

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

September 20, 2007

MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

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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Members Present

Ginny Barnes, Chair
Michael Stepner, Vice Chair
Bruce Brown
Rick Bussell
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
Roz King
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Wilbur Smith

Members Absent

Dan Mazzella
Evonne Schulze

City Staff Present

Rick Reynolds
Stacey LoMedico
Kim Davies
Deborah Sharpe
Jim Winter
Jo-Ann Novak

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2007

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown/Mr. Stepner

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Stepner to approve the July 19, 2007 joint meeting minutes regarding park equivalencies in the General Plan. Vote was unanimous, with Ms. Schulze and Mr. Mazzella absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2007

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown/Mr. Stepner

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Stepner to approve the August 16, 2007 meeting minutes with spelling corrections. Vote was unanimous, with Ms. Schulze and Mr. Mazzella absent.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS – Public Comment

Linda Juhasz from Tierrasanta Recreation Council expressed concerns regarding the uncovered bolts at the base of the telecommunication tower, and no conduit for the field lights that were recently installed at Tierrasanta Recreation Center.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Ms. Barnes reminded Park and Recreation Board Members to respond to e-mails from Ms. Novak as well as to notify her when their e-mail address changes. She also reminded all Park and Recreation Board Members to complete online ethics training by September 21, 2007
- Ms. Barnes requested that item two (2) City Planning and Community Investment (CPCI) Update under Standing Updates be removed from future agendas.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director, introduced Mr. Reynolds, Assistant Chief Operating Officer of the Business Operations / Administration.
- Ms. LoMedico thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Brown and Ms. Barnes for attending Nobel Athletic Area and North City Library grand opening on September 19, 2007. She reminded all to attend the grand opening for Beyer Boulevard located in Otay Valley area on September 21, 2007, and the grand opening for 252 Corridor Bridge in Chollas Creek area on September 27, 2007.
- Ms. Sharpe will update the Park and Recreation Board members on City owned properties and surpluses at a future meeting.
- November Park and Recreation Board meeting will take place at Colina Del Sol Recreation Center.
- Mayor Jerry Sanders announced the appointment of Mr. Jay Goldstone as the new Chief Operating Officer, and the appointment of Mr. William Anderson, FAICP, as Deputy Chief Operating Officer over Land Use and Economic Development.
- Pre-screening and Park and Recreation Department fundraiser of the Haunted Trail in Balboa Park will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.
- A new appointment for the Community Parks II Division Deputy Director position will be announced on September 21, 2007. Park and Recreation Department continues to adhere to the Out of Class Assignment (OCA) policy for unfilled positions.

- Ms. LoMedico distributed a Fact Sheet dated September 19, 2007 from Mayor Sanders and Senator Kehoe on Senate Bill (SB) 373. SB 373 would allow key city lands currently classified as “designated” open space to be reclassified as “dedicated” open space. City staff are preparing to transmit to the City Council a list of parcels proposed for dedication, including over 3,300 acres in Mission Trails Regional Park (Note: Non-agenda item.)

- Ms. LoMedico requested topics of interest from the Park and Recreation Board Members that may be discussed at possible Saturday workshop. Ms. LoMedico will contact individual Park and Recreation Board Members if she requires clarification of their suggested topics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – Committee did not meet.

Area Committee Community Parks II

- Ms. King reported that Recreation Councils are requesting additional training on completion of 501C-3 and the Brown Act requirements.

- Recreation Councils would like to ensure funding/contracting requirements are followed-up on. An example would be the installation of a picnic tables at Paradise Hills Recreation Center.

- Councils would like update on groups that are “grandfathered” to use recreation centers, budget status and Business Processing Re-Engineering, joint use issues and security at Paradise Hills Lewis Skate Park due to a broken rail. Ms. Puentes-Reynolds stated that the decrease in recreation center hours may cause less use of the facility and may be causing a negative impact in the community. Issues brought before the Park and Recreation Board may be delegated to staff by Ms. LoMedico. City staff representatives should respond to items at the following board meeting.

