

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
San Diego Regional Park Improvement Oversight Committee
Minutes
May 18, 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:

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Members Present

William Diehl, Chair
David Kinney, Vice Chair
Jon Becker
Robert Chavez
Ron Cho
Dennis Otsuji

Members Absent

David Baron (Excused)
Bobby Hughes (Excused)
Hazel Ocampo (Excused)

City Staff Present

Kathy Ruiz, Deputy
Director
Ryan Barbrick
Heather Ferbert
Brenda Jones
Jesse Luke
Samir Mahmalji
David Monroe
Mike Rodrigues
Jennifer Scott
Shannon Scoggins
Robin Shifflet
Jim Winter
Becky Yzaguirre
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Diehl called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE March 16, 2017 MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Cho to approve the March 16, 2017 minutes. The motion was approved (6-0).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Consent 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.)

WORKSHOP - None

ACTION ITEMS –

101. Reallocation of Regional Park Improvement Funds for California Tower Seismic Retrofit and Casa De Balboa Fire Alarm System

Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Senior Management Analyst, Park and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Project Description
- Summary

Comments/questions from Board members:

-Mr. Chavez asked how the combined 250 thousand dollars/funds coming from Mission Trails Park would be replaced. Mr. Barbrick responded that they would be transferred from future Regional Park Improvement Funds or Environmental Growth Funds if they became available. Mr. Barbrick suggested that it would be budgeted for the 2019 fiscal budget.

-Vice Chair Kinney commented that he was happy to see that the Casa de Balboa Fire Alarm was being replaced. He was shocked that it was going to cost over a million dollars just for the fire alarm and not for fire suppression. Mr. Winter noted that the estimate had been received from the Public Works Department and that they too had been surprised by the cost.

-Ms. Ferbert asked for clarification of the motion being approved which was to allocate funds to the California Tower Seismic Retrofit and the Case De Balboa Fire Alarm System.

- Mr. Chavez expressed his disappointment at the price tag for the Fire Alarm and at taking funds away from Mission Trails Regional Park and thus he would be abstaining from the vote.

-Mr. Becker asked if the trails for the park were scheduled for FY 2019 as a resource to borrow from. Mr. Winter explained that they were trying to manage the funds and did not have an exact date for the trails. They knew the trails were coming in the future but did not know exactly when the funds would be needed for the trails. The funds would be available for Open Space trails. Rather than put them into the next fiscal year, Park and Recreation would be prepared to allocate funding for the trails when the funding would be needed.

- Mr. Becker asked if there was a game plan as to when these trail projects would be funded. Mr. Winter explained that when the Open Space Division tells them they would be ready to go.

- Mr. Becker asked whether these projects would be prioritized as in FBA's for scheduling improvements. Mr. Winter explained that the 5 year plan will be revised in order to take care of these funding reallocations. The allocations from the Mission Bay Park lease revenue would be determined once they knew how much they would be receiving this fiscal year. They would adjust the 5 year plan to put the money into the trail projects for Mission Trails Regional Park. The funding identified for some other project will be delayed to a future year if necessary.

-Mr. Chavez asked if the rational for shifting dollars was due to the mission trails projects not being fully funded and therefore they were not actually scheduled for construction. Mr. Winter explained that the trail projects were being done in house and the funding was not needed at the time. If funds were shifted to the California Tower then the California Tower could keep moving forward toward construction. He further noted that they were hoping funds would be available in fiscal year 2019 and would be looking at the 5 year plan at that time. It was a cash management exercise to keep projects moving forward.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Vice Chair Kinney/Mr. Otsuji

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kinney to approve Action Item 101 allocations as presented and seconded by Mr. Otsuji. The motion was approved (4-0) with Chair Diehl and Mr. Chavez abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

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

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

Chair Diehl thanked everyone again and asked everyone to continue carrying on the good work of the Park and Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

Submitted by,

Kathryn Ruiz
Deputy Director, for
Herman Parker
Park and Recreation Director