

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

MINUTES

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

March 15, 2007

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 “C” Street
San Diego, California 92101

Mailing Address is:

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Office of Park and Recreation Director
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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Ginny Barnes, Acting Chair
Darlene Gould Davies
Norman Greene
Dan Mazzella
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Wilbur Smith

Members Absent

Robert L. Robinson
Bob Otilie

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Andy Field
Kim Davies
Carol Wood
Jo-Ann Novak

CALL TO ORDER – Acting Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Jim Varnadore thanked the Board for recent actions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2007 AND FEBRUARY 15, 2007

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Mr. Mazzella

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Mazzella to approve the January 31, 2007. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Otilie and Mr. Robinson absent.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Mr. Mazzella

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Mazzella to approve the February 15, 2007. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Otilie and Mr. Robinson absent.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 201. Gang Commission

Ms. Lynn SharpeUnderwood, Executive Director, and Pastor Harry Cooper, Chair of the Gang Commission Board, provided an overview of the Gang Commission. Ms. SharpeUnderwood and Mr. Cooper stressed the importance of talking to children as early as age eight and providing structural programs after school.

Item 202. Statewide Infrastructure Bond Package

Mr. Brent Eidson, Policy Advisor from the Mayor's Office on Intergovernmental Relations presented the Statewide Infrastructure Bond Package. The Mayor's goal is to ensure that the City receives its "fair share" of state bond proceeds from the bond package approved by voters in November 2006. Staff will update the Park and Recreation Board on the status of the bond package and criteria for local receipt of funds at future meetings. Public testimony was heard from Jim Varnadore regarding the public process associated with the bonds.

ACTION ITEM

Item 101. Fox Canyon continued from February 15, 2007

Item will be heard at Council on March 27, 2007, continued from February 28, 2007. Ms. Barnes read the memorandum addressed to her from the City Attorney's Office Public Integrity Unit. This memo is dated March 14, 2007, and the subject is Fox Canyon/Ontario Avenue and City Attorney's Investigative Report. Attached to the minutes is a copy of this letter. Public testimony was taken from Mr. Jim Varnadore.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Ms. Puentes-Reynolds

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds to draft a letter in support of Fox Canyon and Wightman Park and attaching the meeting minutes as supporting documentation to Mayor and Council. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Otilie and Mr. Robinson absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Stacey LoMedico Acting Park and Recreation Director reported on the following:

- A tragedy occurred at Rancho Bernardo Community Park on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. At a youth soccer game a 13-year-old boy collapsed. CPR was given (not City staff). He was Life Flighted to the hospital, the young man did not survive.
- Encanto Community Recreation Center was closed several days due to vandalism caused by youths breaking in on Saturday, March 10, 2007.
- Senior Talent Show is today.
- Park and Recreation City-Wide Youth Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Balboa Park Municipal Gym.

- At the last meeting, Mr. Marler requested information regarding the Community Parks II Area Committee vote on Fox Canyon. Ms. LoMedico stated that the Committee heard an update, but no vote was taken.
- On February 24, 2007, the Earth Day Network issued an environmental report. Within the report they evaluated “parks” as a criteria, and San Diego ranked 6 of 75 cities surveyed.
- Area Manager Tom Simpson retired after 33 years of City service. He was most recently assigned to the Colina del Sol/Chollas area.
- Ms. April Penera, Deputy Director of Park Planning and Development, had her last day with the City on February 28, 2007. Ms. Carol Wood, Grants Administrator, is the Acting Deputy Director for Park Planning and Development until reorganization is complete.
- Ms. LoMedico will update the City Council’s Natural Resource and Culture Committee on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. regarding the Park and Recreation Department update.
- Reminder: the Mayor’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Budget will be released on Friday, April 13, 2007.
- Ms. LoMedico asked the Board if they would like a special Board meeting in early May, to discuss the Mayor’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Budget and its impacts to the Park and Recreation Department. The Board asked that the week of May 7, 2007 be looked at as a possible Thursday evening meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Area Committee Community Parks I – Mr. Dan Mazzella requested an electronic copy of the PowerPoint presented at the last Board meeting for Business Process Re-engineering.
- Area Committee Community Parks II – The new Park and Recreation Department staff representative is Mr. Mike Morrow, District Manager.
- Balboa Park Committee – Ms. Darlene Gould Davies reported that the committee is working on December Nights 2007. Dead Sea Scrolls are coming this summer, traffic and parking issues are a concern. A moratorium is in place for new events for the summer months in Balboa Park.
- Design Review Committee – No Update
- Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No Update
- Mission Bay Park Committee – No Update
- Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No Update
- Tecolote Canyon Citizens’ Advisory Committee – No Update

STANDING UPDATES

1. Park Maintenance Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) Update – Mr. Andy Field, Assistant to the Park and Recreation Director, reported that staff are working on definitions and scope of work. The Steering Committee for this new BPR is being expanded to include staff from General Services Department, members from the Park and Recreation Board, and Labor Unions (Municipal Employees Association and Local 127).

2. City Planning and Community Investment (CPCI) Update – None
3. Public Integrity Unit Investigation (City Attorney’s Office) Update – Discussed under Action Item 101, Fox Canyon – Status Update of Mid-City Park Funds Reimbursement.

WORKSHOP

Board discussed operating procedures that included: Board resignations, quorum, unexcused absences, agenda items, and inappropriate behavior. Ms. Kim Davies, Deputy City Attorney, will provide Board with parameters on operating procedures, and Mr. Field will provide a calendar that shows how agendas are created.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, April 19, 2007, 2:00 P.M.

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Acting Park and Recreation Director