

Mission Beach Precise Planning Board
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 @ 7 PM
Belmont Park Coaster Terrace – Community Room

Minutes of Meeting

Board Members Present:

Bob Craig	Carole Havlat	Dennis Lynch	* Brian McCarthy
Mike Meyer	John Ready	Mary Saska	* Will Schussel
Gernot Trolf	Debbie Watkins	Jenine Whittecar	

Absent: Peggy Bradshaw; Tim Cruickshank; *Brian McCarthy; Bob Ondeck

OPENING FUNCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Watkins at 7:09 PM.

- **Approval of Minutes** for April, 2015
Copies of the draft April 21, 2015 Minutes of Meeting were distributed and reviewed. One typographical correction noted on last page to change date of next meeting to May19, 2015.

Motion 1 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Carole Havlat to APPROVE the April 21, 2015 Minutes of Meeting with the date change of the next meeting to May 19, 2015, due to a typographical error as discussed above.

VOTE For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

After the above-mentioned Motion was passed, Chair Watkins welcomed new Board Members Will Schussel and Brian McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy was absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- **Revisions to Agenda**
Copies of the May 19, 2015 Agenda were distributed and reviewed. There were no additions or subtractions.
- **Chair's Report**

Chair Debbie Watkins gave the following updates:

1. Mission Beach Town Council ("MBTC") voted unanimously on a Park Resolution regarding the former Mission Beach Elementary School Development project at its May 13, 2015 General Meeting. Andy Choitner, Area Representative for the MBTC, was influential in getting the Resolution before MBTC members. Mr. Choitner also initiated the community petition to preserve the Ficus tree and create a community park at the kindergarten site that now garners over 600 signatures. Renderings of the community's proposed park put together by community members were shared at the MBTC meeting.

* New Board Member

Chair Watkins read the MBTC Resolution as follows:

MBTC Resolution of 5/13/15

“The Mission Beach Town Council strongly urges the City of San Diego to require the developers at the Mission Beach school development site, located at 825 Santa Barbara Place, to preserve the landmark Ficus tree at the site and create a true community park as required for a 2.23 acre parcel, incorporating the tree. Further, we strongly oppose the substitution of the required park with a “green” strip along Mission Boulevard. We remind the City that the initial requirement was that developing the entire former school property site, consisting of three distinct parcels, would mandate a .35 acre population-based park for the Mission Beach community.”

Chair noted a Community Motion passed 29-1-1 at the Board’s May 20, 2014 meeting, expressing the community’s desire to urge the City of San Diego to require the developers to save the Ficus tree and create a community park on this .34 acre site.

2. Date Change for June Board Meeting. Chair announced the June 16th Board Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, June 9th at 7PM because the developers of the former MB Elementary School project and the City will be conducting a public workshop on that date for the community to give input about improvements they would want in the proposed strip pocket park along Mission Boulevard. She noted it is important for Board Members to attend.

The Santa Clara/Pacific Beach Park and Recreation Council will host the public workshop on June 16th starting at 5:30 PM at the Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond Street. Chair pointed out the Recreation Council is advisory to the City. The City will send Notices to property owners within 300 feet of the project. A second workshop will be held later to incorporate the community’s comments.

Chair Watkins pointed out the developers’ idea of a population-based park is a small strip of non-contiguous landscaping along Mission Boulevard. She noted the City and the developers have known from the beginning that the community wanted the population-based park at the kindergarten site, which is a .34 acre parcel. She commented that it is important to voice the community’s desires at this workshop.

- **Secretary’s Report**
None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
None.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- **Bruce Williams, Community Representative for Councilmember Lori Zapf, San Diego City Council District 2**

Bruce Williams gave a quick update and reported the STVR hearing before the Smart Growth and Land Use Subcommittee of the City Council will continue on Friday, May 29, 2015, from 1-5 PM.

OTHER

Information Item:

- **Belmont Park Construction Update: Dan Hayden, Director of Engineering of Pacifica Enterprises, Inc.**

Dan Hayden reported a lawsuit was filed against the City regarding the Belmont Park Lease Extension and the effects of Proposition G on it. Mr. Hayden commented his main goal is to expedite plans for rebuilding the Plunge and that conceptual plans will be presented to the Board. He noted they are in the processing of widening sidewalks near the DRAFT restaurant.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Information Item:

- Chair Watkins reported that John Ready has agreed to be the Chair's Alternate at Community Planning Committee Meetings.

There being no further business, Chair Debbie Watkins noted Agenda Items need to be submitted to the Chair 10 days **PRIOR** to the scheduled Board meeting and the **next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 7 PM in the Belmont Park Community Room.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 2 was made and seconded TO ADJOURN the meeting.

VOTE For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Submitted by: Debbie Watkins, Secretary