

DE ANZA REVITALIZATION PLAN

AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NO.2 SUMMARY

The City of San Diego conducted the second meeting of the De Anza Revitalization Plan Ad-hoc Subcommittee on February 10, 2016 at Mission Bay High School on Grand Avenue. The Ad-hoc Subcommittee met from 6 to 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and California Coastal Act; review and continue discussion about the project vision and guiding principles; and discuss the scope of the existing conditions analysis.

The meeting was facilitated by Joan Isaacson of Katz & Associates (one of the project team consultants). The meeting kicked off with introductions from the Ad-hoc Subcommittee members and consultant team. In addition to the project team and Ad-hoc Subcommittee members present (Addendum A), approximately 29 community members also attended the meeting.

After introductions, the consultant team provided an update on the public involvement process to date, followed by a presentation that included an overview of the Mission Bay Park Master Plan and the California Coastal Act. The Ad-hoc Subcommittee then reviewed and commented on the draft Vision and Guiding Principles that were developed based on community input. Afterwards, the consultant gave an overview of and invited discussion about the scope of existing conditions analysis. The meeting concluded with a public comment period.

Discussion and Input

During the presentations, Subcommittee members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. A summary of the comments and questions submitted by Ad-hoc Subcommittee members during the initial portion of the meeting is provided below.

Comments

- A wide-range of demographics are needed to participate in process, particularly youth

- Committee members and the public should read the Master Bay Park Master Plan appendices
- Elements of the Master Bay Park Master Plan are out of date
- The studies are not dated

Questions

- When will the Community Workshop No. 1 summary be completed and distributed?
- Will demographic information about workshop participants be provided?
- Would the De Anza Revitalization Plan be an amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan?
- What is a contained marsh?

After the opening remarks and presentations, Subcommittee members were asked to review and discuss the draft Vision and Guiding Principles. The following is a summary of comments regarding the draft Vision and Guiding Principles. Rebecca Schwartz of the San Diego Audubon society also submitted written revisions to the Vision and Guiding Principles.

Table 1. Project Vision and General Comments

Vision and General Comments	
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for the plan to be phased • Balance excitement and feasibility • Define “landmark” • Make Vision more exciting (2) • Minimize roads and parking within the park • Provide context (e.g., Mission Bay Park Master Plan) • Reemphasize sustainability
Guiding Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address financial feasibility (2) • Change the numbers to bullets since the principles are not prioritized • Combine commercial and ecological aspects • Consider integration of other programs and plans • Do not finalize until Subcommittee has had a chance to review public comments • Include more guidance about funding
General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine commercial and ecological aspects • Incorporate Mission Bay oversight committee activities • Reference the study area consistently • Solicit public input to rename De Anza Park

Following the discussion on vision, the consultant team gave an overview of the scope of existing conditions analysis and solicited input from the Ad-hoc Subcommittee regarding what is and is not included. Below is a summary of their comments.

- Glad to see a long-term study of shoreline, restoration, and climate
- ReWild to provide more information regarding sediment and water flow, and historic ecology using the most up-to-date modeling system

Before the conclusion of the meeting, a public comment period was held. Input collected from the public is summarized in Table 3 below.

Following the public comment period, the Subcommittee Chair, Paul Robinson, appointed Rebecca Schwartz as the Vice Chair. The facilitator concluded the meeting by announcing the dates for third Ad-hoc Subcommittee meeting (March 9, 2016) and the second Public Workshop (March 24, 2016).

Table 2. Public Comment Period

Topic	Comment
Vision/Guiding Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address safety, particularly when considering golf course proximity to other recreational activities
Scope of Existing Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities study as a resource • Use Section 55.2 in City Charter as a resource • Use Shoreline Stabilization and Restoration Plan as a resource
Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf and youth baseball are important • Make park uses public, not private (2) • Restore wetlands as it will increase value of camping
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require leaseholders to provide financial resources for improvements • Seek grants to fund projects • Use funding for some projects from Mission Bay Park Fund, including dredging
General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider De Anza as the environmental quadrant of Mission Bay Park • Do not remove infrastructure as it has considerable value • Use Mission Bay Park Master Plan as foundation

Addendum A

Project Team Members in Attendance

PlaceWorks – Lead Consultant

Brooke Peterson – Project Manager

Michael Paul-Planner

Scott Ashlock-Planner

Katz & Associates

Joan Isaacson

Natalia Hentschel

Bree Robertoy

Schmidt Design Group

Glen Schmidt

City Staff

Robin Shifflet

Craig Hooker

Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Chris Olson Pacific Beach Planning Group

Darlene Walter Mission Bay Park Committee

Jim Greene Mission Bay Park Committee

Karin Zirk	Rose Creek Watershed Alliance
Lisa Lind	American Planning Association, San Diego Section
Namara Mercer	Mission Bay Lessees Association
Paul Robinson	Mission Bay Park Committee (Chair)
Rebecca Schwartz	San Diego Audubon
Vicki Granowitz	Park and Recreation Board