

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

February 21, 2008

WORKSHOP MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

Mission Trails Regional Park
One Father Junipero Serra Trail
San Diego, CA 92119

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
Rick Bussell
Vicki Granowitz
Norman Greene
Roz King
Dan Mazzella
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Wilbur Smith

Members Absent

Evonne Schulze

City Staff Present

Stacey LoMedico
Gary Stromberg
Kim Davies
Jo-Ann Novak

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

I. **Roles and Expectations**

Board Members serve a two year appointment by the Mayor and may be re-appointed four times. The following list consist of what individual Board Members feel their roles and expectations are:

- Commitment to attend third Thursday of the month meeting
- Review meeting information prior to meeting
- Use individual experience to solve problems
- All members to speak up and listen
- Implement City goals as in Park and Recreation Element
- Protect parks and expand parks
- Serve as an advisory committee
- Advocate for communities
- Role as policy maker
- Serve as a “sounding board”
- Conduit for balance of parks in north and south areas of San Diego
- Serve as a voice for City staff who may not “speak up” otherwise
- Provide/serve as a mentor for Park Planning
- Expect Board Members to contact Park and Recreation Director and/or Assistant Director if need additional feedback

- Okay to Veto
- Park and Recreation Board has authority to make appointments to Los Peñasquitos, San Diego River, and Otay Valley Regional Parks.

II. What are the Board's Policies?

- Mr. Stromberg reviewed Park and Recreation Board policies that have current value. It was recommended that Park and Recreation Board select five core policies at a time to review and re-write if need be, re-categorize all policies and remove Balboa Park Committee and Mission Bay Park Committee policies from Park and Recreation Board policy index
- A recommendation was made to use all policies as operational and review yearly to ensure in line with City of San Diego Municipal Code
- Mr. Greene and Mr. Mazzella formed a sub-committee to review and draft a new policy on tree planting and removal
- Board Members to review all policies prior to the next regular Park and Recreation Board meeting on March 20, 2008
- Board Members to contact Ms. LoMedico, Mr. Stromberg, or Ms. Novak if they would like to be on a sub-committee for policies.

III. City's Budget and Budget Process in City Management Program/Service Levels

Ms. LoMedico distributed Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Process Key Dates handout. Once the budget is released on April 15, 2008 she will send e-mail out to Board Members. On Wednesday, April 30 through Friday, May 9, 2008 the individual departments' budgets will be heard at Budget and Finance Committee/Council Budget Hearings. Ms. LoMedico will have approximately two weeks before she has to present to San Diego City Council and will be ready with a 10%, 5% or 2% cuts. Letters from the public must be submitted to Council before April 30, 2008. Handouts included Executive Summary FY08 <http://www.sandiego.gov/budget/annual/vol1.shtml>, Park and Recreation Annual Fiscal Year 2008 Budget <http://www.sandiego.gov/budget/annual/vol2.shtml>, Council Districts budget priorities for Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 and Park and Recreation Tactical Planning. All departments are responsible for tactical planning items.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Stepner to move the regular Park and Recreation Board meeting in April from the 17th to the 24th if needed for time sensitive issue. Motion did not pass, with Mr. Smith abstaining, Ms. Schulze absent, all others Nay with Ms. Puentes-Reynolds and Mr. Stepner Yea.

IV. Park and Recreation Department's Grants

Park and Recreation Department has one Grant Administrator and two Assistant Grant Administrators. Ms. LoMedico provided a handout on active grants by Council Districts, with most of the grants being in Council Districts 3, 7, and 8. The list includes grants from State Proposition 12 and 40. Proposition 12 grants will close in 2008 and 2009 and Proposition 40 grants will close in 2011. Park and Recreation Department will work with other City Departments to request new grants through State Proposition 1C and 84.

V. Park and Recreation Department's Environmental Practices

Parks and Recreation Department has one Arborist. In order to collect data for tree planting Ms. LoMedico made this a priority of the Park Planning staff that are with Engineering and Capital Improvements Projects Department now. Currently, Mr. Stromberg is working on a plan to collect this data.

Other environmental practices include condensing rest rooms chemicals to seven; researching grants on electric vehicles and hybrids; and installation of solar power to Balboa Park buildings.

VI. Open Discussion

- It was recommended the Park and Recreation Board be provided the meeting minutes from other boards in a timely manner via e-mail
- Board Members may disagree with committee opinions as an individual, but must state committees opinion
- Board Members may send letters to the media as individual, unless otherwise directed by the Board
- Mr. Bussell requested visual verification of plans that Board Members have reviewed from Centre City Development Corporation to ensure changes have been incorporated into plans
- If committee meetings agendas are not working, Board Members should contact Ms. LoMedico or Mr. Stromberg to revise format
- Locating funding for parks and maintenance of parks
- Park Master Plan
- Inequity of parks.

Ms. Barnes may add park inequity topic to future Park and Recreation Board meetings agenda as a standing update.

Ms. LoMedico will provide the Park and Recreation Board Members with the Park and Recreation Parks Inventory list for the next meeting to discuss inequities.

ADJORNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Next Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting:

Thursday, March 20, 2008 2:00 p.m.

City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Park and Recreation Director