



PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 9th, 2021

Members Present	Staff Present	Public Present
Doug Goad, Chair, District 3 Rob Hutsel, Vice-Chair, District 4 Susie Murphy, District 1 Susan Hector, District 4 Sam Nejabat, District 4 Paul Davis, District 5	Brian Albright, Director <u>Management Division</u> Renee Hilton, Assistant Director David Norgard, Chief of Development Blanca Castillo, Administrative Secretary	None

MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:38 am
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK - None
3. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9TH, 2021 MINUTES
 - MOTION TO APPROVE – Committee Member Davis, 2nd Committee Member Murphy
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0
4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY’S AGENDA
 - Paul Davis made a comment on the emails he is receiving from the County on Carbon Credits. He mentioned a seminar on September 13th in the evening regarding Carbon Credits. Brian added to Paul’s comment that there is an item moving forward sometime in October or November. DPR is planning to bring a broader update to the committee for discussion in the near future.
 - Susie Murphy mentioned the Bike at the Park was a success. Expressed her appreciation to county for all their help.
 - Susan Hector made the committee aware that Old Town has opened back up due to a recent closure to COVID-19. Susan also added that all the museums are opened every day. Susan was recently at Penasquitos and expressed how great the interpreted panels looked and how well they did on summarizing the history and archeology in this area.
 - Doug Goad made a comment on how busy the trails are looking and what a great summer it has been.
 - Paul Davis asked about the farming and EPA issues with the rivers and creeks and if this issue has reached our San Diego River. Brian responded and let Paul know that he will check with his team and follow up with Paul directly.
 - Rob Hutsel commented on the San Diego River and spoke on how they are more aligned in supporting actions to protect the river and dried creeks. He added that there is a state legislation of interest that may exempt CEQA for certain projects which have biological and habitat restoration value.

5. PLDO & CSA FUND BALANCE REPORTS

- Reports were distributed prior to the meeting via e-mail.
- PLDO & CSA will be presented in agenda item #7 with an overview of the current ordinance that was recently revised a couple years ago with a project list that has been tentatively approved for this year's expenditure of PLDO funds.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Brian Albright, Director

- Brian reported that there are items moving forward to the Board of Supervisors for September. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 15th with one item moving forward on a contract approval for Bonsall Community Park. This Park is about 65 acres and was acquired 5 to 6 years ago. Construction will begin later this fiscal year.
- Brian also added that there are two items going forward on October 6th. The first item is requesting the board's approval to apply for a state outdoor equity program grant. This will expand the SD nights program in two focus areas one being Emerald Hills in the Mountain View area and the second one in Encanto, the area surrounding the Malcom X Library and the Valencia Park area. Each program would receive \$125,000. The second item is the Semi-Annual Reporting of Donations received by the Parks Society.
- Brian also added that we have one item on Tuesday, October 5th, the follow-up hearing for the Working Families Ordinance. This will include options for provisions for higher wages and union preferred certifications for contractors and tenant requirements of county property.
- Susie Murphy asked if Sage Hill was on agenda. Brian responded that this has not been docketed and is anticipating this item on agenda sometime in late October or early November. Brian will confirm and update the committee.

7. PLDO OVERVIEW- David Norgard, Chief of Development presented.

Highlights to include:

- PLDO and general plan
- Use of PLDO revenues
- Local Park planning areas
- PLDO park projects
- Four Gee Park
- South Lane Park
- Village View Park
- San Dieguito local park
- Alpine AUSD JEPA
- Ramona Wellfield JEPA

Committee had a discussion on the PLDO presentation

Rob Hutsel asked about the fees collected, cost escalation and time limits on projects, how are these handled. David responded that DPR is continuously putting projects out to bid and there is a lifecycle to a project that includes environmental analysis, the design, bids, and outreach, which takes time. David added that DPR looks at capitol improvement program and sends out yearly priority letters to each off the planning groups to better understand their needs. DPR also leverages funding by seeking grants or general fund dollars. Other items that add to the overall life cycle to a project include the complexity of the project and how much outreach needs to be done prior to executing the project. David added that there is a 5-

year time limit on the use of the funds from when they are collected.

Rob Hutsel also asked regarding the 5-year timeline, how does DPR handle when a property is being acquired like San Dieguito but is taking longer than anticipated. Brian responded that it's relevant every year that DPR puts a program together. The revenues that come in are impacts from residential development that address the needs for new parks to service new residents and impacts to existing parks from having new residents. Brian added that if it's a large enough subdivision that is being constructed, DPR has the authority to require the construction of new park land when these homes are being constructed. If it's a small subdivision, the developer retains the right to pay fees.

Paul Davis asked for copies of new parks in his district so that he can visit in his area.

Doug asked if DPR is on schedule with the PLDO spending. Brian responded that DPR is on schedule and have not reach that point to return PLDO money and credits his team for the monitoring process that has kept DPR on schedule.

Rob Hutsel asked when an applicant comes in early in the development application process, is that when the timeline begins to be factored in and when that project might be approved to begin to anticipate the dollars coming in the future. Brian responded that DPR coordinates closely with Planning and Development Services (PDS). PDS receives applications before DPR does. When it gets closer to design and entitlement that it comes to DPR for review and approval for the park design and this is when the timeline becomes more concrete.

Doug Goad suggested that the committee members share what they did over the summer with parks.

Doug shared that he visited the Equestrian Center.

Susie Murphy shared that she did Bike the Bay at Bayshore Bike Way which connects with the Otay River Valley. Susie also added that Sweetwater Bike Park continues to be busy.

Susan Hector shared on San Diego Creative is celebrating their 75th anniversary at the gallery exhibit in Escondido with today being opening day and will run through October 1st. Susan added that she has a locally source piece on display at the exhibit.

Brian added that he appreciates the diversity of the committee members parks and recreational interest.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 9:35 am

- MOTION TO ADJORN – Committee Member Hutsel, 2nd Committee Member Goad ALL IN FAVOR –6-0-0
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2021.