

Minutes - SPP General Meeting
July 17, 2006

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm at the Florence Riford Library. Approximately 30 members of the public attended and the following committee members: Patrick Ahern (chair), Neil Murray, Nancy Miller, Bob West, David Singer, Mary Coakley, Angela Leira, Tom Sauer, and Christine Cunningham.

Patrick provided an overview to the public of the purpose and activities to date of the Scripps Park Project.

The committee approved the May general meeting minutes with one correction, that the meeting date was May 15, 2006.

Patrick announces that the city is processing a \$24,000 donation earmarked for obtaining trees for Scripps Park. He announced that the City of San Diego has identified arborists to develop a tree planting plan for the park. He also announces that the Natural Plant Society has expressed an interest in the park and will be following up.

Patrick advises the committee that Doug Campbell is requesting an advancement on payment with respect to the consultant contract. The committee discusses the matter, but declines to take action at this time.

Patrick announces the resignation of committee-member Steve Pomerence, and acknowledges his valuable service, and introduces Christine Cunningham as a possible replacement. After discussion, the committee unanimously elects Christine to serve forthwith, which she agrees to do.

Neil Murray reports that a Report Committee, consisting of Neil, Patrick, Mark Brown, David Singer and Tom Sauer met for the purpose of providing suggestions to the consultant concerning his final report recommendations.

Neil reads and distributes to committee members and the public a "Draft of Seven Points from the Scripps Park Project Report Committee," which represents a consensus of the Report Committee participants. A copy of said document is attached to these minutes.

The public and the committee extensively discuss the document.

Tom Sauer makes a motion which Bob West seconds to amend suggestion #2 to read as follows: "The proposal to relocate the Bridge Club should not be pursued. Similarly, the proposed mid-park pathway(s) should not be pursued." After discussion the motion passes, 5 in favor, 2 opposed.

The committee discusses modifying the language in suggestion #6 having to do with ADA issues in connection with proposed changes to the cove lifeguard tower, but the committee takes no formal action concerning this issue.

Patrick announces that the next committee meeting will be scheduled after the consultant furnishes his final report--and the public and committee have a chance to study its contents.

The meeting adjourns at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Sauer
Acting Secretary
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Draft of Seven Points from the Scripps Park Project Report Committee

1. The SPP will dissolve once the City approves a comprehensive long-term plan for the park.
2. The proposal to relocate the Bridge Club will not be pursued at this time. Similarly, the proposed mid-park pathway(s) will not be pursued.
3. Make these two points clear to the public prior to any SPP meeting to publicly discuss the plan.
4. Rather than three separate committees governing the park, as proposed by the consultant, we recommend a single, unified Park Review Board comprised of appointees by the La Jolla Town Council, the Community Planning Association, and Promote La Jolla. The Board will serve in an advisory capacity to the Parks Department, taking action on the following:
 - a. Review all design proposals involving the park;
 - b. Approve or reject all proposals for organized events within the park;
 - c. Oversee expenditures of a park fund (see #5) dedicated to accomplishing particular recommendations contained within an officially adopted long-term plan for the park; and,
 - d. Establish priorities for those expenditures.
5. Strengthen the consultant's recommendations regarding revenues raised within the park by requiring that all funds generated within the park, beyond the reasonable operational costs of the organizations involved, be dedicated to accomplishing the particular recommendations contained within an officially adopted long-term plan for the park. (see 4c) Funds generated specifically for charitable organizations should be exempt from this provision.

6. Change the plan to ensure that any proposal to make changes to the existing lifeguard tower and/or provide ADA access to the same will be done in a way that fully preserves and protects the current use and space of the terrace.

7. Provide a new recommendation to redesign the Point La Jolla area to better capitalize on it as the park's best and most prominent view by clearing the area of unnecessary vegetation and hardware and providing an off-sidewalk, ADA accessible viewing station.