

Scripps Park Project

La Jolla, California

Agenda - 17 December 2006

Members Present: John Kucera, Neil Murray, Mary Coakley, David Singer, Angles Leira, Nancy Miller, Patrick Ahern **Absent:** Mark Brown, Mark Holmes,
Visitors: Bob West, Prudy Horne, Marybeth Barcus, Steve Pomerneke

Chair Report

Parks and Beaches Committee was notified that the Scripps Park Project is a standing committee of the La Jolla Town Council. Discussion on the relationship between SPP and P&B will take place at the next P&B meeting.

The Scripps Park Plan has been approved by the community. Neil Murray and Patrick Ahern will be meeting with City representatives Diego to determine the steps Plan required to have the Plan approved by the City of San Diego.

Subcommittee reports

Lifeguard Station

Members of the subcommittee met with Jihad Sleiman (City of San Diego - Project Lead) and subsequently met among themselves.

It was generally agreed that the job of SPP is to initiate projects according to the plan, set the criteria, and then critique what is proposed. Our job is not to design projects.

There are many problems identified with the ramp proposed to access the lower level:

- The Ramp will jut 7.5 feet past the tower @ a slope of 1:12 and 15 feet past the lifeguard tower @ 1:15.
- Lifeguards will take longer to give aid because they will have a longer path of travel.
- This bulky structure will change and cramp this historic area.
- Requires removal of some 100 year old palm trees.
- the view from above is superior to the deck is not as panoramic as the sidewalk above;
- There are other views throughout the Park
- the lifeguards give "aid wherever it's needed" so direct access to the tower is not necessary;
- An even better accessible viewing area at can be created at Point La Jolla just above the Cove.
- A ramp is not in compliance with the plan, which leave the deck alone . . . and it recommends an ADA viewing site at Point La Jolla.
- destroys the historicity of the Park
- Ramp is very expensive

John Kucera will get a letter from Lt. John Greenhalgh stating the Lifeguard's opinion.

La Jolla Cove Swim Club – Lower Level Staging & Seating Area Proposal

Neil Murray & Bob West Report

This is a user initiated group willing to fund the project. Here are some guidelines that were considered:

- Functional - Serves the needs to swimmers and visitors
- Gives storage (clutter of bags get wet and dirty), Park Maintenance blows dirt on the bags from above.
- Warmer area for swimmers
- Gives a place to sit
- Educational aspect can be added
- Unobtrusive / subtle – cobble to connect with the rest of the park.
- Artistic
- Concrete Pad – become an educational component

Various Comments about the Bench:

- Powder coated metal – not as user friendly (hot in the summer / cold in the winter), wood or concrete or trex, might be a better option, fiberglass reinforced material. Not much sun on the benches so heat is not an issue. Bench could get cold. Like the idea of back of bench used to hang bags. Keep maintenance in mind. Cobblestone with abalone is good.
- Add plaques honoring swimmers / tell stories / Educational tools. Ground – make the area bigger – connect with the bench.
- Tread lightly / do no harm – prefer that the bench follows the wall / hug the wall. Likes the ficus on the wall – connects to area to the planters / home for rats. If something works – leave it and build on it. could break up the project into both the bench and the wall.
- Invite artists to submit ideas. Gallery owner Mark Quint & Art Critic Robert Pincus suggested sculptors - Jay Johnson, Roberto Desalvo, Ann Mudge and Melissa Smedley. Responsible way to proceed is to explore and be open to and proceed in a quick and succinct way. John Kucera, Prudy Horne and Mary Coakley expressed an interest in exploring options. Design competition. Careful to not get it bounced into the Arts and Culture Committee of the City of San Diego.
- This is an important project – needs to be done in a thoughtful way. The process is important because this is SPP's first project. Art and education are important elements.

La Jolla Cove Swim Club will consider comments and return.

Treasurer Reported:

Bank balance \$9,472.16

Next monthly meeting: January 21, 2008, 5:00 pm at the La Jolla Library.