



Parks Committee January 8, 2020 Minutes

Peninsula Community Planning Board
Parks Committee
January 8th, 2020 meeting

Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St
San Diego, CA 92106

General

Meeting called to order by Don Sevrens at 6:25 pm.

Present: Don Sevrens, Mandy Havlik, Margaret Virissimo, Byron Wear, Stephen Rodi, Nate, Mary Harder

Introductions of Committee Members Don Sevrens (chair) and Mandy Havlik

Byron Wear and Stephen Rodi introduced themselves as Board Members of the Peninsula Aquatic Complex Coordinating Council (PACC)

Don Sevrens educated the group about the Park & Rec Council along with the Sunset Cliffs National Parks Council and the Peninsula Community Planning Board are advisory boards that give recommendations to the city.

Approval of the agenda- Motion made by Don Sevrens. Mandy Havlik seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Non-agenda Public Comment

None

Board-Initiated Informational Items

Byron Wear presented details of the NTC Aquatic Complex at Liberty Station.

See attached detailed handouts provided at the meeting. REQ FROM BYRON WEAR

The Liberty Station Aquatic Complex was envisioned in 1998 by a longtime resident Julie Cramer. The City of San Diego enlisted the services of Hunsaker Architects from St. Louis, MO for the design of the project. The goal is to have a 50 meter pool for regional competitions, a 25 meter x 35 meter warm water pool and an interactive community pool for small children to play.

The City of San Diego has agreed to operate the complex as a Park and Recreation facility.

Funding of the project has been an issue due to the loss of California State redevelopment funding.

The city has a Mello-Roos Tax for the neighborhood located within the Liberty Station area.

Informal discussions have been made with the San Diego Unified School District and the Department of the Interior with regards to a School Bond funding the project. They are currently waiting on a response from the Department of Interior in regards to the land originally being slated for Park and Rec when it was gifted to the city.

Stephen Rodi spoke on behalf of the Peninsula Aquatic Complex Coordinating Council (PACC).

The Peninsula Aquatic Coordinating Council (PACC) was created by PLHS parents, alumni, community members, swimmers, kayakers, and civic leaders to advocate on behalf of the project. The Committee was established 3 years ago.

Stephen's son plays on the Point Loma High School Water Polo Team. He said the YMCA pool located nearby is not adequate for high school athletics due to its design. The team and the students on the High Tech High School Water Polo team commute to Barrio Logan to compete. He informed the group there is a pool at La Jolla High School that was built with private funding. There is a lack of swimming pools in our community and not enough area to utilize for swimming/water sports.

The city has agreed to maintain the pool and funding streams need to be found. The San Diego Unified School District has agreed to utilize a school bond for funding and \$2.1 million dollars in Development Impact Fees (DIF) Funds secured via the Midway DIF. The Midway Community Planning Board has approved the concept.

The current design is a concept and can be changed. Building 619 is currently located at the end of Womble Road at NTC Liberty Station and is in need of repair due to long time vacancy. The project is 3.8 acres. The city is currently in the process of transferring the channel responsibility from the United States Navy. Margaret Virissimo suggested Dedications as a way to raise funds for the project.

Mary Harder asked what the hours of operation would be. Byron Wear advised that the city has agreed to operate, and the complex would have similar hours to the Ryan Family YMCA. Mary Harder was concerned about competitive sports teams taking over and not allowing ample space for residents to use the pools at the complex. Stephen Rodi assured her this concern would not happen due to the multiple pools currently in the design.

Don Sevrens mentioned that on a recent visit to the Pasadena Aquatic Center he had a hard time locating a hotel room nearby. He suggested the (PACC) may find additional support from nearby hotels located in Point Loma for the project.

Margaret Virissimo asked when they plan to present this project to the Peninsula Community Planning Board. They are currently waiting on the green light from the Department of Interior. She also agreed that there is a lack of pool space for our community to teach young children to swim.

Famosa/Site #428 Update

Margaret Virissimo said currently the city has received no RFP's and the city has extended the RFP deadline to the end of February 2020.

Don Sevrens mentioned a portion of the property consists of wetlands and the city has mowed them 2 times.

Don Sevrens mentioned that a local business owner has complained to him about the traffic along Voltaire. The amount of 18 wheelers driving along Voltaire instead of Nimitz has increased.

Sunset Cliffs National Park Council

No official representatives from the Council attended the meeting. Don Sevrens provided high level information about the organization. Mandy Havlik became a member of the Sunset Cliffs National Park Council in January 2020.

Mary Harder asked where they were on the cliff repair erosion project.

Don Sevrens said that they were currently finishing up Phase II of the project.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.