

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
May 19, 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
Jon Becker
Ron Cho
Bobby Hughes
David Kinney
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

Robert Chavez (Excused)
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

City Staff Present

Ryan Barbrick
Heather Ferbert
Nick Ferracone
Howard Greenstein
Craig Hooker
Jesse Luke
Alyssa Muto
Sara Osborn
Bonnie Pearson
Robin Shifflet
Bernie Turgeon
Jim Winter
Chris Zirkle

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2016 MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the April 21, 2016 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with one abstention.

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 – Children's Park (2); Linda Vista Skate Park (1)

Children's Park – Concerns from citizens living downtown near Children's Park and visitors to San Diego consists of crime, homelessness and other negative things occurring. Requests to make modifications to help reduce the crime problem. One speaker noted that San Diego Police Department has received 400+ calls to the park within the last two years with numerous citations issued. Requests to change the hours the park is open and make some remodeling changes. Close the park during remodeling.

Chair Diehl requested that staff provide updated information to the Board regarding the status of these concerns.

Future Linda Vista Skate Park – Letter from Event Coordinator of previous Cultural Fair, addressed to Mr. Mark Moncey, Area Manager, Linda Vista Community Park and Recreation Center (copy of letter can be obtained from Mr. Moncey). Members of the community request assistance of Park and Recreation in naming process for the skate park to be named Tony Hawk Family Skate Park.

Chair Diehl requested staff provide status update. Mr. Chris Zirkle, Acting on the Dias in Mr. Herman Parker's absence responded that staff can provide a recap of the process that occurred.

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. Becker

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded Mr. Becker to move Item 101 Amendment to the General Development Plan for the 30th Street and Island Avenue Mini Park to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (7-0-2)

(1) Speaker in favor (did not speak)

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

A motion was made to approve the agenda as modified to move Item 101 to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. (7-0-2)

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 reviewed the recreation elements for the three community plans; one of which will be presented today. He also noted the Zoo had a spectacular Centennial event this past weekend, which was open to the public.

- One of the new programs as part of the activation of the Plaza de Panama is Food Truck Friday. The first was held two months ago; number of trucks has been increased due to the success of the program. The first Friday of every month will be Food Truck Friday. This is very popular, with prices ranging from the various trucks. Mr. Kinney invited all to come and enjoy.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee - No Report

De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee

- Mr. Otsuji attended his first meeting and added it was attended by a well-balanced community and professional individuals. He added the information gathered was well received. He also added the members would be receiving a progress report at today's meeting.

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 reported that the composition of the board is now down by two members and advised there are two openings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – No Report

ACTION ITEMS

101. Amendment to the General Development Plan for the 30th Street and Island Avenue Mini Park

Item 101 has been moved to the consent agenda

102. Golden Hill Community Plan Update: Recreation Element

Mr. Howard Greenstein, Park Designer, Planning Department, Ms. Robin Shifflet, Park Planning Section Manager; Bernie Turgeon, Senior Planner, Planning Department/Golden Hill Community Planner. Mr. Greenstein appeared before the board in June, 2015 and presented progress drafts of the Golden Hill, North Park and Uptown Community Plan Update Recreation Elements as one information that addressed all three community plan updates. The item today is the recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council of approval of the Draft Recreation Element of the Golden Hill Community Plan Update. The North Park and Uptown Community Plan Updates are tentatively scheduled for the board's consideration next month. The Plan was last updated in 1988 and the update is being prepared to address changes that have taken place and to anticipate new conditions that will occur in Golden Hill over the next 20-30 years. The report and PowerPoint presentation outlined the following:

- Summary
- Background
- Goals of the Recreation Element Update
 - * Public outreach
 - * Guiding Documents
 - * Recreation Element format
 - * Proposed Population-based parks (none exist in Golden Hill currently)
 - * Existing Recreation Center and Aquatics Complex
 - * Balboa Park Equivalencies
 - * Other Equivalencies
 - * Summary of Park Acreages

