

**City of San Diego**  
Park and Recreation Board  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 20, 2017

*“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**

David Kinney, Vice Chair

Jon Becker  
Robert Chavez  
Ron Cho  
Bobby Hughes  
Dennis Otsuji

**Members Absent**

William Diehl, Chair (Excused)

David Baron (Excused)  
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

**City Staff Present**

Herman Parker, Director  
Andrew Field, Assistant  
Director  
Rosa Abrego  
Mike Armenta  
Ryan Barbrick  
Rumi Doherty  
Heather Ferbert  
Jeff Harkness  
Brenda Jones  
Jesse Luke  
Samir Mahmalji  
Kathy Ruiz  
Jennifer Scott  
Shannon Scoggins  
Robin Shifflet  
Casey Smith  
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

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

Vice Chair Kinney thanked the Board Members and Staff for their presence and assistance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 16, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Chavez to approve the March 16, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was approved (5-0) with Vice Chair Kinney abstaining.

**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.

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.)

NON AGENDA ITEMS - None

Vice Chair Kinney noted that there was a request from staff to pull Action Item 103 from the agenda. Staff would like more time to work on the item. In order to amend the agenda a motion was requested.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Chavez to table the agenda item and seconded by Mr. Hughes. The motion was approved (4-0) with Vice Chair Kinney and Board member Mr. Becker abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – No Meeting/Report

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Meeting/Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Vice Chair Kinney commented that Park and Recreation had shared their design for some new signage to reflect craftsman feel of the community. Funding to be identified for more such signage in the area.
- He is almost termed out as Chair of Balboa Park Committee. He may have one more meeting but not sure.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No Report

De Anza Special Study Ad Hoc Committee – No Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – No Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Parker noted that Chair William Diehl had surgery and was not able to attend the meeting. He personally thanked Chair Diehl for his passion for Park and Recreation and commitment to work with the Department to bring to fruition so many beautiful parks and facilities that the community could enjoy. Mr. Parker shared a beautiful plaque that was to be presented to Chair Diehl in gratitude for all his dedicated service. He wished Chair Diehl and his family well.
- Mr. Parker reported the completion of Spring Egg Hunts with 57 Recreation Centers participating. There was a great turn-out for the spring event.
- On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Department will be celebrating the Volunteer Recognition Program. The event will be held at Organ Pavilion and will start at 9:00 a.m. There are over 50 thousand volunteers in the City and about 27 thousand of those volunteer in Park and Recreation. Mr. Parker noted that the volunteers have clocked-in over 180 thousand volunteer hours. Furthermore Mr. Parker stated that we could not do it without the volunteers.
- On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a ribbon cutting for Civita Park at 11:00 a.m.
- Mr. Parker reported that the kickoff of the Aquatics Program, "April Pool's Day", would be at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Pool on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Mr. Parker announced that the budget hearings would be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at City Hall for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Vice Chair Kinney added that Chair Diehl had done a great job as Chair for the past years. He was sorry that Chair Diehl was not present so that he could be thanked properly and wished him a speedy recovery.
- Vice Chair Kinney commented that on Easter Sunday he had walked through Morley Field and was amazed and happy to see the overwhelming number of people that were out enjoying the park.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **101. General Development Plan for Linda Vista Elementary School Joint Use Facility**

Ms. Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer, Planning Department; Ms. Robin Shifflet, Development Project Manager, Planning Department; and Mr. Dave Koepcke, District Architect, San Diego Unified School District presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to request staff's recommendation and approval of the Board for their proposed General Development Plan for Linda Vista Elementary School Joint Use Facility. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project Description
- Requested Action

Comments/questions from Board members:

- Mr. Becker inquired as to what the site had been previously. Ms. Scoggins responded that it had been a decomposed granite field for play.
- Mr. Becker confirmed that it had been converted to turf.
- Mr. Becker asked whether the ongoing maintenance was being supported by propositions. Ms. Scoggins responded that maintenance was being provided by the Park and Recreation Department as their contribution.
- Mr. Cho asked if the backstops were lined for baseball or what function they served. Ms. Scoggins explained that they were school district standard so they were smaller than park and recreation standards. There was a small amount of decomposed granite behind the backstop. She noted that there was no striping or infield. They were mainly for school use and practice.
- Mr. Cho inquired whether the space would be available on a first come, first served basis. Ms. Scoggins answered that it would be through Park and Recreation. The anticipation was primarily for organized sports with some time for unstructured play through the Linda Vista Recreation Council.
- Mr. Otsuji commented that he was glad to see natural grass fields. He commented that there may be need for additional shade. He recommended some design that fit the need of the trees.
- Ms. Scoggins noted that they had worked with the school district not to preclude active play.
- Mr. Otsuji further noted that trees are sometimes used for more passive activity.

Speaker: Neutral (1)

- A representative from the San Diego Community Forestry Advisory Board stated that there was still room to add trees even with the playing fields. He stated that the shade of a tree is something everyone should be able to enjoy. He recommended more trees be added in the south and west fields. Also additional trees around the perimeter. The trees would provide shade for spectators watching sports.
- The speaker noted that Proposition Z should be able to provide for the cost of trees as it provides for enhanced physical education. He recommended that a zoned irrigation system be put in now while it is still in the design phase. He stated that trees need to be a central design element to help the City meet their climate plan. He added that trees improve air quality, storm water, carbon sequestration, esthetics, energy savings, increase business and jobs.
- Vice Chair Kinney thanked him for his comments and thanked Mr. Otsuji for suggesting that the number of trees mentioned on the plan was merely a place holder.
- Mr. Andy Field, Assistant Director noted that the trees needed to be 5 to 10 feet away from the playing field and that there were other constraints as the field belonged to the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD). He turned it over to Mr. Dave Koepcke representing SDUSD.
- Mr. Koepcke noted that the community had brought up security concerns and visibility on the field. However, they would take into consideration adding more trees and that the City would maintain them accordingly.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Becker with a strong recommendation for added trees and seconded by Mr. Hughes to approve Item 101. The motion was approved (5-0) with Vice Chair Kinney abstaining.