Balboa Park Committee

- At the next Balboa Park Committee meeting, Ms. Granowitz will discuss the possibility of the City’s winter homeless shelter being place in the area by Inspiration Point.

- The Museum of Art would like to place Light Emitting Diode (LED) sculptures of figures walking in the parking spaces of Plaza de Panama. Balboa Park Committee would like this display to remain up during December Nights.

- Ms. Granowitz reported that the bridge coming off the Prado has been damaged by oversize trucks five times in the past five months. LED displays will be placed at designated park entrances and will be activated when tripped by oversize trucks.

Design Review Committee – Committee did not meet.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Meets tonight to discuss a new trail from Camino Ruiz Park Neighborhood Park to the floor of Los Peñasquitos Canyon. Mr. Brown would like to improve future planning of parks by requiring more input from the group that initiated project.

Mission Bay Park Committee

- The last Mission Bay Park Committee meeting was attended by 200 to 400 people. Staff did not anticipate such a large crowd and were unaware that a press release had been issued by an outside group, as well as one local radio station encouraging the public to attend this meeting. Paul Jacob, Associate Civil Engineer of Park and Recreation Department and KTU&A consultants presented the proposed Fiesta Island Precise Plan. The Plan was approved nine (9) to five (5) as presented with no recommendations. The Fiesta Island Precise Plan will go to the Design Review Committee next. The may be viewed at Fiestaislandgdp.com.
- Sea World has a program where citizens may drop off discarded electronic equipment.
- Community concerned about the “grandfathering” in of annual speed boats racing on Mission Bay.
- Presentation of clean marina and forming committees and making appointments were postponed until January 2008.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Discussed the re-working of Mission Trails Master Plan.
- Discussion of re-designing the communication tower so all three or four firms could fit into one facility instead of adding more facilities.
- City of San Diego Water Department presented a status report on tunneling through Mission Trails Regional Park.
- Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee has secured funding and permits for the dredging of the Old Mission Dam. Pre-construction meeting will take place next week.
- Mr. Green reported on the redesign of existing trails and the renaming of trails.

Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee

- Meetings are held the third Wednesday of odd number of months with the September 19, 2007 meeting being cancelled. This meeting has been re-scheduled to November 28, 2007.

ACTION ITEMS - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. **Joint Use Agreements** - Ms. Sharpe, Project Officer II, City Planning and Community Investment, provided several handouts on joint use agreements, along with an organization chart of the Planning and Community Investment Department and a Park Planning Re-Organization functions list for Engineering and Capital Projects, Park and Recreation Department and Planning and Community Investment Department.

Park and Recreation Department will handle all renewals and maintenance/operation issues on existing joint uses. The Planning and Community Investment Department or the Engineering Capital Improvement Department will be responsible for all new sites depending on the situation of the joint use. Park and Recreation Board recommended that City staff set up meetings with school principals to introduce themselves, provide contact information and to acquire school information such as change of school hours and activity schedules for joint use areas. Currently, the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District meet monthly to discuss Joint Use Agreements.

202. **Capital Improvements Program Administration and Project Management** - Jim Winter, Project Officer II, Park and Recreation Department provided a general overview of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that included a summary of CIP process and implementation procedures. For more information visit the City Clerk's webpage at www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk and link to [Manager's Report 01-093](#), dated May 11, 2001.

202. **Obesity Study Partnership with San Diego State University/Park and Recreation Department** - Jamie Moody, Project Manager of San Diego State University Research Foundation MOVE/Me Muevo, provided information on the Obesity Prevention and Control program in Community Parks Recreation Centers which is a five year project involving the design, implementation and evaluation of a recreation center focused obesity prevention and control program for 7-9 year old children and their families that targets physical activity and eating behaviors. San Diego State University was funded to complete this project by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Researchers at San Diego State University will collaborate with community recreation center staff and administrators, families, pediatricians, and community health advocates to better understand physical activity and eating behaviors of children.

WORKSHOP

STANDING UPDATES

1. Park Maintenance Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – Andy Field, Assistant to the Park and Recreation Director – No Update

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Next Park and Recreation Board Meeting: **Thursday, October 18, 2007 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

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