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Becker inquired as to the process to acquire additional park lands. Mr. Greenstein responded one of the main ways of identifying funding is through the impact fee study, which is being prepared concurrently with the plan update; formerly known as financing plans (PFFP); now called IFS. Staff has identified most of the projects that are listed in the Draft Recreation Element as individual projects within the forthcoming IFS.
- Mr. Cho inquired where does this stand versus Children's Park funding in the list of priorities. Mr. Zirkle stated the Children's Park is taking some high priority right now. He added this is a planning document. Mr. Greenstein added that most of the expected funding for the projects in Golden Hill will come from Golden Hill Developer Impact Fees (DIF); which would be separate from funding going toward the Children's Park.
- Mr. Otsuji commented he appreciates staff addressing the use of the open space in the canyons and trails and also the use of Balboa Park's perimeter. He added the use of Pocket Parks and Linear Parks is the direction staff should go. Mr. Otsuji also recommended/suggested staff look at new names rather than Pocket Park and Linear Park.
- Mr. Otsuji requested staff consider use of signage, so people understand their neighborhood, where trails are located and distances.
- Mr. Baron inquired if there are any plans to build baseball fields? Mr. Greenstein responded only what is currently in Balboa Park. Staff is proposing expansion of the Golden Hill Recreation Center area to include what the community would like to input during the General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment stage. The other major location would possibly be the Pershing Sports Complex, which is located on 20th Street. It would have multi-ball and sports fields and be shared by several communities.
- Chair Diehl inquired if the four parcel park sites (land) were owned by the City or privately owned. Mr. Greenstein responded they are privately owned parcels and would require acquisition.
- Chair Diehl also inquired if staff could speak to the General Plan as to how the City got additional park definition. Mr. Greenstein responded that naming of parks would be addressed during the GDP process.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded Mr. Kinney to approve the Golden Hill Community Plan Update: Recreation Element as presented by staff. The motion was approved unanimously. (7-0-2)

103. San Ysidro Community Plan Update: Recreation Element

Mr. Greenstein and Sara Osborn, Senior Planner, Planning Department/San Ysidro Community Planner. In October, 2015, Mr. Greenstein appeared before the board to present a progress draft of the San Ysidro Community Plan Update: Recreation Element as an information item. The item today is an action item to recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council approval of the Draft Recreation Element of the San Ysidro Community Plan Update. Similar to Golden Hill, the Recreation Element is a part of the Planning Department's larger effort to update the entire San Ysidro Community Plan. This was last update in 1990. It is being prepared to address the changes that have taken place and anticipate the new conditions that are anticipated. The overall goal of this Recreation Element is similar to Golden Hill; to provide Park and Recreation opportunities, including parks, recreation facilities that keep pace with the growing population. Adoption of this plan is anticipated in the fall of 2016. The report and PowerPoint presentation provided the following:

- Summary
- Background
- Goals of the Recreation Element
- Public Outreach
 - * Recreation Element format
 - * Population-based Parks: Existing
 - * Population-based Parks: Proposed
 - * Recreation Centers and Aquatics Complex
 - * Equivalencies
 - * Summary of Park Acreages

Speaker: In Favor (1) Opposed (0)

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Otsuji inquired if a discussion has begun with County of San Diego with regard to their involvement in the future use of athletic fields. Mr. Greenstein responded that City staff has met with the County. At this point, staff is seeking any potential for joint use. If new trails are to be built, the City is willing to participate in joint use with the County. The County has some high-level concept plans for the sports complex, but no specific details available. Mr. Greenstein added that whatever facilities are built, residents of San Ysidro would still benefit.
- Mr. Otsuji inquired if staff has a good working relationship with the City of Chula Vista? Mr. Greenstein responded in specifics to this community plan update, City staff has not dialogued with the City of Chula Vista. However, staff does work with Chula Vista as relates to Otay Valley Regional Park.
- Chair Diehl inquired if the financial plan will be updated. Mr. Greenstein advised that the department has updated the name of the financing plans to Impact Fee Studies. There will be a concurrent Impact Fee Study with each of the Community Plan Updates.
- Mr. Greenstein added the Community Planning Group has reviewed the Draft IFS as with all the IFS's. The Planning Groups weigh in on the projects that are included in those plans as well as priorities for the projects in those plans.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded Mr. Baron to approve the San Ysidro Community Plan Update: Recreation Element as presented by staff. The motion was approved unanimously. (7-0-2)

104. Ocean Beach Veterans Plaza redevelopment Park General Development Plan

Mr. Craig Hooker, Park Designer, Planning Department; Alyssa Muto, Deputy Director, Robin Shifflet, Park Planning Section Manager; Vicki Estrada, Estrada Land Planning. Staff is seeking approval of the General Development Plan for the Ocean Beach Veterans Plaza. Staff has worked on this plan with the community and developers for approximately three years to develop the plan. The report and presentation outlined the following:

- Summary
- Background of the project
- Creating a memorial to stand as a place of honor, remembrance and reflection
- Preserving the memory of those who made the sacrifice
- Design/define a space that shall be long-lasting
- Move the existing plaza further north
- New plaque will have a black granite name wall
- Proposed Cliffs wall to resemble Sunset Cliffs bluff
- Proposed Rock seating
- Re-created the plaque to resemble the Ocean Beach Cliffs

- Some of the colors of the plaque represent all of the military branches
- Project is included in the Ocean Beach Community Plan as a Park Equivalency
- Has received unanimous support from all Park and Recreation Advisory Bodies
- Working with the Ocean Beach residents and Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation
- Receiving support from various veteran's groups
- 200+ Names have been received for the new proposed wall

