

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

"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 39
San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present

Katherine Johnston, Chair
Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair
Nick Anastasopoulos
David Baron
Ron Cho (arrived 2:08 p.m.)
Rick Gulley
Bobby Hughes
Noli Zosa

Members Absent

Jon Becker (excused)
Marcella Bothwell (excused)

City Staff Present

Andrew Field, Director (arrived 2:35 p.m.)
Karen Dennison, Interim Assistant Director
Ryan Barbrick
Jason Hendrick
Kevin Nguyen
Kevin Oliver
Mike Rodrigues
Efrain Velela-Mayo
Gabriela Verendia
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnston at 2:04 p.m. She announced that the Board would be convening as the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee at the conclusion of the Park and Recreation Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019

MOTION:

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Hughes/Mr. Otsuji

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve the November 21, 2019 Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Rick Gulley, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: David Baron. Not Present: John Becker, Marcella Bothwell, and Ron Cho.

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 three (3) minutes and is not debatable unless part of an organized group presentation whereby time is ceded to main speaker.

Speaker (1) – Jim Baross commented and provided copies of the official stance from the Normal Heights Community Planning Group regarding the Normal Heights Elementary Joint Use. He noted that this was an issue that would be coming before the Board. The correspondence from the planning group is attached to these minutes.

Speaker (2) - Linda Case also on the Normal Heights Community Planning Group echoed the comments made by Mr. Baross as the official stance from the planning group.

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

Community Parks I Area Committee – No meeting to report Community

Parks II Area Committee – No meeting to report Balboa Park Committee

- Chair Johnston reported that there had been a robust discussion on several items. As Chair of the Balboa Park Committee, she reported that the Committee would be facilitating a process to articulate the vision and values of Balboa Park and create an implementation process. She encouraged attendance at the workshop which would be headed by a facilitator at the Balboa Park Committee Meeting scheduled for February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Balboa Park Ballroom. The workshop was coordinated via a collaborative effort from the Mayor's Office, City Council, the Planning Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mission Trails Regional Task Force – Representative absent

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Johnston welcomed everyone back after the holiday break, and wished them a very Happy New Year.

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Baron wished everyone a Happy New Year. He commented that he had recently been to La Jolla Cove on a Sunday, and he was impressed to find that there had been Staff present providing information and answering questions about sea life.
- He also had a question about the status of the closure of the dog park at Ward Canyon Park. Interim Assistant Karen Director Dennison noted that the Department had recently met with the Humane Society and offered to provide more information off line.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Interim Assistant Director Dennison reintroduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She noted that Director Andy Field would be arriving to the meeting later as he was attending a City Council Meeting downtown.
- She also announced that they anticipated having an update within the next few months regarding new Parks and Recreation Department staff appointments and hires.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Hendrix Pond/Aviary Park Development - General Development Plan

Presenters: Amelia Capron, Consultant, Spurlock Landscape Architects Leigh Kyle,
Consultant, Spurlock Landscape Architects

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

Speakers (4) – In Opposition

- Ron Weiss spoke in opposition to Action Item 101 as part of an Organized Group Presentation;
- James Anderson ceded time to Ron Weiss
- Richard W. Cameron ceded time to Ron Weiss
- Ken Anderson ceded time to Ron Weiss

NOTE: Due to technical difficulties there is a brief gap at this juncture of the audio recording of these minutes.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Zosa /Mr. Anastasopoulos

A motion was made by Mr. Zosa and seconded by Mr. Anastasopoulos to recommend approval of Action Item 101 the Hendrix Pond/Aviary Park Development - General Development Plan. The motion was approved 7-0-1 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Rick Gulley, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: Ron Cho. Not Present: Marcella Bothwell and Jon Becker.

102. Curfew Implementation at Fanuel Street Park, Mission Bay

Presenter: Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Developed Regional Parks Division
Parks and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

Speakers (2) – In Favor

- Regina Sinski spoke in support of Action Item 102.
- Brian White submitted a speaker slip in favor, but was unavailable at the time to speak.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Zosa /Mr. Anastasopoulos

A motion was made by Mr. Zosa and seconded by Mr. Anastasopoulos to recommend approval of Action Item 102 the Curfew Implementation at Fanuel Street Park, Mission Bay. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Marcella Bothwell and Jon Becker.

**103. Park and Recreation Board, Office of Boards and Commissions
Standardized 2019 Calendar Year Report**

Presenter: Andy Field, Director,
Parks and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to recommend approval of Action Item 103 the Park and Recreation Board, Office of Boards and Commissions Standardized 2019 Calendar Year Report. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None).
Not Present: Marcella Bothwell and Jon Becker.

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

WORKSHOP – None

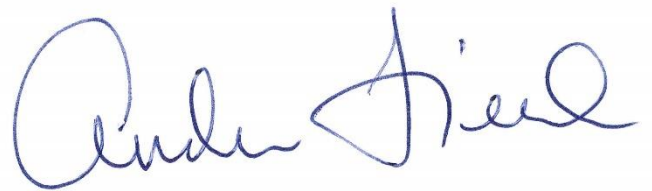
ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Copies 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 Calendared Meeting:

February 20, 2020
War Memorial Building Auditorium 3325
Zoo Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Field". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and the last name "Field" clearly distinguishable.

Andrew Field Director
Parks and Recreation Department