



MINUTES

ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING March 4, 2013

City Council Chamber
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Orange County Great Park Board was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on March 4, 2013 in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chairman Lalloway presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Director:	Larry Agran
		Director:	Steven Choi
		Director:	Beth Krom
		Vice Chair:	Christina Shea
		Chairman:	Jeffrey Lalloway

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Choi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEO REPORT

There was no CEO report.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

There were no Director reports.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Shea, seconded by Director Choi, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1.1. Item Nos. 1.2 and 1.3 were removed for separate discussion.

1.1 MINUTES

ACTION:

Approved the minutes of a regular meeting of the Orange County Great Park Board held on January 22, 2013.

1.2 FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 DECEMBER BUDGET UPDATE

This item was removed for separate discussion by Director Choi, who requested a brief update on the current budget. Jennifer Alvarado, Great Park Manager of Finance, presented the staff report and responded to Board questions.

Board discussion included: current balance in the Backbone Infrastructure Fund 280; completion of the first phase of the backbone infrastructure; estimated available Great Park Fund Balance by June 30, 2013 and whether or not the remaining balance is the "cash balance;" pending litigation against the State of California and whether or not the loan principal and accrued interest from the Purchase, Sale and Financing Agreement will be repaid based on the outcome of the litigation; total earnings over the life of the Great Park project; revenues committed by Five Point Communities each year; responsibility of runway removal; development expenditures; and compiling a listing of all features at the Great Park for the official record.

Sharon Toji, Irvine resident, spoke about the recent high attendance at the Orange County Great Park and in opposition to the proposed elimination of some upcoming programs.

ACTION: Moved by Director Choi, seconded by Director Krom, and unanimously carried to:

Receive and file the Budget Update for the month ending December 31, 2012.

1.3 SOLAR DECATHLON AD HOC COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

This item was removed for separate discussion by Director Krom.

Board discussion included: prior notification to directors regarding the existing vacancy; scope of the ad hoc committee; and frequency of updates to the Board by the committee.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Shea, seconded by Chairman Lalloway, and unanimously carried to:

Replace Director Choi as a member of the Solar Decathlon Ad Hoc Committee with Vice Chair Shea, and authorize the City Manager to designate City staff at his discretion for support purposes.

2. BOARD BUSINESS

2.1 ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK PROGRAM AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

City Manager Joyce provided a brief summary of the direction given by the Board at its January 28, 2013 regular meeting regarding the development of a five-year Strategic Business Plan. He then introduced Wally Kreutzen, Consultant; Debbie Gunderson, Great Park Finance Administrator; and Mike Ellzey, Chief Executive Officer, who presented the staff report and responded to Board questions.

Board discussion included: annual review of programming descriptions; clarification of the anticipated budgeted revenues, as well as the adjustment of the fund balance if these revenues are not received; operational assessment by way of a five-year Strategic Business Plan; estimated undesignated revenue sources for Fiscal Year 2012-13, including the Adjacent Landowner Agreement (ALA) and the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (ARDA); estimated overall programming costs per participant; loss of redevelopment funding; revenue created through a CFD; public benefit of current programming; incorporating the approximate value of City-owned land in future financial spreadsheets; and utilization of this land to generate revenue.

Joe Turner spoke in support of additional programming at the Orange County Great Park and utilization of the land for alternative uses to generate revenue. He also spoke in support of events which pay tribute to the nation's armed forces.

Alan Meyerson expressed concern over the recent removal of the four at-large directors and encouraged the Board to work collaboratively with each other.

Mary J. Edmonds spoke in support of the programs and events at the Orange County Great Park.

Director Krom read an "Action Alert" that she recently circulated in regards to park planning, the Solar Decathlon, arts and cultural programming and public access to the Orange County Great Park.

ACTION: Moved by Director Choi, seconded by Vice Chair Shea, and unanimously carried to:

Receive and file a staff presentation summarizing programs and projects of the Orange County Great Park.

