

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
June 2, 2016

Meeting Location:

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

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park Administration
Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Kenneth Davenport – Vice
Chair
Andrew Kahng
Luanne Kanzawa
David Kinney – Chair
Don Liddell
Micah Parzen
Johanna S. Schiavoni
Rob Steppke

Members Absent

Amy Bernal
Dang Nguyen

Staff Present

Susan Lowery-Mendoza
Casey Smith
Jeff Van Deerlin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 5, 2016

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MR. STEPPKE/MS. KANZAWA

A motion was made by Mr. Steppke and seconded by Ms. Kanzawa to approve the May 5, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0-0).

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES – None

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Betty Peabody noted the need to address the parking issues in the park. The Thursday Club raised \$163,000.00 at their Rummage Sale and the applications for funding next year are due July 1, 2016.
- Jesus Benayas of the House of Spain stated that people are mistaken about Balboa, they should read the letters that Balboa wrote to the King of Spain asking him to send good people to stop the atrocities and to follow the king's orders. He wrote about the natives being abused, addressed the human rights issues and exposed the crimes of others. The original letters and translated letters are available for viewing in the House of Spain. He asked that after conversations are held that we move forward to complete the 1915 project by honoring Balboa with a statue.
- Daniele Laman of the House of Pacific Relations noted that they have a new member house – House of Chamorros. She also identified a person who is often intoxicated in the park and steals food. A stay away order is in process of being attained. Cabbage rolls will be featured at the Ladies Axillary luncheon this Wednesday at noon in the Hall of Nations and all welcome.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report presented

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District, Council Representative Stephen Hill – No report

Susan Lowery-Mendoza, District Manager, Balboa Park Facilities and Special Events, Reported the following:

- As noted at the last meeting, the elevator at the San Diego Air and Space Museum is not operational but is next in line for modernization. Fortunately, the vendor will be able to make repairs to the elevator and get in service in time for their next event which was crucial for their operations. The elevator modernization at the Old Globe is going well.
- The Rock'n'Roll 5 K will take place this Saturday, June 4 and the Marathon and Half Marathon on Sunday, June 5. She encouraged all to provide feedback on these events as there are new routes this year which should result in less impact to the park.
- Twilight Concerts in the Park begin on Tuesday, June 21. The schedule is posted at the Organ Pavilion and at Balboapark.org. Paper flyers will be out next Tuesday.

Casey Smith, District Manager, Balboa Park Operations, Reported the following:

- Food Truck Friday tomorrow, June 3 starting at 4:30 p.m.
- Garden Party was held on Saturday, May 28 and was a family friendly event.
- City staff has finished the replacement of the wood planks on the east end of the Palm Canyon bridge and is still in the process of replacing wood on the stairs and portions of planks in other areas.
- Three ornamental Pear trees in the Plaza de Panama were replaced
- The North Fountain was planted
- The landscaping at Sefton Plaza was renovated and planted
- The landscaping at the Balboa (Chess) Club was renovated and planted
- Staff added plants to Zoro Garden
- The first bridge light was removed on May 18 and is currently in the process of being refurbished. The light should be re-installed in 2 to 3 weeks. Lights will be removed 6 at a time beginning in mid-July and refurbished over 2 to 3 weeks then re-installed.
- Irrigation on the West Mesa between El Prado and Upas has been impacted by the Upas Water Main replacement project for the past 2 1/2 weeks. We currently have water service via a temporary water line that is delivering approximately 30 psi of water pressure. Our permanent water service line should be up and running this week.

Jeff Van Deerlin, Program Manager, Balboa Park, Reported the following:

- Provide an update on the budget deliberations. The May revise initiated after City Council review includes the addition of a grounds maintenance supervisor for Balboa Park; funds to renovate Building 8 (Former Naval Medical Library Building); light pole restoration in Balboa Park and two grounds maintenance workers in Mission Bay Park.

