

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board**

**MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

March 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 Division  
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager  
2125 Park Boulevard  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Members Present**

David Potter  
Paul Robinson  
Cynthia Hedgecock  
Willie Gardner  
Matt Spencer  
Patrick Owen  
Gary Rotto

**Members Absent**

David Hall  
Kevin Konopasek

**Staff Present**

Stacy McKenzie  
Debbie Marcotte

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED (POTTER/GARDNER) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2013 MEETING AS READ. (5-0-2)**

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Judy Swink reminded the committee about the San Diego Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA) "Mixer" being held at the home of artist and sculptor Donal Hord. The date is March 18, 2013. The home 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 reported the resignation of Mission Bay Park Committee member Lani Lutar.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Katherine Johnston Council District 2 Representative**

Ms. Johnston reported that the midyear FY13 was out and revenues were higher than expected. There is a five million dollar surplus. The Mayor is proposing to appropriate money to Park and Recreation items including \$300,000 for the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration

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

None

**Sergeant Eric Care, San Diego Lifeguard Services**

Not Present

**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. 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. None

**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

Debbie Marcotte, Manager of the Developed Regional Parks Division Permit Center gave a brief overview of the permitting process and the two types of permits; Ministerial and Discretionary.

A ministerial permit is a permitted event with no special event elements such as; alcohol, road closures, etc. and within the park capacity. Permits are issued if the applicant submits an Application and Permit for Park Use and the location/date is available. The Permittee signs the rules/regulations and pays the permit fee at the time the application is submitted. Examples of ministerial permits are family bar b que, private social events, special equipment such as astro jumps, large canopies, etc. A discretionary permit is a permitted event that must go through the Office of Special Events. These events are open to the public, may have alcohol, a road closure, are over park capacity and/or have other major elements. These events must comply with both the requirements of the Office of Special Events and the Park and Recreation Department. These events receive an Office of Special Events Permit and also a Park Use Permit from our office. Examples of discretionary permits are Thunderboats, Crew Classic, Time Trials, Triathlons, etc.

Private events that would like to have alcohol at their event and are within park capacity can complete the Reservation of Space Form and the Application and Permit for Park Use. The Permittee must take the Reservation of Space Form to the Office of Special Events to get a Modified Special Event Permit which is a permit that allows alcohol within certain parameters. Permits can be issued up to one year in advance. With the exception of the events listed in the San Diego Municipal Code 63.0103, permits are issued on a first come first serve basis.

Most discretionary permits held on Fiesta Island require a traffic road closure. The approved time frame is 7:00 AM-9:00AM of which the Island is closed to vehicular traffic. City Staff receive numerous complaints from the community when the island is closed. Most closures are on Saturdays and/or Sundays when the Island is at its busiest. Committee members discussed the idea of limiting the amount of closures on Fiesta Island.

Committee members requested this item be moved to an Action Item for the April 2, 2013 MBPC meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. Restroom at 4D Theater in SeaWorld – Darlene Walter, Vice President, Engineering, SeaWorld

Ms. Walter passed out an assorted sundry list of thirty (32) maintenance and/or replacement projects, thirty (32) capital equipment/material purchases, two (2) minor construction projects and a large construction project which is the restroom at 4D Theater. This project consists of removal of an existing restroom and complete replacement with a newly configured restroom in the same location. The existing restroom consists of approximately eight-hundred (800) square feet. The new restroom will be approximately 1,600 square feet.

502. Mission Bay Dredging Update – Keith Merkel and Associates

Mr. Merkel spoke about the Mission Bay Park dredging under Charter Section 55.2. There is a .16 inch/year average accumulation over 2,299 – acre Mission Bay. (483,880 cubic yards in ten years) Sediment patterns are defined by geography and sediment sources, sediment characteristics and bay hydrodynamics. Erosion and accretion reshape deposited sediments.

Potential dredge areas are; Mouth of Rose Creek, Leisure Isle, East Ski Island, East Vacation Isle, Southwest Vacation Isle, Bahia Point, Fisherman’s Channel and West Ski Island. Potential disposal areas are Sail Bay, Fiesta Island North disposal area, Fiesta Bay, Fiesta Island South disposal area.

Issues that need addressing are the baseline chart and the fact that it does not extend to all areas and is not applicable in all areas due to past Master Plan changes.

Next steps are; update bathymetry and eelgrass maps, evaluate data, develop preliminary dredging plans, complete eelgrass impact assessment and preliminary mitigation plans, subsequent work phases, complete preliminary engineering, environmental and permitting, fund project and associated mitigation program and contract, award and perform work.

503. Mission Bay Gateway Project – Scott Chipman, For Community of Pacific Beach

Mr. Chipman discussed the Mission Bay Gateway which is a plan to improve the natural

environment, education and recreation elements of Mission Bay. Under the proposed plan the De Anza trailer park would be removed and replaced with Campland by the Bay. Additionally the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club would be relocated for the installation of an aquatic center with competition and lagoon pools, community skate-park, bocce, croquet and horseshoe courts, enhanced and improved Mission Bay Golf Course and other amenities. Marshland and wildlife sanctuary would be expanded and there would be an increase in green space and parkland. Walking paths and view areas for the Kendall Frost Marsh and Wildlife sanctuary would be created as well as the establishment of a nature interpretive center.

A couple members of the audience expressed opposition and their ideas of an alternate idea.

The Mission Bay Park Committee members thought it too early to further discuss the project as the trailer park is still in litigation and probably will be for a long time.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE**

601. None

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

None

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM

**Notice of Next Regular Meeting:** April 2, 2013, 6:00 PM  
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Respectfully submitted,

Stacy McKenzie  
District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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