

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

December 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:

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Director
202 C Street, MS 37C
San Diego, California 92101

Members Present

Ginny Barnes, Chair
Michael Stepner, Vice Chair
Bruce Brown
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
Dan Mazzella
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Wilbur Smith

Members Absent

Rick Bussell
Roz King
Evonne Schulze

City Staff Present

Job Nelson
Brent Eidson
Jill Monroe
Pam Ison
Stacey LoMedico
Gary Stromberg
Clay Bingham
Andy Field
Kathleen Hasenauer
Jon Maddern
David Monroe
Mark Woodward
Kim Davies
Lane MacKenzie
Deborah Sharpe
Christy Haupt
Jo-Ann Novak

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – No Report.

Area Committee Community Parks II – Ms. Puentes-Reynolds

- All is going well with the process of obtaining 501C3.
- Follow-up by City staff regarding Ocean View Hills Recreation Center development of a neighborhood park for homes built in 2002.
- Paradise Hills Skate Park being used during non-working hours due to a break in the

fence. Need an update.

- Need resolution to dumping area by Bay Terrace Park.
- Paradise Hills Recreation Council was expecting funds for the cell towers placed on City-owned land. Ms. LoMedico provided clarification that this rental fee is known as On Site Access Fee, which does go toward a park project. The on-going rent is split with 50% of the fee go to the General Fund and the other half goes to the Park and Recreation Department. Revenue for cell tower rental will go toward Paradise Hill's picnic shelter.

Balboa Park Committee - Ms. Granowitz

- The Balboa Park Endowment Fund of San Diego Foundation provided funds to make enhancements to Shuffle Board area on the Sixth Avenue side of Balboa Park.
- Sub-committee made some changes to the Alcohol Ban Policy for Balboa Park and plan to present as an item to the Park and Recreation Board at a future meeting.
- Discussion of the possibility of the City's winter homeless shelter being placed in the area by Inspiration Point.

Design Review Committee – Mr. Smith

- The committee has been reviewing the Fiesta Island Precise Plan. No conclusion was reached at this past meeting. Design Review Committee will review again at the next meeting

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Brown

- Discussion continued on the new trail from Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park to the floor of Los Peñasquitos Canyon and who will have access to this trail.

Mission Bay Park Committee – No Report.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Greene reported on the November meeting (No meeting held in December)

- Discussion continued on revisions to Mission Trails Master Plan.
- Number of chimneys/antennas for cellular telephones service to be placed on building facing the park.
- Reports from the City of San Diego Water Department process of installation of a pipeline.
- Redesign of existing trails and the renaming of trails.
- Replanting of plants and survival rate.

Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee – No Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER, 20, 2007

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Brown/Ms. Granowitz

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Granowitz to approve the September 20, 2007 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell, Ms. King, Mr. Mazzella, and Ms. Schulze absent.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Ms. Barnes provided clarification why the October and November Park and Recreation Board meetings were cancelled.
- Ms. Barnes submitted a letter to the Park and Recreation Board addressed to Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders requesting formal recognition for the Park and Recreation Department in the form of a City Council Resolution.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds to approve and support the letter to Mayor Jerry Sanders on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell, Ms. King, and Ms. Schulze absent.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Moved to the end the agenda.

- Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director, introduced Park and Recreation Department full management team:

Chris Zirkle Open Space Deputy Director.
Gary Stromberg, Assistant Director
Kathleen Hasenauer, Developed Regional Parks Deputy Director
Mark Woodward, Golf Deputy Director
Jon Maddern, Golf Assistant Deputy Director
Andy Field, Assistant Deputy Director Open Space/Maintenance Assessment Districts
David Monroe, Community Parks II Deputy Director
Clay Bingham, Community Parks I Deputy Director
She also introduced Ms. Jill Monroe who is the Mayor’s Policy Advisor who works on park issues.

- Ms. LoMedico distributed several “Good News” items to the Park and Recreation Board members. These items include thank you letters and news articles from businesses and citizens for programs and staff within the Park and Recreation Department.
- General Plan Update on Conservation and Recreation Element will go forward to the Natural Resource Culture Committee in January. Once it has been docketed Ms. LoMedico will send out of notice to members.
- Ms. LoMedico distributed an up-to-date Park and Recreation Department organization chart that includes management team telephone numbers.

- Ms. LoMedico provided an up date on the department pro-active efforts in recruiting for department positions. Department's will be re-evaluating some position qualifications for entry level positions; provide current pictures, flyers, banners, table top displays and various promotional items.
- Park and Recreation Board members invited to the Open House event at Mount Hope Cemetery on January 11, 2008. The Teralta Park groundbreaking event in January and grand opening for Torrey Del Mar Park tentatively scheduled for early February.
- January and February Park and Recreation Board meeting will take place at another location due to the scheduling of the Homeless Shelter Committee meetings being held in the Committee room.
- Alcohol ban update as approved by City Council. The ban includes a year-round ban on all shoreline parks in Council District 2, all beaches and Mission Bay Park. The ordinance is scheduled to take effect on January 4, 2008, unless there are enough signatures to place the item on a future ballot.
- Approximately 300 out of 800 employees participated in the local recovery center in Rancho Bernardo, as well as aid to the victims of the Fire Storm of 2007.
- Brush Management Program-Ms. LoMedico provided an update on the Program.
- Children's Pool Seals-Ms. LoMedico and Ms. Davies provided an update on the issue. Mr. Greene asked for status of permit dredging via California Coastal Commission. Ms. Davies indicated at that point there was no permit with the California Coastal Commission. The City is moving forward on the dredging order.