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES

Balboa Park Conservancy

Mr. Tomas Herrera-Mishler shared the following:

- Tomas acknowledged the partnership led by Casey Smith and the Friends of Balboa Park for the success of the Garden Party.
- Food Truck Friday is another example of a great partnership

- A sign inventory is taking place, documenting every sign which will be analyzed and wayfinding means identified
- The Botanical Building is in the design phase
- Glad to be nominated as an awardee of the Everywon San Diego event

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership

Mr. Parzen shared the following:

- The Park After Dark and Food Truck Fridays has received a lot of press about the museums committing to be open late.
- The recent One Park- One Team BBQ was a rousing success with over 700 attendees who enjoyed games, activities, good food and comradery.
- BPCP is actively organizing and planning for October's Maker Faire and are collaborating with San Diego based arts organizations to have local art showcased during the event.

Luanne Kanzawa shared the following:

- The Balboa Park Learning Institute is happy to announce that Guest Experience Training 1 and 2 are now online and available for park volunteers and paid teams members to take part in. We look forward to having our Park neighbors make use of this important program.

Committee of 100 – None

Balboa Park Online Collaborative

Nik Honeysett shared the following:

- Thanked the Thursday Club for the grant funding
- Provided an update on the WIFI and the partnership with Cox
- Bandwidth has been expanded and the Botanical Building “painted.” Spanish Village is to be painted with WIFI next week.
- Working on BP. Org to make it more mobile friendly
- Conducting a social media inventory related to Balboa Park. There are over 100 separate social media platforms with over 1 million people.

Friends of Balboa Park

Mrs. Peabody shared the following:

- She noted the wonderful collaboration for the Garden Party event
- Gratiified that the advocacy provided collectively on behalf of the park is appreciated

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

None

Adoption

None

Special Events

301. Everywon San Diego 5K and Half Marathon, Presenter: Elizabeth Cox

Ms. Cox described the new concept of the run which is proposed for Sunday, December 11, 2016. They will nominate 21 causes which will benefit from the fundraising and several organizations in the park have been approached for involvement. The park is touched by the run between 7:22 a.m. – 9:43 a.m., between mile four through eight. They are glad to be able to give back to Balboa Park.

Committee Comment(s):

- Clarification requested on the road closure times requested
- Wonderful concept to spread the wealth among organizations in the community with limited interference to the institutions

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED MS. SCHIAVONI/MR. STEPPKE

A motion was made by Ms. Schiavoni and seconded by Mr. Steppke to approve the event as presented on a one time basis. The motion was unanimously approved (7-0-1) with Mr. Kinney abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Balboa Park Unfunded Park Improvements. Presenter: Casey Smith, District Manager, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department

Casey reviewed the 2016 Unfunded Park Improvements Listings, which were gathered from Park and Recreation advisory bodies and Park and Recreation staff to identify desired or needed improvements in the City's park system. It is not comprehensive, but provides some guidance should funds become available for projects. There has been facility condition assessments performed in 2012 and currently, a park assessment is underway.

Committee and Public Comment(s):

- How is project funding accomplished? The list will keep getting longer
- Any ideas on how to generate funds?
- Need a model shift to keep park up
- Alternative sources of funding are needed
- Support needed for Park Bonds in the State legislature
- A solidified unified effort of support is needed
- Parking districts could be explored
- Review the Soul of San Diego report which has a lot of good data in the document
- The economic impact of the park is important to be known.
- The County, State and Federal agencies should be contributing funds to the park
- The Zoo needs to be a part of the discussion for long range planning

SUB-COMMMTTEE REPORTS

601. Land-Use and Policy – No Report

602. West Mesa Subcommittee – No Report

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S REPORTS –

Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council- Andrew Kahng noted that the council discussed the community plan updates and that their Chair, Jerry Harris, wrote a letter of concern requesting more information as well as inclusion in future planning and outreach.

Johanna Schiavoni announced that Saturday night at the Globe is the First Folio and noted the partnership with the Central Library which is hosting a free, but ticketed educational event around the First Folio.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2016
6:00 P.M.
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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowery-Mendoza
District Manager