

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
Minutes  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
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*“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”*

**Meeting Held at:**

Balboa Park Club Ballroom  
2150 Pan American Road West  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Mailing Address is:**

City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS 37C  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Members Present**

William Diehl, Chair  
David Kinney, Vice Chair

David Baron  
John Becker  
Robert Chavez  
Bobby Hughes  
Dennis Otsuji

**Members Absent**

Ron Cho (Excused)  
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

**City Staff Present**

Herman Parker, Director  
Andrew Field, Assistant  
Director  
Mike Armenta  
Ryan Barbrick  
Heather Ferbert  
George Freiha  
Frank Herbst  
Scott Lee  
Jesse Luke  
Gette Manela  
Leigh Ann Sutton  
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 2:05 p.m.

Chair Diehl noted that the Board would meet as the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee at the conclusion of the Park and Recreation Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Chavez to approve the February 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Vote was approved (5-2-0).

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

NON AGENDA ITEMS - None ACTION ITEMS - None COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee

- Mr. Otsuji commented that a meeting had been held. A lot of re-naming of parks will be coming before the Board in the near future. Chair Diehl confirmed that one of the parks would be Mira Mesa.

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Report

## Balboa Park Committee

- Mr. Kinney commented that a meeting had been held. He gave an update on the Non Profit Partners that are working in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Department. They are doing some great things that could be role models for other parks in building conservancy. Committee 100 is looking at restoring the tiles on the east side of the façade at the Automotive Museum. They are raising money to do so. The tiles will be WPA type depictions of facets of California. A sample sign will be posted before the signs are finalized. Balboa Park Conservancy is doing a land study, a tree survey, as well as signage and way signing in conjunction with the Park. Friends of Balboa Park are working on restoration of the Guard Houses on the west end of the park. They are having a Grand Opening on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They also want to start building some entry monuments. Entrances to the park are not always clear. They want to place the first one on Park Blvd. South. Their plans are to build 5 or 6 pairs of monuments. Their recommendations will be forwarded to Director Herman Parker.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

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.)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Diehl reminded Board Members that the Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 needs to be done on line by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's an annual commitment which also needs to be completed when a Member leaves the Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker thanked all the Non Profit Groups that give to and help the parks.
- Mr. Parker also reminded the Board to complete the 700 form by going on the City Clerk's website ([cityclerk@sandiego.gov](mailto:cityclerk@sandiego.gov)) no later than April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mr. Parker noted that they were in Sacramento in early March where Bettie Peabody received her award and was recognized as "Champion of the Community" by the California Park & Recreation Society. Mrs. Peabody was nominated by San Diego Park and Recreation Department with the strong endorsement and support of Friends of Balboa Park.
- Mr. Parker also welcomed his new Executive Assistant Nancy Zamora-Hudson.

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FORMATION ITEM

**201. Park Amenity Condition Assessments through Fiscal Year 2016**

**Presenters:** Jim Winter, Project Officer, Park and Recreation Department and Andrew Field, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background

- Discussion
- Project Description
- Summary

Comments/questions from Board members:

-Mr. Becker inquired as to whether the assessment for irrigation will be made on an as needed basis.

Mr. Winter responded that they did not have the funds to assess that. It is an important piece that they will have to look into. Ms. Sutton added that when the contract was negotiated it was decided not to include the irrigation because it is a design issue. Design was not part of the scope of this contract. The contract was about condition assessments not design.

-Chair Diehl inquired if there was anything in the contract which took into consideration individual park usage.

Mr. Winter commented that the effort looked at the assets and their condition only. Park usage would be something to consider in the future.

-Mr. Baron inquired how Trolley Barn Park received a Park Condition Index (PCI) of 45. Mr. Winter explained that possibly the playground needed to be replaced. Director Parker added that one amenity in the park that is in poor shape could affect the overall score of the individual park.

-Mr. Otsuji commented that he understood irrigation was not included. But were accessibility and health issues not part of the study either.

Mr. Field responded that it only included building assessment and park assessment. The work that was conducted by the consultant looked at barriers. Full accessibility was not evaluated because that involved a full design of the building. The report covered existing building systems known to exist within a building without any additives. That is all included in future plans. It is a multi-year project.

Mr. Otsuji noted that the average useful life of the items included in the study was great information to have included in the report, especially as you look into future renovation of parks. The pricing looked pretty up to date and effective. He expressed his appreciation for the time and effort put into the report. He commented that it was all very useful information.

-Chair Diehl inquired as to whether or not the report could be updated to make it current as new information is added. Mr. Field noted that this was a program level report. This report was not going to deliver a project. He commented that it prepared for funding elements when the project is conceived. The plan is to integrate these results into specific projects for individual facilities in the report.

-Chair Diehl inquired whether the report would be modified as park's PCI scores changed with repairs. Director Parker commented that the information in the report was valuable data that provided a baseline and framework to see what was needed and how it could be improved. Mr. Winter added that the asset management plan would be able to be modified to provide such information.

-Chair Diehl inquired whether the City kept records of items that were repaired throughout the year. Mr. Field responded that yes, it did.

-Chair Diehl inquired whether there currently was a budget to make any of the repairs mentioned in the report. Mr. Field responded that there is a budgetary line for street repairs and roads. There is also a budget within our own divisions to repair equipment like playgrounds. Inspections are triggers which tell when to replace day to day items. Funding is available to get the entire project completed. Sometimes funds are available in some places and not others.

-Chair Diehl inquired whether Park and Recreation had City Council support for funds to get this project done. Director Parker responded that there is wonderful support from City Council as they have given funds to start the process. The report is a document that lays the groundwork for the framework of what needs to be done. It's costing thousands dollars to get the framework which is gathering the data. We will be looking at other funding sources. The first step is to gather the data.

-Mr. Chavez inquired if there were plans to continue the study with the remainder of the parks. He noted the State Park Bond for these type of projects. Director Parker added that there is funding to continue the process. The process will take another 4 or 5 years.

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

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

WORKSHOP – None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 20, 2017**  
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Submitted by,

Herman Parker  
Park and Recreation Director