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Kinney commented he appreciates the look of the simulations shown and appreciates the benches as well. He has concerns regarding the coloring; earth tones and organic stars and inquired as the thought/planning process on the coloring. Ms. Estrada responded it was done on purpose to represent the importance and formality of being in the service.
- Mr. Becker inquired if the design of the vertical and faux stone and, will there be expansion area for other veterans in the future? Ms. Estrada responded it was designed to fill the three panels and once filled, there would not be room for more. On the current plaza there are 84 names with room to add approximately 1500 names. Additionally, Mr. Becker inquired if lighting is to be installed to preclude any vandalism. Ms. Estrada responded yes there will be up-lighting to honor the panels even at night.
- Mr. Otsuji suggested that the cliffs and panels come together as the project progresses. Additionally he suggested that the back-drop of the cliff and panel are proportionate. Ms. Estrada added there are restrictions per the Coastal Commission and 7 feet is the height limit.
- Mr. Baron inquired about the bench seating comfort in helping to deter the homeless. Ms. Estrada responded the seating would not be level; the elevation would vary and a person could only sit and not be able to lay down.
- Chair Diehl inquired as to the water level (high tide) and how it would affect the plaza. Ms. Estrada responded that the plaza paving is set on concrete. City vehicles would be able to drive on it during high tide and the high tide would flow back onto the lawn.
- Chair Diehl inquired as to the number of flag poles. Ms. Estrada responded there are three poles which will fly the American Flag, California Flag and the POW Flag.
- Chair Diehl inquired as to how names are selected to be placed on the wall. Dave Martin, member of the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation responded a committee was formed of nine veterans from all branches of the service male and female; enlisted as well as officers. The process for selecting names was suggested by this committee. Combat veterans was the criteria initially and if there are no more combat veterans, then the committee will select administrative veterans. The committee wanted to ensure that veterans completed an application showing his/her time of service, service number. The 84 names currently listed on the existing model will be placed on the new model. Chair Diehl also inquired if there is a local VFW or American Legion involved in this process? Mr. Martin responded no, but the organizations are aware of what is being planned and are supportive. For veterans interested in applying, log on

to www.obcdc.org . Application can be filled out on line or in person at Shades Restaurant in Ocean Beach. It is open to all San Diego veterans.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded Mr. Baron to approve the Ocean Beach Veterans Plaza Redevelopment Park General Development Plan as presented by staff. The motion was approved unanimously. (7-0-2)

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. De Anza Cove Revitalization Plan

Mr. Craig Hooker, Park Designer and Brooke Peterson, Senior Associate, Placeworks presented a report and PowerPoint presentation on the De Anza Revitalization Plan. This presentation is a progress update and an amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. Staff is requesting feedback from board members regarding the top five priorities. The following was outlined:

- Project Overview & Background
- Project area (166 acres; northeast corner of Mission Bay Park)
- Planning Process and Timeline (anticipated to be a three year process)
- Starting Point (Recreation, Environment, Commerce)
- Using vision in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan
- Project schedule
- Project public outreach
- Mission Bay Park Master Plan Goals and Recommendations
- Guiding principles
- Existing Characteristics of the Project Site
- Opportunities and Constraints
- Preferred Project Program
- Preliminary Program Suggestions

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Becker inquired as to the overall time schedule in moving forward. Ms. Peterson responded the process is envisioned to take three years. Within the next year, it is anticipated to present the three alternatives at a public workshop in September. November presenting a draft preferred alternative; beginning 2017 moving toward a selected revised preferred plan. Mr. Becker also inquired about the creek and water quality if biologists have evaluated. Ms. Peterson stated they will be looking at their biologists study as well as technical work being done by Rewild (sp?).
- Mr. Cho inquired as to the selection process of retail. Ms. Peterson stated it would be done through an RFP process. Mr. Hooker added the City would manage the RFP process.
- Chair Diehl inquired about the funding for the project. Mr. Hooker responded project funding is General Fund money allocated by the Mayor's office for the project.

- Chair Diehl also inquired about the lawsuit against the City on leasing out park lands and how would that affect this project. Mr. Shifflet responded it is too early in the planning of De Anza, but will need to be looked at once a plan is accomplished. Ms. Peterson added all uses being examined are intended to improve and maximize public access. Chair Diehl requested the RV Park portion being screened separately from the remainder of the park areas, so it doesn't stand out and be fairly balanced for the area.
- Chair Diehl inquired as to what organizations approve these plans? Ms. Peterson responded City staff and Placeworks will be seeking approval from the full City Council and Coastal Commission.
- Mr. Otsuji commented on the priorities list and requested staff look at and address all the uses of Mission Bay Park; Fiesta Island, southeast corner of Mission Bay and other vacant areas. Mr. Otsuji requested considering a "sense of entry" for the northeast corner and then something at the southeast corner.
- Mr. Baron inquired about the type of low-scale eco lodge conference center similar to the Sylmar in Monterey. Ms. Peterson stated that is the model they are considering.

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 3:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: **June 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

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