2.2 APPROVAL OF PHASE 2 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND FUNDING FOR THE SOLAR DECATHLON 2013 AND XPO

City Manager Joyce provided a brief opening report and introduced Cliff Wallace, Deputy CEO; Kim Mahon, Management Analyst II; and Debbie Gunderson, Finance Administrator, who provided the staff report and responded to questions. Deputy CEO Wallace also introduced Richard King, Director of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon; Dan Jung, Special Assistant to the Chief of Police; and Chris Baiocchi, Great Park Development Officer, who also made brief presentations.

Board discussion included: current fundraising amount and additional fundraising needed for the upcoming Solar Decathlon; charging for certain amenities such as the balloon and the carousel and basis for proposed fees; economic drivers such as arts and cultural programs; fundraising by way of reaching out to local businesses; charging for certain amenities in order to help fund the Solar Decathlon; and reaching out to Southern California Edison to provide monetary and/or in-kind support.

Director Choi read into the record correspondence received from the Irvine Chamber of Commerce dated March 1, 2013.

Ed Pope spoke in opposition to the time scheduled for the special meeting, as well as any proposed budget adjustments which will result in programming reductions.

Harvey Liss spoke in support of the original vision for the design and development of the Orange County Great Park and expressed concern

about the impacts to the Solar Decathlon resulting from the recent termination of the Forde and Mollrich contract.

Victor Mendez spoke in support of job promotion as part of the scope for the Solar Decathlon, continued programming, and a veterans program at the Orange County Great Park.

Ellen Breitman spoke in support of free programming and activities at the Orange County Great Park and encouraged the Board to look at alternative solutions to fund the Solar Decathlon.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Shea, seconded by Chairman Lalloway, to approve staff recommended action items 1 through 8 as follows:

- 1) Accept the Phase 2 grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy in the amount of \$625,000 for implementation of the Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO.
- 2) Recommend that the City Council authorize the CEO to enter into an agreement to transfer the Phase 2 grant funds in the amount of \$625,000 from the Orange County Great Park Corporation to the City of Irvine for use in accordance with the grant agreement.
- 3) Recommend that the City Council accept the transfer of the Phase 2 grant funds in the amount of \$625,000 for use in accordance with the grant agreement.
- 4) Approve the Project Implementation Plan, in final form substantially conforming to the attached staff report, and recommend that the City Council approve a total expenditure budget for the Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO not to exceed \$3,333,800.
- 5) Recommend that the City Council approve the acceptance and budget adjustments, and increases to the U.S. Department of Energy grant award as necessary, to receive and expend any additional contribution after March 4, 2013 for the purpose of the Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO events, provided that the expenditures do not exceed revenues.
- 6) Recommend that the City Council approve a budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, increasing revenues by \$938,000 and expenditures by \$3,333,800.
- 7) Recommend that the City Council authorize the CEO to execute an Implementing Agreement, substantially conforming to the attached staff report, with the Foundation for the Great Park to receive donations for the purpose of funding the Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO.

- 8) Approve and recommend that the City Council approve the recommended programmatic changes as presented or otherwise modified following Board deliberation, effective immediately, and establish the proposed fee structure for balloon and carousel riders, effective April 1, 2013.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Director Agran, seconded by Director Krom, to approve staff recommended action item nos. 1 through 7 as indicated above and eliminate staff recommended action item no. 8.

The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES:	2	DIRECTORS:	Agran and Krom
NOES:	3	DIRECTORS:	Choi, Shea and Lalloway

ACTION: A vote was taken on the original motion made by Vice Chair Shea and seconded by Chairman Lalloway to approve staff recommended action items 1 through 8, which carried as follows:

AYES:	3	DIRECTORS:	Choi, Shea and Lalloway
NOES:	2	DIRECTORS:	Agran and Krom

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Jaeger, Irvine resident, showed photos of unattended City parks and spoke in opposition to the development of additional park space and amenities at the Orange County Great Park.

Don Croucher, California Fire Museum, spoke in support of a fire museum and safety learning center at the Orange County Great Park.

Riley Newman spoke in support of seeking voluntary contributions for amenities at the Orange County Great Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Choi, seconded by Vice Chair Shea, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



SECRETARY/CLERK OF THE BOARD



CHAIRMAN

March 26, 2013

