

**City of San Diego  
Torrey Pines City Park Advisory Board  
February 19, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Held at:**

Forum Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Wells Fargo  
4545 La Jolla Village Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122

**Mailing Address is:**

City of San Diego  
202 C Street, MS 5A  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Members Present**

Ginny Barnes, Chair  
Ken Baier, Hang Gliding/Torrey Hawks Hang Gliding Club  
Ronald Brown, Torrey Pines Gulls-Radio-Controlled Soaring Society  
Ken King, Council District 1 Representative  
Douglas Williamson, University Community Planning Group  
Brian Thompson, Torrey Pines Association  
Chris Schmidt, Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter  
Edward Slater, Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California

**Members Absent**

Michael Stepler, Park & Recreation Board Member  
David Metzgar, Paragliding/San Diego Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association  
Mary Coakley, Park & Recreation Board's Community Parks 1 Area

**City of San Diego Staff**

Michelle Abella-Shon, Project Manager  
Jesse Mays, Council Representative, District 1

**Other Agencies**

Milton Phegley, Director, Community Planning, University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair, Ginny Barnes, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Corrections:

1. Communications first item to read:
  - a. Bob Kuczewski reported that he and David Beardslee have been reinstated back to the Gliderport. He stated that the Advisory Board ~~can~~ should play an ongoing role at the Gliderport.
2. Workshop Items:
  - a. Revise title to: 301. **Discussion of Board Member Outreach –Advisory Board and Public Comments**
  - b. Add 39. The gliderport is the jewel of the park.

A motion was made by Ronald Brown and seconded by Edward Slater seconded. To approve the January 15, 2008 meeting minutes with corrections. The vote, of those present at the January meeting, was unanimous.

## **COMMUNICATION**

1. Ginny Barnes announced that the Advisory Board meeting schedule agendas are now on Council District 1's web page. The meetings are on a standing schedule, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Meeting agendas and minutes will be sent to the Board and available to the public via link from Council District's and City's Park Planning web sites 72 hours prior to the meeting. Board Members may contact Ginny Barnes regarding meeting schedule or missed meetings.
2. Bob Kuczewski requested board action on the following advisements to the Advisory Board:
  - a. should ensure that the park be open and available to all flying uses and users.
  - b. should work toward a special use zone on the beach for emergency landing
  - c. should address management issues re: park development.
3. Ginny clarified that this request is not on the agenda so the board could not take action, and would not discuss them at this meeting. She invited Bob to email his text to her for inclusion.
4. Ginny Barnes clarified that while discussion of the current operations of the gliderport are not part of the Board's role and responsibility the discussion toward optimal practices as they relate to the physical development of the park will be important to the creation and success of the Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan (GDP).

## **REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES**

None

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

1. Ginny Barnes reported on the following items discussed at the 2-19-09 Park and Recreation Board meeting:
  - a. Park use fees, exclusive use permits are to be studied by the City to appropriately cover costs of improvements, operation and maintenance. Information specific to Torrey Pines City Park was not discussed.
  - b. Brown Act applies to this Board in that no two or more Board members can discuss or come to a conclusion on any topic associated with Torrey Pines City Park. All deliberation needs to happen in the public forum of the Board Meetings.

## **CITY STAFF REPORT**

1. Michelle Abella-Shon provided updates on the Consultant Contract status for the Torrey Pines City Park GDP. She expects the contract to go before City Council soon and will notify the Board through the Chair prior. Complications include defining the best method to meet the settlement agreement and obtain necessary permits.

## **BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**

None

## **OTHER AGENCY'S REPORT**

None

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **101. Wallace Roberts, & Todd, Inc. as Design Consultants**

1. Ginny Barnes did not know that the contract between the City and WRT had not been completed. The Board agreed that the Agenda for future meetings may need to be canceled until the WRT is under contract
2. Ginny Barnes instructed all information communicated to WRT to be directed to her and Michelle Abella-Shon and they will forward it to WRT as appropriate.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**201. None**

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:**

**301. Discussion of Board Member Outreach—Advisory Board and Public Comments:**

1. A site visit for Board Members would be helpful. It should be a public meeting scheduled for a weekend day at the end of March/early April to best include all users.
2. In a recent University Community Planning Group meeting concern was expressed about the historic designation of the site. The Board's representative invited them to attend the TPCPAB meetings (none attended the 2/19/09 meeting).
3. After hours security of the park needs clarification for the development of the GDP. Currently, the gate at the road entrance is locked nightly. Currently the gliderport operator has a security person to guard the leased facility. State Park rangers have been called to respond to issues. City of San Diego Police Department has jurisdiction. UCSD security is nearby.
4. Associated Glider Clubs of Southern California has been working with UCSD and the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine (SCRM) to keep the runway available for use in the 2009 flying season.
5. Ginny Barnes will add an agenda item for each Board Member to report on relevant activities and progress.
6. The current legal jurisdictions of flying and landing should be understood for the GDP. i.e. is it legal to fly over Torrey Pines State Park, private residences? How are emergency landings legally currently addressed. What improvements should be considered as part of the GDP? Who should negotiate changes with the regulatory agencies? The Board is currently composed of a representation of national flying organizations and may provide a very helpful voice in cooperating and coordinating site operations.
7. A presentation of how issues of adjacent land (and air space use) will be addressed by the CEQA review will be helpful to the process.
8. The brass plaque identifying the historic designation of the site is mounted on a concrete remnant of a WWII. Is the concrete 'holy' is it part of the historic designation?

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: **Thursday, April 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Doyle Recreation Center/Community Park**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Abella-Shon  
Project Manager