

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE'S
WEST MESA SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, July 15, 2010,
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Present: Don Liddell (Chair), David Kinney, Richard Ledford, Vicki Granowitz, Jeannie Rawlings, Dale Hess, Carol Venables, Leo Wilson

Non Agenda Public Comment: None

Parliamentary Items: Voted to add Jeannie Rawlings as a voting member of the subcommittee; voted to provide Leo Wilson and Vicki Granowitz voting rights as subcommittee members.

Action Items

1. Sixth Avenue Park Bench Pilot Program:

Chair Liddell provided an update on the placement of benches along the sidewalk pathway through the West Mesa area of Balboa Park. He indicated a trial bench had been placed near the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Upas Street. It was not favorably reviewed by park staff, as it consisted of two parts that had to be bolted together, and had an unfavorable color. Subcommittee members also indicated a dislike of the color.

The Balboa Park Foundation has agreed to fund the placement of the benches discussed by the Balboa Park Committee, at the recommendation of the West Mesa Subcommittee. The city has chosen a new type of bench, which would have a raised hump in the middle of the seating area to discourage sleeping. The concrete pads for the new benches had already been poured. David Kinney complimented the subcommittee for instigating the decision to place the new benches.

2. Special Event Review and Permitting Process:

Two motions were presented by Ledford; seconded by Wilson.

(1.) The first motion related to how much time prior to the start of a special event should event set-up be allowed. The proposed motion would have modified the special event fee structure to discourage early set-up prior to 24 hours before the commencement of an event.

Granowitz, supported by Kinney, indicated a fee penalty was not the appropriate mechanism to regulate the time of special event set-up, and may violate park policy. Instead, a proposal was discussed to set a specific time limit for set-up prior to the commence of a special event, which would have a discretionary exception policy After

an extended discussion by the subcommittee, the following consensus motion was formulated and adopted.

Motion: (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 8-0)

(2.) The second motion related to studying the impacts of special events to edge residential communities along the western boundaries of Balboa Park. The motion was well received, accepting the reservation that Granowitz expressed that the Parks & Recreation Department likely did not have the monies for such a study. Funding for the study would instead have to be found from an alternate source.

Motion: Request the Parks & Recreation Department to study impacts of special events in Balboa Park upon edge-residential communities bordering the West Mesa, and determine the possible need for stricter regulations of major special events that would impact the edge areas. (Vote 8-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m

Next meeting on August 19, 2010,

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Wilson