

## MINUTES

### City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board **BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE**

December 6, 2007

#### Meeting held at:

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

#### Mailing address is:

Balboa Park Administration  
2125 Park Boulevard MS39  
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

#### ATTENDANCE:

##### Members Present

Laurie Burgett  
Vicki Granowitz  
Mick Hager  
David Kinney  
Mike McDowell  
Michael Singleton (Arr 6:10)  
Donald Steele (Arr 6:15)

##### Members Absent

Jennifer Ayala (excused)  
Patti Roscoe

##### Staff Present

Kathleen Hasenauer  
Bruce Martinez  
Becky Yzaguirre

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Granowitz called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. She then announced the reorder of the Agenda to reflect Information Item 501 will be presented after Staff Reports.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2007 MEETING. (HAGER /KINNEY 4-0-1) ABSTENTION - MCDOWELL**

#### REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Bob Swanson, Executive Director of the San Diego Automotive Museum expressed his concern over the postings for special events in the Palisades parking lot. The 72 hour notice (per municipal code) creates parking issues since most people cannot read the small print that identifies days and dates. Each month City Departments conduct trainings and testing in the nearby facilities which impacts the parking when they park large city trucks and maintenance vehicles in the lot.

Staff stated they will continue to notify other City Departments to use the Federal Building, and Organ Pavilion parking lots when permitting the facilities. Staff will seek clarification on the municipal code as it relates to advanced postings

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Vicki Granowitz announced the recent promotion of Kathleen Hasenauer as the Deputy Director of Developed Regional Parks Division.

## **STAFF REPORT**

Jeffery Tom stated that Council Member Atkins attended the Friends of Balboa Park luncheon, the Barona December Nights check presentation and press conference, and the SDG&E Tree Lighting Ceremony. Ms. Atkins will also be attending the Poinsettia Display on Friday.

Council Member Atkins expressed her appreciation to Mick Hager and the San Diego Natural History Museum for their hospitality during her recent visit to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Deputy Director, stated the Poinsettia Display will take place on Friday, rain or shine. A press conference was held with Barona to present the Mayor with a \$100,000 check for Balboa Park December Nights. On December 3, SDG&E in collaboration with Balboa Park will light the Plaza de Panama with LED lights.

The following donations have been received for projects in Balboa Park: Balboa Park Endowment Fund, \$4,900 for the Bridle Trails; Friends of Balboa Park \$33,060 for Nate's Point dog off-leash area; Mr. Green, \$5,000 for the West Mesa.

Jon Maddern is the new Golf Operations Manager at Torrey Pines, the first municipal course to host a U.S. Open.

Becky Yzaguirre, Acting Facilities and Special Events District Manager, reported that Balboa Park Activity Center and Municipal Gym will be closed for the next two weeks to have the floors refinished. The Morley Field Recreation Council is covering the expense. The Morley Field Recreation Council voted unanimously to approve the Roosevelt Jr. High Joint Use Improvement Project.

Bruce Martinez, Operations District Manager, reported that several projects were completed including the Bridle Trail Project. City Staff applied 275 tons of class two road base on the trail. The material was provided by the Balboa Park Endowment.

The California Conservation Corps cleared out the slope along highway 163 near the San Diego Air & Space Museum. It was a three day project and they removed non-native plant material and dead trees.

A double gate entry system is being installed at Nate's Point dog off leash area. Funding was provided by Nate's Point Dog Owners Group.

### Committee Member Comments

- The Legler Benbough Foundation donated \$20,000.00 to the Central Cultural de la Raza to assist with administration costs.
- It was suggested the Balboa Park Committee send a thank you letter to Barona for their support of Balboa Park December Nights.
- Staff had contingencies plans to address the impending storms during the Balboa Park December Nights event.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consent**

101. None

### **Adoption**

201. None

### **Special Events**

301. None

## **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

401. Redwood Bridge Club Shuffleboard Courts Concrete Removal Project  
Charles Daniels presented an overview of the project. City staff and The San Diego Foundation are working on the proposed project which entails removing the shuffleboard courts and croquet areas at the Redwood Bridge Club. The project consists of removing concrete, walls, and bleachers and placing mulch in the area. The project will include ADA access from Balboa Drive to existing walkways. The shuffleboard courts on the far southwest end of the area will remain as they are currently being used for other recreational activities. Charles thanked Alyssa Wolven for providing the photos presented. Pam Crooks, Balboa Park Endowment stated that about \$53,000.00 has been approved for this project. She welcomed ideas for future use of the area. Pam introduced Alyssa Wolven as The San Diego Foundation's newest member. Alyssa Wolven stated that the Balboa Park Horseshoe Club has shuffleboard courts. She also mentioned that the existing bleachers have been heavily damaged by skateboarders.

