Adrenalina Skateboard Marathon request a 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM Fiesta Island road closure for November 9, 2013 event.

Pablo Lanatta, Event Organizer, requested a four (4) hour road closure of Fiesta Island to be 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM for the Adrenalina Skateboard Marathon.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (SPENCER/HEDGECOCK) TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF ALLOWING PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE FIESTA ISLAND ROAD CLOSURE FROM 6:00 AM – 9:00 AM TO 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM WITH FOLLOWING CONDITIONS; POST ROAD CLOSURE SIGN IN FRONT

OF FIESTA ISLAND ONE (1) MONTH PRIOR TO THE EVENT ANNOUNCING THE CLOSURE, WHEN THE ISLAND ROAD WILL REOPEN AND LIST THE EVENT NAME AND WEB SITE. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0-0)

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

401. Limiting the occurrences of 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Fiesta Island Closures

This item is tabled till the March 2013 Mission Bay Park Committee Meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Installation of new energy efficient induction street lights – Lori Cosio - Azar

Ms. Cosio – Azar was not in attendance at the meeting so this item was not addressed.

SUB-COMMITTEE

601. None

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

None

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM

Notice of Next Regular Meeting: March 5, 2013, 6:00 PM
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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