

City of San Diego

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

February 18, 2016

MINUTES

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

Meeting Held at:

Balboa Park Club Ballroom

(Note Location Change)

202 C Street

San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

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Members Present

William Diehl, Chair

David Baron

Bruce Brown

Robert Chavez

Vicki Granowitz

Bobby Hughes

David Kinney

Martin Moreno

Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

Hazel Ocampo

City Staff Present

Herman Parker, Director

Andrew Field

Heather Ferbert

George Freiha

Bonnie Pearson

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Diehl called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCOBER 15, 2015 MINUTES

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

A motion was made to approve the October 15, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-1) with one abstention.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Consent At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

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

WORKSHOP – None

ACTION - None

INFORMATION

201. Quarterly Projects Update – Allocation and Expenditure of Regional Park Improvement Funds

Mr. George Freiha presented a report and PowerPoint presentation on the quarterly update which outlined the following:

- Background
- Projects completed to date (Ocean Beach Comfort Station Replacement, Museum of Man Roof Reconstruction, Diamond Street Stairs Reconstruction, Pescadero Street Stairs Reconstruction, Palisades Park Comfort Station, California Tower Electric Room Relocation, Los Penasquitos Ranger Station and Balboa Park Hall of Nations Foundation Reconstruction
- Projects partially or wholly funded (Old Mission Dam Preservation, Mission Trails Regional Park Multi Trail System, Cowles Mountain Trail-Mission Trails, Coastal Beach Access Projects, Trail for All People, Chollas Lake Playground Renovations
Phase I, California Tower Seismic Retrofit, Chicano Park Comfort Station, Mohnike Adobe & Hay Barn Restoration, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Hillside Improvements Phase I, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Removal of Lomaland Dr. and Ladera St. Structures Phase II, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Hillside Drainage Improvements Phase III, La Jolla Parkway/Mt. Soledad Erosion Control, Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements, Balboa Park West Mesa Comfort Station Replacement, EB Scripps Park Comfort Station Replacement

Board Members Comments and Questions:

- Mr. Baron inquired about the Sunset Cliffs Project where houses are being removed. He wanted to know if people are living in the homes. Mr. Freiha replied that people presently live there. Mr. Andy Field, Assistant Park and Recreation Director also replied and stated the houses are occupied and unoccupied. He added the project is to be partially funded by rental income of the renters along with the Regional Park Improvement Funds. Renters' usage of the space is in violation of Charter Section 55, which was revealed during a recent Audit of various real estate properties. In response to the Audit, staff is moving toward the eventual eviction of the renters and then demolition of the houses. Mr. Baron also inquired as to who owns the houses now? Mr. Field responded it is on dedicated parkland, so it is City property leased by the Real Estate Assets Department.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired as to how adjustments are made to the scope of work at Sunset Cliffs Park since these are long-term projects. Mr. Freiha responded design and investigation of these parks is beginning and staff will keep it modified through design until it moves to construction. Construction is intended to stabilize and minimize further changes. He added it will continue to adjust. Mr. Field added staff has been working on addressing the

erosion in this park and staff is addressing things one-by-one as funds become available and results of studies being conducted. Mr. Field added that the California Coastal Conservancy is working closely with staff and have committed an \$800,000 grant to Phase II.

- Chair Diehl inquired as to where other funding sources came from for the Ranger Station. Mr. Field did not know. Chair Diehl requested Mr. Field to let him know where the other funding source came from.

- Chair Diehl inquired as to when the next update will come before the board. Mr. Field responded Park and Recreation is required by Charter to have four meetings per calendar year; there will be three more before end of calendar year.

Details of the report and PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Park and Recreation Department's website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports/index.shtml>

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Park and Recreation Director