

MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

October 29, 2013
City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Great Park Board of Directors was called to order on October 29, 2013 at 2:10 p.m. in the City Council Chamber; Chairman Lalloway presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 Director: Larry Agran

Director: Beth Krom

Vice Chair: Christina Shea

Chairman: Jeffrey Lalloway

Absent: 1 Director: Steven Choi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lalloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEO REPORT

Deputy CEO Wallace provided the following program and event updates:

- The final weekend of the Solar Decathlon and XPO event was October 13, 2013 and all 19 homes have been removed.
- The opening performance of Cirque du Soleil's "Totem" will premiere on Thursday, November 21. Daily shows will run through December 29. For information, visit cirquedusoleil.com/totem.
- The sixth annual Great Park Pumpkin Harvest took place on Saturday, October 26, with more than 13,000 people in attendance.
- The Great Park Food Drive, benefitting Second Harvest and Orange County Food Banks, kicked off at the Great Park Pumpkin Harvest and continues through November 24. Donations can be dropped off at the Great Park Visitors Center Pavilion Thursday through Sunday during normal business hours or at the Farmers Market on Sundays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Art + History: On Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. 1 p.m., the Great Park will host a special Art+History celebration honoring major contributors to the Great Park's Arts, Culture and Heritage program.
- The Great Park will host the 38th Annual Staser Fall Scholastic Chess Tournament in partnership with American Chess Equipment on November 23 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, visit *ocgp.org*.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Krom commended the Department of Energy and City staff for their collaborative efforts in regard to the 2013 Solar Decathlon and XPO event. She also announced that the Orange County Great Park had been chosen to receive the 2013 Project of the Year award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association for the Orange County Great Park South Lawn Storm Water Reuse Project.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

ACTION: Moved by Boardmember Krom, seconded by Boardmember Agran, and unanimously carried by those members present (Boardmember Choi absent) to add the following urgency item for Board discussion and direction:

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMITTING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN HOSTING THE 2015 SOLAR DECATHLON

Board discussion included: overall costs for the 2013 Solar Decathlon; and delaying a decision to commit to host the 2015 Solar Decathlon until an event recap and debriefing was provided by staff.

ACTION: Moved by Boardmember Agran, seconded by Vice Chair Shea, and unanimously carried by those members present (Director Choi absent) to:

Submit a letter of interest, signed by the Mayor and Chairman, to the United States Department of Energy expressing the City's potential interest in hosting the 2015 Solar Decathlon.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Director Krom, seconded by Vice Chair Shea, and unanimously carried by those members present (Director Choi absent) to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1.1.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a special meeting of the Orange County Great Park Board held on September 24, 2013.

3. STUDY SESSION

3.1 FIVE POINT COMMUNITIES / ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Deputy CEO Wallace introduced Bryan Myers, Nuquest Ventures; and Jeff Warner and Wright Sherman, WRNS, who made the presentation to the Board with respect to the Orange County Great Park Development Plan proposal submitted by Five Point Communities on July 2, 2013. Brett Park, Valley Crest Design Group, and Tony Bomkamp, Glenn Lukos and Associates, also made presentations.

Ed Pope expressed concern regarding adequate staff time to review the proposal, the degree of public participation thus far, scheduling of the special Planning Commission meeting on October 24, 2013 and the absence of two commissioners, traffic, public safety, other demands on public services, and the location of a future high school (Site A v. Site B).

Harvey Liss expressed concern about the proximity of trails to the golf course, obliteration of the runways for future events such as the 2015 Solar Decathlon, location of the future high school (Site A v. Site B), FivePoint Communities' control over development of the Park and whether or not the plan would be subject to the City's plan check process.

Thomas Nielsen spoke in support of preserving the history of aviation at the Great Park and expressed concern that such history did not appear in the Master Plan; and in support of a cultural terrace at the Great Park.

Ellen Breitman expressed concern over the location of the future high school (Site A v. Site B), absence of two commissioners at the Planning Commission meeting on October 24, 2013, lack of public input, expedited timeline to approve the proposed plan, whether or not another golf course was needed, amount of additional housing proposed by FivePoint Communities, traffic, and architectural elements.

Board discussion included: additional opportunities for public input; size of the proposed development project and comparison to other national parks; overall mobility through the site; parking; traffic impacts on arterial roads; incorporation of an additional high school; championship stadiums; standards for national tournaments and who controls those standards; operational and maintenance costs; incorporation of the golf course, a clubhouse and its location; international draw for sports arenas; overall cost per acre to build the park; consideration of certain aspects prior to entitlement approval by the City Council; whether or not the proposal confirms with the original Master Plan; whether or not the wildlife corridor is included in the proposal; whether or not the canyon has been eliminated; agricultural operations; features of the proposed Bosque; size, number and types of baseball, softball and soccer fields; first phase infrastructure; revenue generating courses; potential amphitheater; and protecting the General Fund from Great Park development costs.

Director Krom also read an excerpt from a letter submitted by Build the Great Park Now regarding the potential financial benefits of building the Park.

No action was taken.

2. PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

2.1 FEE PROGRAMS FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BALLOON AND CAROUSEL

This item was deferred to the next regular meeting of November 26, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Krom, seconded by Chairman Lalloway, and unanimously carried by those members present (Director Choi absent) to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

SECRETARY/CLERK OF THE BOARD

December 3, 2013