

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
March 17, 2016

Minutes

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Location

(Note Location Change)

Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2144 Pan American Road West
San Diego, California 92101

Mailing Address:

City of San Diego
202 C Street, MS 37C
San Diego, California 92101

Members Present

William Diehl, Chair
David Baron
Bruce Brown
Bobby Hughes
David Kinney
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

Robert Chávez (Excused)
Vicki Granowitz (Excused)
Martin Moreno (Excused)
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

City Staff Present

Herman Parker, Director
Andrew Field
Heather Ferbert
Mark Calleran
Sara Erazo
Barbara Mohondro
Kevin Oliver
Steve Palle
Bonnie Pearson
Kathryn Ruiz

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Diehl at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2016 MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Kinney/Mr. Otsuji

A motion was made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve the February 18, 2015 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (6-0-4)

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. (Comments relating to items on today’s Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard.) Comments will be limited to (3) three minutes and is not debatable.)

Speaker: (1) Re: Pt. Loma Pocket Parks; Cabrillo Park North & Cabrillo Park South

Comment/Response: Mr. Parker stated staff will look and get a feel for the status of the parks. It is possible these parks were a part of the drought water cutback/restrictions.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board member to approve any agenda item as consent when no speaker slips have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the

item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to the Park and Recreation Board, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded Mr. Brown to move Item 102 Black Mountain Ranch Community Park GDP Amendment to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (6/0/4)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Report

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported the committee had a lengthy workshop on Pershing Drive Bike-way paths. He added this project may be coming before the Park and Recreation Board. The committee was in favor of the project and provided additional information. Mr. Kinney added it was an impressive project at this point.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report

DeAnza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Diehl announced that Mayor Faulconer has nominated two new appointees to the Park and Recreation Board: Jon Becker (replacing Vicki Granowitz) and Ron Cho (replacing Bruce Brown); reappointed David Baron, Bobby Hughes, David Kinney, Martin Moreno and Dennis Otsuji. Confirmations will take place on March 22, 2016 at the City Council meeting at 10:00 am. Chair Diehl added that with Ms. Granowitz' term ended, the board will need to appoint a replacement to the De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee. That will be scheduled at the April meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker acknowledged staff from the Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS) who attended the CPRS (California Park and Recreation Society) State Conference in Long Beach, CA last week. TRS was awarded a State Award of Excellence for Adventures for All; a therapeutic program Park and Recreation holds during the summer months. It's for children who are on the autism spectrum and is held at Mission Bay. Mr. Parker commended staff for all the wonderful work they do during the summer to serve the community.
- Mr. Parker personally thanked outgoing board member Bruce Brown for being a part of the Park Board. He thanked him for all the wonderful services he has provided to the board and the Park and Recreation Department over the years. Mr. Parker presented Mr. Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Parker and stated he has enjoyed his time on the Park and Recreation Board. He added he has been very proud of serving on this board and how proud he was of Park and Recreation. Special thanks to Andy Field, Kathy Ruiz for their graciousness and assistance throughout the years. He also thanked the present board members for the time they each give and was proud of the volunteers who give of their time and talent in serving on the board.

ACTION ITEMS

101. General Development Plan for Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park and Recreation Building

Mr. Mark Calleran, Associate Engineer, Architectural Engineering, Public Works Department, with co-presenters Glen Schmidt, Designer of Schmidt Design and Jim Gabriel, Architects HJW. Mr. Schmidt acknowledged the client, Pardee Homes' Alan Kashonti (sp?). Mr. Schmidt stated in his many years in business, this has had the highest level of outreach in his experience. Door hangers and mailed notices were sent to 2,000 residents in Pacific Highlands Ranch when the process began. During the subcommittee meeting, there were several alternatives brought forward and one was a series of tennis courts. During that process, the committee looked at alternatives with tennis courts and the committee and the community decided not to go in that direction. However at the last subcommittee meeting on March 1, 2016, the committee heard there was a group interested in tennis courts. Mr. Schmidt added what is presented here represents a tremendous amount of work by several people. The team presented to the board a report and PowerPoint presentation which outlined the following:

Park

- Summary
- Background
- Discussion
- Outreach
- Committee meetings

- Joint Use Exhibit (features 97 JU parking spaces from the High School and 95 from the Middle School. The Middle School shares a lighted track and field and full athletic field)
- GDP
- Conceptual Grading Plan
- Various elevations
- Floor and roof plans of the recreation building
- Various play and plant areas; turf areas and off leash dog park
- Concrete Pump Track
- Basketball Courts
- Commercial Promenade (children’s play area, Parkour, play garden)
- Flexible turf (picnics, athletic warm ups)
- Decomposed granite entry court
- Shade structures throughout the area
- Handicap and staff parking
- Skate park
- Perimeter trails with picnic tables, benches and fitness stations
- Track and athletic field lighting at night and lights in the off-leash dog park
- All plants are drought tolerant

Recreation Center

- 17,000 sq. ft. program and is adjacent to the promenade; located between vehicular drop-off and main sports field. The center is viewed as the “bridge” between the two areas of the site
- Two building components linked by one roof structure
- Has a multi-use recreation building and a multi-use meeting room facility. Both are linked together by a common secured courtyard space for breakout outdoor programming associated with each of the spaces
- The Recreation Center is conventional as it is striped for multiple court activities; basketball, volleyball, badminton, drop down divider curtains, spectator bleachers; sports storage and staff offices
- Staff will have great visibility of all activities in the gymnasium and equally as well in the courtyard and access to the multi-use facility
- Two meeting rooms – one for movement/studio activities and the other for arts & crafts, meetings
- Gymnasium will be fitted with A/C and cooling systems
- Public restrooms – a multi-stall facility for men and women that opens into the secured courtyard and will be associated with the recreation center, operating when the recreation center is open; 3 single stall family-style that open to the park and would be operated on the parks hours

Speakers: In Favor (8) Opposed (1)

Questions and Comments from the Board:

- Mr. Brown inquired about the pump track surface. Speakers responded the track will have a rough texture surface.

