
CITY OF DANA POINT

LIBRARY AND SEA TERRACE PARK SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2005
3:00 p.m.

City Hall Offices
City Administration
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Council Member James Lacy, Chairman

Philip Bordeaux, Lynn Dawson, Bill Johnson, Michael Mata, Judy Smith, Joanna Adrian, Karin Schnell

Absent: Mayor Wayne Rayfield, Vice-Chairman
Michael Gagnet, Lloyd Charton

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Brane, City of Dana Point spoke in favor of developing Sea Terrace Park for "passive-use," including walking trails. She opposes night time programs and parking on Niguel Road.

5. MEETING MINUTES

The November 11, 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

6. UPDATE FROM PRIVATE FOUNDATION TASK FORCE

Michael Mata provided a brief update from the Foundation Task Force. The Task Force decided to hold off on creating a 501 (c) 3 foundation to raise money for the Library, Cultural and Performing Arts Center and Park until a concept for the entire project has been adopted by the Subcommittee and submitted to the Planning Commission and City Council for review. The sentiment of the Task Force is that it

would be more appropriate for the future Board of Directors to set up the foundation according to their preferred policy decisions and philosophies.

7. SEA TERRACE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Evans, Recreation Manager began with a brief history of Sea Terrace Park, explained the public survey information, and provided a flexible definition of a “passive park.” Kevin’s definition of a passive park is a park without scheduled formal or informal activities. A passive park would not accommodate weddings, youth sports, or formal events. The most obvious accommodations for a passive park include trails, open lawn areas, sculpture gardens, and other informal uses.

Mr. Fowler, Director of Public Works explained the Sea Terrace Park budget memorandum that he prepared for the subcommittee and suggested some construction concepts for the park. Subcommittee Members actively participated in the budget discussion and shared the types of amenities they would like to see in the future park.

After much discussion in favor of maintaining a passive park setting at Sea Terrace Park, Chairman Jim Lacy suggested that the Subcommittee come up with a list of proposed elements for Sea Terrace Park. Staff was directed to evaluate the practicality of each element and bring back their analysis to the Subcommittee at the next meeting. Chairman Lacy also recommended that the list of proposed elements be prioritized by the Subcommittee at a future meeting following staff’s evaluation of each park element and estimated costs. Staff has also been directed to invite the St. Regis to participate in the next meeting. The list of proposed elements included the following:

- 1) Library
- 2) Cultural and Performing Arts Center (300 seat theatre and meeting room)
- 3) Small Outdoor Amphitheatre
- 4) Walking Trails
- 5) Water Feature (lake)
- 6) Landscaping (trees, lawns, flowers)
- 7) Restroom Facility
- 8) On-site parking
- 9) Topography and Grading (rolling hills)
- 10)Grassy open area
- 11)Seating, tables, benches, etc.
- 12)Rolling hills instead of burm.
- 13)Sculptures and sculpture garden
- 14)Night lighting on trails (possibly solar-powered)
- 15)WIFI in park (1st “wireless” public park)

8. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Wolf mentioned that the Foundation Subcommittee visited the Mission Viejo Library and decided that it was their favorite library.

Mr. Fowler notified the Subcommittee of Michael Gagnet's resignation. One of the two alternates, Karin Schnell or Joanna Adrian will replace Mr. Gagnet. The City Clerk and City Attorney will look into which alternate will become part of the subcommittee.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

10. STAFF REPORTS

11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

12. NEXT MEETING / ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m., and the next meeting has been set for Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Old EOC.

Approved: January 26, 2006