



Minutes - SPP Meeting

October 16, 2006

Start: 5:30 pm

Present: Patrick Ahern, Neil Murray, Angeles Leira, Mark Brown, Mary Coakley, David Singer, Robert Thiele, Gloria Gandara, Irine Udelf, Ron Dahlin, Page Naule, Bena Fisher, Howard Bresmer, Fred Hallett, Zack Hayman, Nancy Miller, Scott Farr, Robert Miller, John LaRaia, Pam Murphy-Muster, Johnnie Muster, Dave Schwap, Leslie Anderson, Jim Ahern, Marge Ahern, Jen Steele, Carmel Repp, Julius Pearl, Kianoosh Radsan, Gordan Shifrin, Arleen Shifrin, Portia S. Wadsworth, Raymond K. Johnson, Del Ferris, Clay Bennett, Jaruska Solyova, Donna Norton, Barry and Serena Guinn, Albert and Kathleen Fredman, Donna Lochtenfeld, Howard Doty, Carl duPont, Lisa Maher, Diane Busch, Bill Busch

Public input meeting for Draft Consultant Report on Scripps Park Project:

Regarding Plan's suggested Improvements:

- Local residents around the Park are concerned with the prospect of major disruptions stemming from recommended improvements to Girard and Coast intersection.
- Re-landscaping should be done very carefully, aiming to only protect the Park and prevent erosion.
- Money should only be spent on needed improvements.
- "Tread lightly" on changes to Park, particularly Belvederes, bluffs, and the rest of the Park
- Park should not be commercialized.
- Slanted parking slots on southeast side of Coast Walk will gridlock the whole street during crowded weekends.
- Carefully consider that heavy equipment used for re-landscaping and re-grading could damage bluffs.
- Only spend money on what is necessary to Park.
- Leave fences as is.
- Improving Park will impact usage during improvements
- No to adding any cross-park paths. Breaks up the Park too much. Hand count is 30 to 4 on this input.

Bridge Club location

- Like the Plan very much except for Bridge Club recommendation.
- Community Workshop was not representative of community.
- Exclude any mention of the consultant's recommendation to move the Bridge Club.
- Current landscaping and Bridge Club placement muffles traffic noise and enhances Park experience.
- In Final Report on Scripps Park, add mention of 9 to 1 ratio of citizen input at this meeting favored leaving Bridge Club in present location



General Comments

- There is a need to regulate uses of the Park so small groups cannot dominate the Park.
- Add “user info” to the Draft Plan.
- “Activities in the Park” should not be controlled by any “Park Board.” Leave Park and Recreation system as is. Hand count is 24 for to 7 against on this issue.
- On Page 9, Fees Assignment proposal is too broad, could result in too much interference with Bridge Club fees for weddings being used for Bridge Club improvements. Add “excluding fees accrued by Bridge Club” to this section.
- Access to Park from Prospect could be improved with an escalator.
- Consider implications to California Coastal Commission funding grants ceding too much influence to State regarding Scripps Park
- Consider closing Cave Street from Prospect to the Cove.
- At future date, consider “opening up view corridors” by relocating Bridge Club.

General direction from here is to take this input to SPP Board and generate Final Recommendations.

Final Recommendations from SPP will then be taken to all four La Jolla community groups (La Jolla Town Council, Promote La Jolla, Community Planning Association, and La Jolla Park and Rec Inc.) for their consideration and input. First presentation anticipated to be 1st quart of 2007.

Final presentation then to be made to City Park and Recreation Board.

Next SPP meeting is planned for Wednesday, November 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Library.

Meeting adjourned at 1850 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Mark S. Brown