

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
April 21, 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
Jon Becker
Robert Chavez
Ron Cho
Bobby Hughes
David Kinney
Dennis Otsuji
Hazel Ocampo (Arrived Late)

Members Absent

David Baron (Excused)
Martin Moreno (Excused)

City Staff Present

Herman Parker, Director
Andrew Field
Rosa Abrego
Rebeca Cordova
Rumi Doherty
Gina Dulay
Marilou Fedalizo
Heather Ferbert
Craig Hooker
Susan Lowery-Mendoza

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Diehl at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2016 MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve the March 17, 2016 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (4-0-3), with three abstentions.

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.)

(3) Speakers – De Anza Cove (2), Children’s Park

- Mr. Kinney requested of Chair Diehl that the Board receive a report on Children’s Park at a future meeting.

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. Otsuji /Mr. Kinney

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded Mr. Kinney to move Item 102 A Request for “Joe Schloss” Way Naming at Morley Field to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (6-0-2), with one abstention.

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

A motion was made to approve the agenda as modified to move Item 102 to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (8-0-2)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Diehl welcomed the two new board members and opened the floor for each to say a few words:

Mr. Ron Cho is from Council District 5, Rancho Penasquitos. He has been involved with Park and Recreation via Rancho Penasquitos Little League as a board member and community member. He looks forward to serving on the board.

Mr. Jon Becker is also from Rancho Penasquitos and has been a part of the planning board as Chair and Land Use committee member. He’s appreciative to be a part of the park board. He is a practicing landscape architect and land use planner. He hopes to be able to offer his expertise to the board.

Mr. Parker welcomed the new members on behalf of the Park and Recreation Department and added he looks forward to working with the members.

Chair Diehl noted there are three members on the board from Rancho Penasquitos. However, due to Council Redistricting a few years ago, this caused the change in Rancho Penasquitos. Additionally, he added there is an opening on the board currently.

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Report

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney reported the committee previously had a workshop on the Pershing Bikeway. That came back to the committee for a vote. The committee was favorable, however, members felt it important to obtain input from the North Park and Golden Hill communities before the committee would vote. It was tabled until after this was vetted with those planning boards.
- The Mengei Museum is planning several changes to their facility. Approval for the changes will be coming to the Balboa Park Committee in the future.
- At their next meeting, members will be looking at the new list of Balboa Park unfunded projects. The board will be looking to the Balboa Park Conservancy and

the Friends of Balboa Park as to how they might be able to assist with these projects.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Chavez announced the big event at Mission Trails Regional Park called Explore Mission Trails Day. It is an annual event which will occur on Saturday, May 1, 2016 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Big fun and family oriented event.

DeAnza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee – (Vacant) 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 he attended a workshop for Canyon Hills Open Space Park, located at Mercy Rd and I-15. Mira Mesa is planning to develop the park as an open space park. The major concern noted is gaining access to the park because of the various grades which surround the area. Most of the community would like it to remain as open space with picnic table, shade structures, but no development.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker reported on March 23, 2017, Mr. Parker attended the Dedication Ceremony of Wegeforth Elementary School Joint Use facility. It will add approximately 4 acres to our park system. He added it is one of the first joint use facilities brought on line in light of Mayor Faulconer's new initiative – 50 Parks in 5 Years. We are partnering with San Diego Unified School District to bring on several joint use and park facilities.
- April 9, 2017, Park and Recreation held its Annual Volunteer Recognition Program at the Organ Pavilion. Volunteer staff coordinated the event and it was a wonderful event. Hundreds of volunteers in attendance and certificates of appreciation were awarded. As an FYI, Park and Recreation registers approximately 240,000 volunteer hours per year. Also a special thank you to staff involved with the planning.
- April 18, 2017, Mayor Faulconer presented the 2017 Proposed Budget to Council and staff is here today to provide additional information on the Park and Recreation Proposed Budget.
- April 20, 2017, Mr. Parker attended the groundbreaking at Wightman Street Neighborhood Park. It's a small 2 acre park in Council District 8 and happy to have it moving forward. It should be open to the public within the next year.
- Chair Diehl inquired of Mr. Parker about the non-agenda comment at last month's meeting regarding Pt. Loma Parks updates. Mr. Parker responded that the Cabrillo Park North and Cabrillo Park South are small areas without an irrigation system in place. Staff have been hand-watering the areas, and some trimming when need be. He added that as part of Park and Recreation's goal to

reach the State mandate to reduce watering by 16% City-wide and reminding the board that Park and Recreation is one of the City's largest water users and this area was decommissioned. Staff stopped watering, but it is being maintained by weekly mowing, trimming, removing debris etc. There will be discussion in the future regarding areas that may be brought back on line. At this time, Cabrillo Park North and Cabrillo Park South are not included.