Ms. Granowitz thanked Jeff Harkness for his research on Rusk Street and thanked Todd Schmit on answering questions regarding 600-33 application process.

Mr. Greene requested a report on the plating efforts in the park system.

Ms. LoMedico also told the Board she had requested information from Centre City Development Corporation on recent development and parks.

ACTION ITEMS

- 101. 39th Street Neighborhood Park Re-Naming to Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park** Presenter – Christy Haupt, Park and Recreation District Manager

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

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds to move Item 101 to the consent agenda. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell, Ms. King, and Ms. Schulze absent.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Puentes- Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the consent agenda item of Re-Naming 39th Street Neighborhood Park to Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Bussell, Ms. King, and Ms. Schulze absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Update on Proposition 84 and Senate Bill 373

Job Nelson, Associate Director of Intergovernmental Relations provided an update on Proposition 84 and Senate Bill 373:

Park and Recreation Board approved dedication of land in 1992. Bill was past on October 13, 2007 and was approved unanimously by City Council on December 4, 2007.

Proposition 84 Local/Regional Parks Grants - \$400 million to Local/Regional Parks: Competitive Grants. The funds shall be available to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for competitive grants for local and regional parks. Funds provided in this subdivision may be allocated to existing programs or pursuant to legislation enacted to implement this subdivision, subject to the following considerations:

1. Acquisition and development of new parks and expansion of overused parks that provide park and recreational access to underserved communities shall be given preference.
2. Creation of parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist shall be given preference.
3. Outreach and technical assistance shall be provided to underserved communities to encourage full participation in the program or programs.
4. Preference shall be given to applicants that actively involve community based groups in the selection and planning of projects.
5. Projects will be designed to provide efficient use of water and natural resources.

Proposition 84 authorized \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds (GO bonds) for water quality, flood control, parks and planning. While most of the money will go to existing programs, \$580 million will go to new development programs for parks and planning which will require implementation criteria from the legislature.

Senate Bill 373 converts designated open space lands, per the “Declaration of Land” approved by the San Diego City Council and filed with the City Clerk in San Diego, to dedicated lands under the City Charter. The bill reaffirmed the City Council’s existing authority to grant utility easements if they do not significantly interfere with the park recreational use of the property.

- San Diego has determined that approximately 6,600 acres of open space owned by the city are eligible for conversion from “designated” open space to “dedicated” open space.
- The City Charter allows dedication of park lands to occur either through a city process or through a bill passed by the Legislature.
- The properties are generally located in urban canyons that have undergone a

- public vetting process or are within existing regional parks.
- Approximately 600 acres of urban canyons will be protected. All of the identified urban canyons underwent a public vetting process and were approved by the Park and Recreation Board in 1992.
- Senate Bill 373 also provides dedicated status to over 6,000 acres in three regional parks – Mission Trails Regional Park, Otay Valley Regional Park and Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve.

Proposition 84 Urban Greening - \$90 million to Urban Greening. The funds shall be available for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. Priority shall be given to projects that provide multiple benefits, use existing public lands, serve communities with the greatest need, and facilitate joint use of public resources and investments including schools. Implementing legislation shall provide for planning grants for urban greening programs. Not less than \$20,000,000 shall be available for urban forestry projects pursuant to the California Urban Forestry Act.

Park and Recreation Board concerns include the following:

- Park deficient and potential to purchase.
- Working with Park and Recreation Department.
- Definition of “needs” and evaluate which parks will meet criteria.
- Review park bonds.
- Debt finance means someone will have to pay later to tax payers.
- East side of Balboa Park landfill and 20th and “B” Street park property.

202. Golf Business Plan

Mark Woodward, Golf Operations Deputy Director, provided an overview of Balboa Park, Mission Bay and Torrey Pines Golf Courses: background; conditions of courses; capital improvements; rounds; revenue; expenses; reducing encumbrances; customer service and future outlook. For more detail information you may go to: Update on the Mayor’s Five Year Golf Business Plan <http://docs.sandiego.gov/reportstocouncil/2007/07-147.pdf>

Park and Recreation Board concerns include the following:

- Balboa Park paying rent to the General Fund (12%).
- Not to preserve historic club house structure but preserve the historic elements.
- Making the scenic drive by the Balboa Golf Course safer for vehicle traffic
- The future development of De Anza Cove and what effects this may have on Mission Bay Golf Course.

203. Updates to Joint Use Agreement

Deborah Sharpe, Project Officer II, City Planning and Community Investment provided a Joint-Use Agreements listing between City of San Diego and various School Districts Citywide. List included site name; school type, execution date, CPA, term and expiration, parity date, joint-use facilities and a remarks column.

204. Review of City-Owned Property for Potential Future Park Sites

Deborah Sharpe, Project Officer II, City Planning and Community Investment provided information on the evaluation of Surplus City-owned Property for Potential Parks and Open Space. Included in the presentation was the process that Park Planning and Real Estate Assets Department follow in evaluation of surplus property. For a list of City-owned properties that are being submitted for review Please go to the following link to view list:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/real-estate-assets/property.shtml>

WORKSHOP - None

STANDING UPDATES

1. Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – Stacey LoMedico Park and Recreation Director reported that the City has not moved forward and there are no updates to the Business Process Re-Engineering Recreation Programs or Park Maintenance.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Park and Recreation Board Meeting: **Thursday, January 17, 2008 2:00 p.m.**
Balboa Park Recital Hall
2130 Pan America Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director