**102. General Development Plan for Marvin Elementary School Joint Use Facility**

Ms. Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer, Planning Department; Ms. Robin Shifflet, Development Project Manager, Planning Department; and Mr. Dave Koepcke, District Architect, San Diego Unified School District presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to request staff's recommendation and approval of the Board for their proposed General Development Plan for Marvin Elementary School Joint Use Facility. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project Description
- Requested Action

Comments/questions from Board members:

- Mr. Otsuji inquired whether the parking area could be better used for activities. Mr. Koepcke explained that a drop off zone was needed for the school as there was a minimal amount of parking at the school.
- Vice Chair Kinney inquired whether the Joint Use with Schools were permissible. Mr. Parker answered that yes, they were available for special events and other permits. Mr. Field responded that as a general answer if it was within permitted

use of space and allowable within the municipal codes that it would be a permit that could be issued.

- Vice Chair Kinney noted that it made the no amplified sound issue more crucial.

Speaker: Neutral (1)

- A representative from Marvin Neighbors introduced herself. She noted that she has been a resident near the park for over 23 years. She had helped raise money for a field but had not planned to do so at the expense of losing her neighborhood.
- Marvin Neighbors were very pleased that there would be security provided. They wanted to make sure the commitment was to provide security every year.
- She commented that parking was very limited in that area. The extra parking was very much needed to accommodate all other extracurricular activities.
- Marvin Neighbors were concerned about having a voice going forward.
- She noted that they wanted what the report promised and did not want to have to beg every year for what was being promised to them.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve Item 102. The motion was approved (5-0) with Vice Chair Kinney abstaining.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

##### **201. Update to the General Development Plan for CPMA and Gage Joint Use Facilities**

Ms. Robin Shifflet, Development Project Manager, Planning Department presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on their proposed General Development Plan for CPMA and Gage Joint Use Facilities. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Update
- Project Description

Comments/questions from Board members:

- Mr. Becker asked whether the environmental document master plan included Phase 1 and Phase 2. Ms. Shifflet confirmed that the plan included both Phase 1 and Phase 2.

##### **202. Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan**

Mr. Jeff Harkness, Park Designer, Park and Recreation Department and Mark Carpenter, KTU&A Inc. member presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to update and inform the Board on their proposed Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan and Natural Resource Management Plan. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project Description

Comments/questions from Board members:

- Mr. Chavez commented that it was a very nice proposal and a lot of hard work had been put into it.
- Mr. Otsuji asked whether the hold-up had to do with the wildlife. Mr. Carpenter confirmed that it did and that they were working on allowing for a balance with conservation.
- Mr. Becker concurred with Mr. Chavez about it being a great project. He asked for elaboration on constraints on zoning. Mr. Carpenter confirmed that it was primarily owned by private entities. Previously 10 units per acre and now it is 1 development per block. Development had been greatly reduced. Private use would be provided with access to private property through the park. Mr. Harkness confirmed that this was not in conflict with the development plan.
- Mr. Otsuji asked whether restricted space would be opening more area with guidelines in order to connect trails. Mr. Carpenter noted that the Stowe alignment will provide a connection through the east west corner. He noted that they were providing connections and being supportive of the existing trails. Mr. Harkness added that at this point the City owned very little of the parcels that connected to those trails. However they were looking at buying parcels through the Castle Rock trail.

### **203. Park and Recreation Department Proposed FY 2018 Budget**

Mr. Herman Parker, Director, Park and Recreation Department; Andrew Field, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department; and Ms. Rumi Doherty, Supervising Management Analyst, Park and Recreation Department presented a report and PowerPoint presentation to inform the Board on their Park and Recreation Department Proposed FY 2018 Budget. The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Description

Comments/questions from Board members:

- Mr. Otsuji asked how much had been budgeted for the Plaza de Panama project and what the scope included. Mr. Field confirmed the amount budgeted was \$48 million. The scope included reconstruction of a parking garage where pavilion parking is now; a replacement road through the Alcazar providing accessible parking area and drop off location; a bypass bridge connecting Alcazar parking area with the Cabrillo Bridge; and plaza improvements and park improvements throughout Plaza de Panama as well as the Prado leading west to the Cabrillo bridge as they would no longer have vehicular access.
- Mr. Parker applauded staff on the great job that they had done on the budget. This had been a difficult budget year in that they had to face reductions. They looked at reductions that made the budget work. The entire City had to look at reductions this budget year. They were pleased with the budget as it sustained their operation and level of service to the community.
- Vice Chair Kinney thanked Park and Recreation for their presentation and wished them luck with the budget. He noted that it was very impressive to see 90 million dollars being spent on capital improvement projects on parks.

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 3:31 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**Balboa Park Club Ballroom**  
**2150 Pan American Road West**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker  
Park and Recreation Director