ACTION ITEMS

101. De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc committee Member Nomination

Mr. Craig Hooker, Park Designer, Planning Department came before the board to request that the board appoint one of the members to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Mission Bay Park Committee. Mr. Hooker added the committee has been working on a three year planning effort since November, 2015. This effort will include an amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, which will come before the board, City Council and Coastal Commission. In November, 2015, the board nominated Vicki Granowitz to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Granowitz did an excellent job and provided good recommendations and input as well as coordinated a site visit with the Ad Hoc committee. However, Ms. Granowitz termed out as a board member. Thus a new member of the board needs to be appointed. There have been four meetings to date, the next workshop being April 27, 2016 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm at Mission Bay High School and the fifth will be June 16, 2016. A second public workshop is being planned, which will be geared to design alternatives for the site. The Ad Hoc Committee is receiving a lot of input.

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

Mr. Otsuji volunteered and a motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve Mr. Otsuji to represent the Park and Recreation Board on this Ad Hoc Committee. New board member Mr. Becker supported and encouraged Mr. Otsuji. Vote was approved unanimously (7-0-2), with one abstention.

102. A Request for “Joe Schloss” Way Naming at Morley Field

Item 102 has been moved to the consent agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Park and Recreation Department FY 2017 Proposed Budget

Mr. Parker introduced Ms. Rumi Doherty, Supervising Management Analyst and Ms. Rosa Abrego, Senior Management Analyst who presented a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Doherty stated the presentation would cover all the main points, which is all good news. The presentation outlined the following:

- Department Overview

- General Fund Expenditures Summary
- Non-General Funds Expenditures Summary
- Highlights of Significant Budget Adjustments
- Golf Course Fund

Public Hearings will be:

May 5, 2016 – Capital Improvement Projects – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

May 9, 2016 – Park and Recreation Proposed Budget – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Hughes inquired if Martin Luther King Recreation Center was left out of the budget. He was advised of this by a Council Representative at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center meeting today. He asked if there will be a review of that because there is a major problem with flooding which has been an issue for years and it needs to be fixed.
- Mr. Parker responded operations at Martin Luther King Recreation Center are included in the budget and will operate as it has been. With regard to the CIP drainage issues, Mr. Field added staff is trying an operational change to how the water flows toward the rear of the building. If this does not work, the department will be looking at a Capital Project-type endeavor and that would be a budgetary request.
- Chair Diehl inquired if there is a list of the Capital Improvement Projects? Mr. Field responded there is in the FY 2017 Proposed Budget document on the City's website and it is located in Volume III under the Park and Recreation Department banner. It will be located on the City's web page: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/v3parkandrec.pdf>
- Mr. Otsuji inquired as to how renovations are going at Torrey Pines. Mr. Field stated the project is going well. Currently there is a design-build contract taking place; which does the design and construction at the same time. There was some delay with the Coastal Commission permits, but that's now done. Completion is anticipated for August, 2016.
- Mr. Otsuji also inquired about new parks or existing parks status as relates to the budget. Mr. Field responded the Park System Master Plan is budgeted in the Planning Department Budget; not a part of Park and Recreation's presentation and is not considered to be an operational matter. It is funded and the proposed budget includes \$200,000 towards that effort. The Planning Department is in the process of selecting a consultant and providing a roadmap as to how this process will be over the next several years.
- Chair Diehl inquired if Park and Recreation has any future plans of taking back the planning and development of parks. He feels the current process slows down bringing on new parks. Mr. Parker responded there have discussions, inquiries if the planning portion of park development should be back in the Park and Recreation Department as it once was. No decision has been made at this time and it will continue to be evaluated.
- Mr. Parker gave a special thank you to Ms. Doherty, Ms. Abrego, Mr. Field and additional staff for all their hard work on the budget. He added that Park and

Recreation has a fabulous budget this year. Also adding, there are 15 new facilities and staff to support the facilities coming on line this year.

- Chair Diehl also thanked staff for their hard work.
- Mr. Kinney thanked staff for the concise presentation.

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 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: **May 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Park and Recreation Director