

**City of San Diego**  
Park and Recreation Board  
January 19, 2017

**Minutes**

*“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”*

**Meeting Location**

**(Note Location Change)**

Balboa Park Club Ballroom  
2150 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 Kinney, Vice Chair  
David Baron  
Jon Becker  
Robert Chavez  
Ron Cho  
Bobby Hughes

**Members Absent**

Hazel Ocampo  
Dennis Otsuji (Excused)

**City Staff Present**

Herman Parker  
Andrew Field  
Heather Ferbert  
Laura Ball  
Ryan Barbrick  
Mark Calleran  
Elif Cetin  
Alexandra Corsi  
Jeff Harkness  
Craig Hooker  
Brenda Jones  
Mark Moncey  
Bonnie Pearson  
Robin Shifflet  
Jim Winter  
Jane Witzke

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2016**

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Hughes/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the October 20 2016 minutes. Vote was unanimously approved (5-2-1).

Chair called on Bonnie Pearson to say a few words, since this was her last Board meeting before retiring.

Bonnie thanked the Board for their professionalism and stated how honored she was to serve as the Secretary to the Board and to work with them. She stated that her last day in the office will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> and she will officially retire on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and hoped to see them at her celebration on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

**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.)

(1) Speaker Re: DeAnza Cove Planning Process

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.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Baron to move Item 104 Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan and Item 106 Taft Joint Use General Development Plan to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously (6-2-1).

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Hughes/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the agenda as modified to move Item 104 and Item 106 to the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously (7-2-0).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Report

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Report

Balboa Park Committee – Information item was brought before the Committee on the Arizona Landfill to become a Peace Garden. Was favored by most member, but will be expensive to convert.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee - No Report

De Anza 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 had no report. Chair did state that he was in contact with the Mayor's office to see about the 2 vacancies on the board and will continue to follow up.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker want to thank City staff for their hard work over the holiday season with all of the special events that went on in the 56 Recreation Centers.
- Mr. Parker thank Bonnie Pearson, Park and Recreation Board Secretary for all her hard work and dedication to City Service. Ms. Pearson will be retiring on February 10<sup>th</sup> and this is her last Board Meeting.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **101. Guymon Neighborhood Park General Development Plan**

Mr. Jeff Harkness, Park Designer, Planning Department presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to request staff's recommendation and approval of the board for this proposed General Development Plan for Guymon and the renaming of the Park to Hawk Park. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project description
- Requested Action

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Becker inquire about the total cost of the park and if funding was identified. Mr. Harkness stated funding has been identified through a housing grant and the approximate cost is 3 million. Mr. Becker wanted to know if synthetic turf was being used and if irrigation would be used for maintenance purposed. Mr. Harkness stated that synthetic turf was being used and irrigation would be for maintenance.
- Mr. Diehl inquired as to why since this is next to a school this is a pocket park and not a neighborhood park. Mr. Harkness stated that the size of the park .86 acres. Mr. Diehl inquired what is happening with the non-developed portion of the park; will it remain Open Space. Mr. Harkness stated that the next presentation will address this issue and that some of the park will remain Open Space. Mr. Diehl asked if since this is a grant project does it get a higher priority than other parks. Mr. Harkness stated that the funding was to be spent on this project and needs to be completed by 2018.
- Mr. Kinney wanted to know why decomposed granite was chosen. Mr. Harkness stated it was chosen for useable and permutable surface and the storm water BMP for this site. Mr. Kinney stated for drainage also. Mr. Harkness confirmed for drainage also.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Kinney to approve the General Development Plan for Guymon Neighborhood Park and renaming of the Park to Hawk Pocket Park. The motion was approved unanimously (7-2-0).

### **102. Horton Elementary Joint Use General Development Plan**

Mr. Jeff Harkness, Park Designer, Planning Department presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to request staff's recommendation and approval of the board for this proposed General Development Plan for Horton Elementary Joint Use General Development Plan. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project description
- Requested Action

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Baron inquired as to what sort of sports fields will there be i.e. baseball, soccer. Mr. Harkness responded that there will be multiuse fields which will allow for both baseball and soccer. Mr. Baron wanted to know if there will be backstop. Mr. Harkness thought there would be, but will do a double check. Mr. Baron inquired since this was a joint use area if anything was in place for the community to pick up after their dogs so the children aren't dealing with the dog mess. Mr. Harkness refer to Mr. Parker to address this issue. Mr. Parker responded that the Park and Recreation Department works closely with the School District and hopefully will have residents who understand that they are using School District property and pick up after their dogs. On occasion it does become an issue and we address it separately. Mr. Baron wanted to know if there would be posting about having dogs on leash. Mr. Parker responded that there will be.
- Mr. Cho inquired that Mr. Harkness stated City property access was needed in order to make the 1.6 acres usable space. Can you please explain that process? Mr. Harkness stated that we are using City property for this Joint Use. Typically it is only school district property, however, to make this a bigger Joint Use space in the community and provide the multiuse sports filed, City property should be utilized. Mr. Cho wanted to know if this City property is currently being used as park land or Open Space. Mr. Harkness responded that it is currently maintained by the Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department. It is part of the Guymon Park that was identified in the Community Plan, upgraded to a Neighborhood Park to help with the area park deficit. Mr. Cho asked if space was identified as a Park and not Open Space. Mr. Harkness stated that was correct, in the Community Plan.
- Mr. Diehl inquired how long a Joint Use Agreement was for. Mr. Harkness state for usually they are 25 years. Mr. Diehl inquired if we do a Joint Use Agreement with the School District or the school itself. Mr. Parker responded that the agreements are between the School District and the City.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Becker/Mr. Chavez**