### Committee Member Comments

- Mulch is not the best use of park land.
- Thanks were expressed to The San Diego Foundation for funding the project.
- The area has been a liability for sometime, it should be enhanced and used as an active recreational area.
- Potential for artificial turf was discussed. The Roosevelt Jr. High joint use proposal considered for artificial turf however, issues of durability outweighed the savings.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

501. LED Samples Proposed for Post-Holiday Installation along Cabrillo Bridge and El Prado

True Ryndes presented an overview of the LED light project with a visual light display. Last year at the request of Paul Sirois and Mauro Garcia, he and the Friends of Balboa Park began the research for this LED lights project. Over the course of the year there have been many changes to the bulbs and light color. The current 10w incandescent bulb is being replaced with a 1w LED bulb. With these new lights the City would recognize a 141,101 kwh savings, which is equal to about \$ 1,800.00 a month. The life of each bulb is approximately 10 years with costs for each bulb in the \$6 to \$7 range. With the savings generated, the LED lights would essentially pay for themselves within seven months.

Committee Member Comments

- Bulb temperature may make them more susceptible to theft.
- Enhanced safety aspect.
- Thanked True Ryndes for his efforts and persistence.

502. Overview of Recreation Councils

Debbie Jones, Area Manager presented an overview of recreation councils and how they operate using North Park's area as an example. Becky Yzaguirre provided a contrast of recreation councils to the Morley Field Recreation Council.

Committee Member Comments

- What are the guidelines for recreation councils as Special Use Permittees.
- The issue of what limitations, if any, do the recreation councils have to spend or fund programs and projects was discussed.

503. Proposed changes to the Alcohol Ban for the Public Areas of the Central Mesa of Balboa Park

Vicki Granowitz, Chairperson presented an overview of the current alcohol ban and boundaries in Balboa Park. The three types of alcohol bans were identified; a 24 hour, a 16 hour (8:00 P.M. – 12:00 P.M.), and a 12 hour (8:00 P.M. – 8:00 A.M.). The Balboa Park sub-committee wants to honor the traditions in the park that are experienced by the law abiding citizens but also wants to address the problem areas at the same time. The proposal has been reviewed by the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, Central Balboa Park Assembly, and City Council Districts 2 & 3. All support a proposed change moving forward. The proposal identified nine lawn areas that SDPD and Park Rangers can monitor.

Committee Member Comments

- Information was presented on how the existing alcohol bans on the

- East & West Mesas have helped to cleaned up those areas in the park.
- It would be unfair to have a 24 hour ban. People who drink responsibly should not be impacted.
  - Support for visitors wishing to have a glass of wine before a play or concert was expressed.
  - The 16 hour ban (12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.) is sufficient.
  - Groups requesting a special event permit would be allowed to request alcohol within their designated venue.
  - Signage addressing the ban in areas was discussed.
  - A general implementation plan would be necessary.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

601. Land-Use and Policy – Laurie Burgett stated the sub-committee did not meet. However, future topics to discuss are activities with special events permits, the impacts and wear and tear on the park, and standardization of announcements and outgoing information. Laurie thanked everyone for their input.

David Kinney presented a handout draft of the organization chart for Balboa Park which is a work in progress.

### **COMMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT**

**Vice Chair** – Mike McDowell reported City Council passed a resolution for a Tourism and Marketing District which will significantly impact the tourism industry and provide new revenue for the City.

#### **Members at Large**

Donald Steele – Wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

#### **Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council**

Andrew Kahng reported that Jerry Harris is the new Chairperson. The rec. council is updating its bylaws to be in compliance with the new Standard Operating Procedures. The rec. council approved the purchase of two AED machines for Balboa Park Activity Center and Municipal Gym.

#### **Balboa Park Cultural Partnership**

Mick Hager reported the Dead Sea Scrolls have created a security challenge during the December Nights event. Due to the increase number of visitors in the park the exhibit will not be on display during the museum's free admission times. Effective December 15, the museum will extend the hours from 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. and the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit has been extended through January 6, 2008.

David Kinney reported the Robert Smith Symposium held on November 19 at the San Diego Museum of Art was well attended. The Keynote speaker was Dr. Ken Blanchard who donated \$10,000 to the museum. The Museum of Photographic Arts will be celebrating there 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in January with a retro exhibit. The Japanese Friendship Garden and the Art Institute are collaborating on projects.

**Golden Hill Planning Group**

Laurie Burgett reported the Von Reiter Group submitted an application to vacation Russ Blvd, public right of way, for parking. Applicant received no support from community groups or City departments. Von Reiter Group withdrew application.

**Uptown Planning Group**

Michael Singleton reported there is a quite a bit of development going on with developer fees. He suggested looking into the possibility of using developer fees in Balboa Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Granowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

**Next Regular Meeting:**

Thursday, January 3, 2008  
6:00 P.M.  
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Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Hasenauer