- Chair Diehl inquired if this is the last community park in the northern area of the City?
- Mr. Field responded there are four tennis courts at Carmel Valley Recreation Center. He also added regarding community parks that Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park; only one left of community park status. A neighborhood park that is out to bid for Del Mar Mesa community and Carmel Valley neighborhood park south of the I-56.
- Mr. Baron inquired if bench seating will be included in the skate park. Mr. Schmidt responded the skate board park will include steps in it that one could sit on; ledges also that one can sit on. No traditional benches, but some of the features can be use as benches. Mr. Baron recommended a bench be included for parental oversight. Mr. Schmidt advised there is room for that.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired about the site plan related to the front of the building, the drop off, parking for staff and handicap access. How did the designers come up with that solution. Mr. Schmidt responded there were several schemes. Community and committee input suggested drivers having the ability to come up and drop off; handicapped could park. However, it would just be a drop-off area.
- Mr. Otsuji commented he appreciated the large open field and anticipates it will have the greatest of activities. He also added his appreciation of the joint use opportunities.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired if the designers foresee any issues with the maintenance of the building and is there any LEED Certification on the building? Mr. Schmidt responded the project is intended to be LEED Certified. The durability of the building is really being considered and the construction of the building is protected by the weather. Mr. Otsuji added he appreciated the design aspect of the building.
- Mr. Otsuji additionally inquired about scheduling and programming of this park. Does staff see any problems in programming and scheduling of the park with the community as a joint use facility? Mr. Field responded the Pacific Trails Middle School would be Park and Recreation's first Joint Use Agreement with the San Dieguito Union School District. There will be a process in creating agreements etc., such as to develop the process of who opens gates. Staff will be working to emulate the San Diego Unified School District model for maintenance and operations, so we can schedule the field and work around the school district's use hours. The Joint Use Facility is anticipated to help support the community park with respect for parking. Mr. Field acknowledged and thanked the community leaders, school district and Pardee Homes for the great partnership with the City of San Diego on this project.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired about the security; specifically regarding the depth of the park. Mr. Schmidt responded the designers felt the location of the dog park and dog owners would be helpful with security at that end of the park. Also, a berm configuration will be created between the dog park and pump track. The Recreation Center office will be situated where staff can scan all of the courtyard area.
- Mr. Otsuji appreciated the storm water plan the designers have planned.
- Mr. Kinney commented that this is a fabulous project. He inquired about the grade of the berm to the freeway. Mr. Schmidt responded there is a slope on the

far western side of the property line. The elevation is up and then drops down to the freeway. One will not actually see the freeway.

- Mr. Kinney inquired about maintenance of the park. Mr. Parker responded that as is always done with new facilities, this project will be programmed in at the appropriate time through Park and Recreation's Annual Budget process to ensure we have proper maintenance staff in place. It would be up to the City Council to approve that request.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there will be on-street parking around the park? Mr. Schmidt respond there is on Village Center Loop Rd., which along the front of the park. Mr. Schmidt added that Village Center Loop Rd. has parallel parking on both sides of the street.
- Chair Diehl also inquired about the three restrooms facing outside, will they be open 7/24? Mr. Parker responded they would be programmed similarly as most of the other outdoor restroom facilities are programmed.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there is a kitchen facility in the building. Mr. Gabriel responded there is a small kitchen facility that is part of the multi-purpose room which is intended for use by public meetings or arts and crafts.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there is walk-way lighting around the field? Mr. Schmidt responded there is a walk-way around the perimeter of the field that is concrete and there is security lighting on all the walk-ways throughout the park and athletic field. When those are off, there will still be security lighting around the perimeter walk-way. Chair Diehl inquired if solar lighting was considered for the security lighting. Mr. Schmidt responded there has been discussion and will be looking into that at the next phase.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there is reclaimed water at the site? Mr. Schmidt stated there is.
- Chair Diehl also inquired as to where grounds maintenance equipment would be stored. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Gabriel responded there is an area behind the building. There is an area that is enclosed and the intent is to provide space for the grounds maintenance staff and equipment.
- Final Comment from Mr. Parker who thanked Pardee Homes and the community for all of their hard work on this project. He was impressed with all of the community outreach that was done as it is so important to hear from the community and listen to what their needs are in the community. He added it will be a beautiful facility that will be enjoyed for many years to come.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve staff and consultant's recommendations as presented of the General Development Plan for Pacific Highlands Ranch Community Park and Recreation Building. Vote was approved unanimously (6-0-4).

102. Black Mountain Ranch Community Park GDP Amendment

Item 102 has been moved to the consent agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

Details of all reports can be found on the Park and Recreation Department's website at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard>

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: **April 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Park and Recreation Director