

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD  
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE'S  
WEST MESA SUBCOMMITTEE  
Thursday, August 19, 2010,  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Don Liddell at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Don Liddell (Chair), David Kinney, Vicki Granowitz, Dale Hess, Carol Venable, Leo Wilson, Jason Elrod

Non Agenda Public Comment: None

Minutes from July 15, 2010 meeting were approved by voice vote.

Parliamentary Items: Voted to add Jason Elrod as a voting member of the West Mesa Subcommittee; Elrod is a member of the Balboa Park Committee representing the CCPG, and resides in Bankers Hill/Park West. Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

Discussion Items

1. Sixth Avenue Park Bench Pilot Program:

Chair Liddell provided an update regarding the new benches that would be placed in Balboa Park. He shared the following E-mail from Bruce Martinez:

Hello Mr. Liddell

I hope you are well. We received approval that the new bench design was approved for ADA. The manufacturer is putting a rush on the new mold to create a single pour bench with an armrest in the center. I'm also waiting for dedicated plaque verbiage. Pads are in place and funding has been provided by the Balboa Park Trust. The creation of the plaques will be the time variable for delivery. As I get additional info I'll let you know. Take care.

Bruce Martinez  
District Manager  
Balboa Park Operations

2. Special Event Review and Permitting Process:

A motion from the July 15, 2010 meeting was amended to limit the special event set-up time restrictions to only the West Mesa area of Balboa Park. The West Mesa area of Balboa Park was understood to refer to the area of Balboa Park west of the Interstate 163 freeway.

Below is the full motion, as approved at the July 15, 2010 meeting, the amendment added to the motion is underlined:

**Motion: The following motion shall be applicable only to the West Mesa area of Balboa Park, defined as that portion of Balboa Park west of Interstate 163: (1.) Special events shall be allowed to set-up no earlier than 24-hours prior to the start of the event; (2.) No set-up activity shall be allowed between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; (3.) Any exception to these requirements will need to have the approval of the Balboa Park Committee, based on specific findings justifying the exception. (Vote 7-0)**

The committee discussed the upcoming Halloween Haunted House event, which will take place in October. Wilson said there had been problems with the event, because of late night noise, loitering and trash. Venable pointed out the event appeared to last until midnight, which resulted in youths loitering in the neighborhood at late hours; there had also been some reported violent acts associated with the event. Problems discussed with the event in previous years included noise and screaming; drinking, possible curfew violations, vandalism and trash. Traffic control was also a concern.

As a result of this discussion, the following motion was passed:

**Motion: The West Mesa Committee recommends the Halloween Haunted House event organizer attend the September meeting of the Balboa Park Committee, to address problems associated with the previous haunted house events, and discuss possible mitigation measures. (7-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m

Next meeting on September 16, 2010,

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Wilson