

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
September 15, 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
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Members Present

David Kinney, Vice Chair
David Baron
Jon Becker
Robert Chavez
Ron Cho
Bobby Hughes
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

William Diehl, Chair (Excused)
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

City Staff Present

Andrew Field
Heather Ferbert
Ryan Barbrick
Don Crockett
George Freiha
Bonnie Pearson
Shannon Scoggins
Robin Shifflet
Marco Verdugo
Jim Winter

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kinney at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2016

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the June 16, 2016 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (6-0-2) with two abstentions.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the July 21, 2016 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (6-0-2).

Member Cho arrived late.

NON-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.)

(2) Speakers Re: Signs posted at Casa Beach; Park space acquisition in the College area
Both speakers' comments were received in writing and are included with the Park and Recreation Board's documents of today's meeting.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA – None

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.

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 recommended approval of the Pershing Bikeway, which he stated is an excellent multi-function project with several safety improvements for that area. The committee also recommended for approval renovation work on the House of Charm; most if not all to the Mingei Museum.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

- Mr. Chavez announced the art exhibition taking place at Mission Trails called, "Nature's Expressions" featuring six award-winning artists. This exhibit is on display through October 7, 2016 at the Visitor's Center.

De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee

- Mr. Otsuji stated the committee continues on with the consultants and the next meeting is anticipated to occur in October.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Vice Chair Kinney had no report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Andrew Field, Assistant Park and Recreation Director representing in Mr. Parker's absence while he's on vacation reported the following:

- Staffing changes to Park and Recreation Department's Open Space Division. Mr. Chris Zirkle will be retiring on Friday, September 16, 2016. With his retirement, Mr. Smith has been promoted as the Deputy Director to replace Mr. Zirkle. Mr. Smith's appointment will be effective Monday, September 26, 2016. He added that Kathy Ruiz, Deputy Director, Community Parks I Division will be off on extended leave. In her absence, the department is looking internally to

replace Ms. Ruiz on a temporary basis and continue the good work Mr. Smith has been doing as the Acting Deputy Director. It is anticipated to have that position filled within the next few weeks. In the interim, if the board has any issues/concerns, feel free to contact Mr. Field or Mr. Parker.

- ParksFit which occurred from June to August; culminating with the Finale on August 13 at the Naval Training Center Park. It was an event that was well-received.
- Camp Wet & Wild during mid-August
- Fall carnivals and Halloween upcoming. It's anticipated staff will have a list of the fall activities at the October meeting.
- Groundbreakings and Grand Openings that have occurred:
 - Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park – 8/18
 - University Village Tot in University City Groundbreaking – 8/24
 - Marshall Middle School Joint Use Facility Opening – 9/6
 - Trail for All People in the Black Mountain Open Space Grand Opening – 9/7
 - Larsen Field Accessibility Improvements in San Ysidro – 9/14
- Nature Play opened during the ParksFit event, which is a little area for people to bring their children and play in the area. The hard opening for Nature Play will be 9/24 at 9:00am. Mr. Field invited members to stop by if their schedules permit.
- Mr. Field added staff has been working hard on the Plaza de Panama Project in Balboa Park and will be coming forward with some Council dates in the Fall. The next will be September 19 and at this Council Meeting staff will bring forward the question to discuss forming a Capital Project and allocating \$1M toward the project to continue with the engineering studies necessary. At later meetings, subsequent actions will be brought forward to ask for financing plans for the proposed parking garage and other necessary approvals the Council must make to move forward.

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Baron wanted to thank Mr. Sanchez, Recreation Leader at Golden Hill Recreation Center. He participates in the RBI League which is sponsored by the San Diego Padres. He added that Mr. Sanchez put together a team, uniforms etc. He encouraged other Recreation Leaders to contact RBI as they would assist in funding the needs of teams.
- Vice Chair Kinney commented that he was thrilled about the appointment/promotion of Mr. Casey Smith. He added it is great for the department, but that Mr. Smith will be missed in Balboa Park. He did a fantastic job.

ACTION ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

WORKSHOP

301. Overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act

Mr. Marco Verdugo, Deputy City Attorney presented an Overview PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act, California's Open Meeting Laws. The workshop/presentation provided a brief summary of the Brown Act. Mr. Verdugo covered aspects that were most important to the Park and Recreation Board. This same workshop was presented to the Mission Bay Park Committee and the Balboa Park Committee. He encouraged members to utilize the "helpful resources" information on the final page of the presentation. The workshop covered the following:

- Purpose and Intent (Brown Act was enacted in 1953)
- Basic Rules for Public Access
- How the Board is Subject to the Act
- Definition of "Meeting"
- Serial Meetings Not Allowed
- Use Caution with Email Communications
- What is and is not a "Meeting"?
- Contacts with the Public
- Public Participation
- Public Participation & Access
- Public Right to Documents
- Violations of Brown Act
- Summary
- Helpful Resource

Comments/questions from board members:

- Vice Chair Kinney acknowledged and commented that the board needs to adhere to the Brown Act and a refresher such as this is always worthwhile.
- Mr. Becker inquired about presenters coming forward with their drawings or designs which are their property, are those conflicted out of taking photos? Mr. Verdugo responded the law would protect confidential information. Going to a public meeting and sharing that information would no longer be confidential. Mr. Becker also inquired if items were released by the applicant to share drawings with the public to take photos, would that then be appropriate? Mr. Verdugo responded yes.
- Mr. Field thanked Mr. Verdugo and Ms. Ferbert for their supportive efforts to bring this information to this and the other committees. He added it was very timely and professional.
- Mr. Cho inquired about the Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park August groundbreaking. He wanted to know the inception of the project. Mr. Field stated many years prior to the groundbreaking. He added this project has been in the planning process for approximately 10+ years.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:35p.m.

Next Meeting: **October 20 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

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