

MINUTES

MEETING OF: BEACH PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING: July 12, 2016
TIME OF MEETING: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE OF MEETING: Parks and Recreation Administration
799 Pine Avenue, Suite 200

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present Members: Linda Petrucci, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Fred Briggs, Darryl Hatheway, Amy Ahrendt, and Bret Barger
Absent Members: Shelly Sander
Guests: Suzanne Bankhead and Phil Diehl
Staff: Liz Ketabian, Kasia Trojanowska, Kyle Lancaster, Tim Murphy, Craig Williams, and Adriana Alvarez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Meeting of May 10, 2016 (Pion-Goureau/Barger) were approved.

1. WATER QUALITY MONITORING IN CARLSBAD WATERSHED

Tim Murphy, Environmental Specialist provided an overview and presented a slide show of the water quality monitoring program. The program is used for monitoring beach water quality in Carlsbad. Major components of the testing are: where do fecal indicators come from, advisories, warnings and beach closures. Mr. Murphy explained who conducts the monitoring in Carlsbad, and where and how often water is tested. He stated that based on historical data, Carlsbad beaches are rated one of the cleanest in the county. Mr. Murphy also provided tips on ways to reduce watershed pollution. For further information on beach water quality, the Committee was invited to visit the County of San Diego website at www.sdbeachinfo.com, the Heal the Bay 2016 Beach Report Card at www.healthebay.org/beach-report-card, and the City of Carlsbad website at www.carlsbadca.gov.

2. CARLSBAD BLVD/TAMARACK AVE. INTERSECTION PROJECT

Craig Williams, Mobility Manager provided an update and presented a slide show of the Carlsbad Blvd./Tamarack Ave. intersection project. The project will improve safety, access and traffic flow in the area around Carlsbad Blvd. and Tamarack Ave. Three different alternatives are under consideration. One alternative promotes a traffic circle as a traffic calming measure; the other alternatives propose elimination of one or two south bound lanes to accommodate pedestrian and biking amenities. Project goals include: easing the traffic flow, widening of the sidewalk south of Tamarack Ave., relocation of the bus stop to a secure and accessible location, providing seating areas along the street with panoramic views to the ocean, and creation of additional (no-fee) on-street parking. Drought tolerant and indigenous plants, as part of the new landscaping additions, will complement these improvements and enhance the natural beauty of the area. A community meeting was held on June 23, 2016, as an opportunity for residents to provide input on the project. The Committee was informed of an online community survey being conducted at the City of Carlsbad website, where those interested in the project, could also sign up for email updates.

3. OCEAN ST. BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Kyle Lancaster, Parks Services Manager provided an update and presented a slide show of the project. The project will improve seven public beach entrances and stairs along Ocean Street, from Oak Avenue to Rue de Chateaux. Conceptual designs have been revised, and staff has submitted an application for the Coastal Development Permit. The revised designs were reviewed with the Committee, and questions/comments were addressed. A vote was taken by the Committee (Pion-

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Goureau/Petrucci) to accept the conceptual plans, and forward them to the Planning Commission for consideration of a Coastal Development Permit. The next step in the design process is to present an update on the project to the City Council in July 2016. The Committee was advised that more information on this project is available at the City of Carlsbad website.

4. STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

Lisa Urbach, State of California Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Interim Superintendent, for the San Diego North Coast Sector, provided a summary of state beach related activities:

- The State DPR issued a news release on June 1, 2016 eliminating wood fires in a number of San Diego area beaches. The release states “all wood burning fires are prohibited in four San Diego region state beaches where established fire rings are not provided. The new policy is intended to prevent injuries to visitors and reduce beach debris”. State DPR will have Rangers monitoring the wood fires until August 2016.
- State DPR had no major incidents reported during the 4th of July holiday at Carlsbad State Beaches. Beach cleanup went fairly quickly.
- The sea cave that has opened beneath the state-owned bluff south of Cerezo Dr. will have permanent fencing and “no trespassing” signs installed by the end of July 2016. Public safety is still a priority and area will continue to be cordoned-off for safety precautions.
- The South Carlsbad State Beach campgrounds are in the process of repairing storm damaged areas including stairs and stair landings. A portion of the state bluff that eroded previously will be redesigned for stabilization.
- The San Diego North Coast Sector office on Carlsbad Blvd. and Beech St. received a grant for various renovations. Turf area renovations will be completed by August 2016.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

By proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting of the Beach Preservation Committee will be Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Carlsbad Parks & Recreation Administration Building, 799 Pine Avenue, Suite 200, Carlsbad, 92008.

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