

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Minutes
Thursday, July 19, 2018

“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”

Meeting Held at:

War Memorial Building Auditorium
3325 Zoo Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

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

Members Present

Katherine Johnston, Chair
Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair
Nick Anastasopoulos
David Baron
Jon Becker
Raymond Bernal
Marcella Bothwell
Rick Gulley
Noli Zosa

Members Absent

Ron Cho (excused)
Bobby Hughes (excused)

City Staff Present

Herman D. Parker, Director
Andrew Field, Assistant Director
Mike Armenta
Ryan Barbrick
Myra Hermann
Jesse Luke
Alyssa Muto
Bethany Windle
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnston at 2:15 p.m. She announced that the Regional Oversight Committee Meeting had been adjourned and they would now reconvene as the Park and Recreation Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018.

MOTION:

MOVED/SECONDED

Ms. Bothwell/Mr. Becker

A motion was made by Ms. Bothwell and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the June 19, 2018 Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes pending a correction be made to Action Item #103 which was double listed as “General Development Plan for Longfellow K8 Joint Use Facility,” but should have read “Item #103, the General Development Plan for Mission Beach Pocket Park”. The motion was approved (8/0) with Mr. Gulley abstaining.

NON-ADOPTION 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 two (2) minutes and is not debatable unless part of an organized group presentation whereby time is ceded to main speaker.

Presidio Park was a non-agenda public comment topic that had an interested speaker.

Speakers (1);

Peter StClair (photo provided to the Board by Mr. StClair is attached to these minutes)

Mr. StClair raised some concerns about the condition of Presidio Park and referenced a letter previously submitted to Parks and Recreation Director Parker. The Director acknowledged having received and responded to Mr. StClair correspondence via District Manager Mario Llanos. Board Member Bothwell requested that a copy of the response letter be made available to the Board Members. Executive Assistant Nancy Zamora-Hudson later forwarded a copy of the response letter to the Board Members via email.

Grape Street Dog Park was a non-agenda public comment topic that had interested speakers.

Speakers (2);

Pauline Peplow
Geri Poitras

Ms. Peplow and Ms. Poitras represented The Dog Owners of Grape Street Park (D.O.G.S.) organization. They introduced themselves and requested contact information for Parks and Recreation Staff overseeing Grape Street Park. Assistant Director Field provided his business card to several D.O.G.S. members in attendance and Ms. Zamora-Hudson later emailed the requested staff contact information.

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. 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.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

Community Parks I Area Committee
Community Parks II Area Committee
Balboa Park Committee
Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Katherine Johnston welcomed and congratulated Rick Gulley on his appointment to the Park and Recreation Board. She noted that Mr. Gulley is a very active volunteer. He has served on the Balboa Park Conservancy Board as well as on the San Diego Zoo Board. He currently serves on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Board as well. She thanked him for his service and invited him to speak.

Mr. Gulley expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Park and Recreation Board. He noted that he had a lot of experience volunteering in Balboa Park but felt it was important to raise the profile and opportunities available in the other 447 parks in San Diego as well.

Chair Johnston was also happy to report that she and Board Member Marcella Bothwell had completed a six-month process with the Recreation Council Working Group. She mentioned that Board Member Ray Bernal had also been instrumental in the RCWG representing District 8. She added that the Committee had almost unanimously approved a new Council Policy that was applicable to Recreation Councils. She noted that it had been submitted for legal review and she was very pleased with the results. The Chair thanked Director Parker and Assistant Director Field for their involvement and support during the process. Chair Johnston anticipated that the new Council Policy would come before the Board in the Fall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director announced that International Mud Day had been a great success and had attendance upward of 1500 people, including adults, kids, and families. The event went back to connecting with nature. He thanked participants and staff involved in the event.

Director Parker also gave Kudos to Vice Chair's Katherine Johnston and Marcella Bothwell for serving on the Recreation Council Working Group. He noted that it had not been an easy process and expressed his gratitude for all their assistance.

The Director announced that Mr. Bernal would be leaving the Board. Director Parker thanked him for all that he had achieved with his involvement with Parks and Recreation.

Director Parker also highly encouraged everyone to participate in the survey for the Parks Master Plan because the City and Department are interested in knowing what the public wants.

The Director also announced that Community Parks I Deputy Director Kathy Ruiz would be retiring as of August 3rd. He thanked her for her many years of dedicated service. He also announced some staffing rotations as Deputy Director Bruce Martinez would be transferring to the Community Parks I Division; Deputy Director Casey Smith would be transferring to the Developed Regional Parks Division; and Jeanette DeAngelis would be joining the Department as Deputy Director for the Open Space/MAD's Division.

ACTION ITEMS - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan

Presenters: Bethany Windle, Park Designer, Planning Department
Mark Carpenter, Principal, KTU+A

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Update
- Question/Answer Session

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Details of the reports, audio and PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>

Next Meeting: **September 20, 2018**
Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

Submitted by,

Herman D. Parker
Director
Parks and Recreation Department



Below Looking West towards Ft Stockton
Cosoy Bowl Presidio Park
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