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Chavez to accept the General Development Plan for Horton Elementary Joint Use. The motion was approved unanimously (7-2-0).

### **103. General Development Plan Amendment for Centrum Park**

Mr. Mark Calleran, Associate Engineer-Civil, Planning Department and Nate Magnusson, Senior Project Manager, Schmidt Design Group, Inc. presented a report

and PowerPoint presentation to request approval of the board for this proposed General Development Plan Amendment Plan for Centrum Park. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project description
- Requested Action

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Becker inquired if the tot lot area was going to get any improvements for shade. Mr. Magnusson responded that they are not planning improvement to the tot lot area. Mr. Becker asked if there was existing shade in the tot lot area. Mr. Magnusson state yes, there are 3 shade tents. Mr. Becker inquired as to who is maintaining the park. Mr. Magnusson stated that the park is maintained by the developer.
- Mr. Baron comments that the use of oyster shell on the bocce ball courts was very impressive and he really like the exiting park.
- Mr. Diehl inquired if there would be water supplied for the dogs. Mr. Magnusson responded there are 2 drinking fountains, one in each dog park area, and that they are looking into putting in another drinking fountain by the bocce ball court. Mr. Diehl inquired as to the in-field filling will include quick couplers so that the area can be dragged like a regular baseball field so that it won't compact down and be hard. Mr. Magnusson stated that could be included. Mr. Diehl asked if this area would be considered a passive area or an active park. Mr. Magnusson stated that this is technically a passive park. That the area is big enough to throw a football, but not a field. Mr. Diehl is concerned it could be permitted out. Mr. Magnusson won't recommend that be done.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. Baron to accept Amendment General Development Plan as presented by staff for Centrum Park. The motion was approved unanimously (7-2-0).

**104. Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan**

*Item 104 has been moved to the consent agenda*

**105. T&C Public Park General Development Plan**

Mr. Craig Hooker, Park Designer, Planning Department and Rick Barrett, MIG presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to request approval of the board for this proposed General Development Plan Amendment Plan and naming of the T&C Public Park. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project description

- Requested Action

Comments/questions from board members:

- Mr. Becker inquired if the presenters had spoken with the San Diego River Foundation. Mr. Majcher responded that they have been working closely with the San Diego River Foundation and they have been very supportive of the project. Mr. Becker inquires if the surplus parking a part of the greater expansion. Mr. Majcher stated no, 500 parking spaces were being removed to improve the park. A new parking structure with 500 spaces will need to be built to accommodate the park and surrounding buildings. Mr. Becker wanted to know who the storm water was being dealt with on site. Mr. Majcher stated that a portion goes directly into the river after treatment and the other portion drains toward Hotel Circle which after treatment goes into the City storm drains.
- Mr. Kinney stated that he likes the project. He is concerned that the larger area may be seen as popular area for special events and that the park may get overrun with a number of special events making the park not accessible on a general basis. Mr. Majcher responded the MSCP Guidelines are very specific on the passive nature of the park and is very limiting in terms of what active types can occur including events. They have agreed not to have events on the Open Space areas and any event or activity if allowed, would have to go through the City permit process. Mr. Kinney inquired if there was a way to include that in the policy that limits the number of special events.
- Mr. Diehl wanted to know how does this tie into the Union Tribune Park and do they meet up to one another or is there something in between. Mr. Majcher stated that they will meet up and the project will then be carried across the bridge. Mr. Diehl wanted to know where the UT project stood and if it had come to the Board yet. Mr. Hooker responded that no construction documents have been presented.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Becker/Mr. Hughes**

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Hughes to accept the General Development Plan as presented by staff and the name of the Park to T&C. The motion was approved unanimously (7-2-0).

**106. Taft Joint Use General Development Plan**

*Item 106 has been moved to the consent agenda*

**107. Park and Recreation Board Ad Hoc Committee Assignments**

Mr. Diehl asked for volunteers for the 5 Ad Hoc Committee assignments. Mr. Baron is interested in being vice chair of CPII. All other Ad Hoc Committee assignments will remain the same.

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

WORKSHOP - None

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 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: **February 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Herman Parker  
Park and Recreation Director