

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
May 28, 2019
6:00 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Nicholson and Apostol
Absent: None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Weiner moved to approve the April 22, 2019 minutes as written.

Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Nicholson and Apostol
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

Commissioner Turkmany opened the floor to audience participation.
Seeing none, the floor was closed.

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

Polliwog Park Play Equipment Design Presentations

Great Western – Nate Younker, representative. Great Western is the distributor for GameTime playgrounds, under the umbrella of Playcore. Mr. Younker stated that the goal of the playground design is to create as exciting a play area as possible within the safety parameters. Based on feedback received at the April 29th, community meeting, he presented a redesign. The design retained the existing lighthouse and cement boat and incorporates a 12 ft. enclosed slide and a timber playhouse in a pond setting. The design features 6 slides and a Stratosphere net off an 8 ft. deck along with 4 musical elements. Cattail spinners and misting rocks were included the lighthouse area. He reviewed equipment finishes, and construction and material details. Based on feedback that the image on the pirate ship was scary, the ship was removed from the original design.

Miracle Playground – John Jason – Berliner – local rep for Miracle with multiple lines. Mr. Jason presented his design which featured rope elements and a clubhouse along with precast concrete forms. His design featured and enclosed slide and a DNA climber with play features accessible from both inside and outside. He stated that even though the playgrounds are

marked for 5-12 year olds, older kids like to play on playgrounds as well, but they are not really made for them. His design is appealing for the older kids as well with many climbing opportunities. He reviewed materials and warranty information. The design includes a rocking element that accommodate six to eight children at one time and an ADA inclusive spinner for 10 children.

RecWest – Nate Stutz – representing Landscape Structures. Mr. Stutz approached the design from a playability perspective. The design features a large net structure, boulders and pads allowing children to traverse across a large area without ever touching the ground. Shade was incorporated for caretakers. An ADA friendly Omnispinner that can accommodate up to 15 children was included. He reviewed materials and warranty and added that as a lean manufacturer, parts are made to order so will always be available. He added that inclusivity is a main component of Landscape Structures. On every play element, there is a breakdown of how they are developmentally functional.

Kompan – Grant Bauer – Mr. Bauer stated that he wants to make the park a landmark and celebrate nature, the lake, the community and its special interests. The design includes a 26 ft. long by 19ft. tall wood pirate ship, birdwatch tower and cattail reed climbing elements. The design includes many ADA friendly elements and highlights nature with wildlife elements. The surfacing features the lifecycle of the polliwog. There are many different opportunities and methods to get to the slides (graduated difficulty) and various levels of shading were incorporated. Kompan has been in business since 1970.

Director Leyman advised the commission to pick the ideal playground design from which the RFP will be designed. Commissioner Greenberg clarified that all the companies started with the same parameters and designed what they could offer for \$1,000,000.

Commissioner Greenberg thanked the four representatives for their presentation, complimented staff on reaching out to the community and thanked the community members for participating. He added that he is data driven and the data from the first meeting showed a clear delineation with Kompan and RecWest standing out. His own personal reactions match the survey results.

Commissioner Karger agreed regarding Kompan and RecWest. Commissioner Nicholson loves the pirate ship. Also agrees that RecWest was good but they were all good and that any one of the designs would be successful. Commissioner Karger likes the DNA tower and wondered if the Kompan equipment is challenging enough. Commissioner Turkmany acknowledged that every company really tried to incorporate at Manhattan Beach theme.

Commissioner Weiner liked the attention to detail of the Kompan design, and the scale of the Great Western design. Commissioner Apostol really liked the challenge of RecWest.

Sr. Recreation Manager, Jessica Vincent reminded the commissioners to consider all aspects including the history of the park, playability and the community desires when judging the designs.

The commissioners ranked the designs as shown below. Commissioner Greenberg moved to eliminate Great Western and Miracle based on the results. Commissioner Turkmany seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

	Commissioner Scores						
Manufacturer	Karger	Greenberg	Weiner	Nicholson	Turkmany	Apostol	Total
Great Western	3	3	2	4	3	4	19
Kompan	1	2	1	1	2	2	9
Miracle	4	4	4	3	4	3	22
RecWest	2	1	3	2	1	1	10
	Great Western	Kompan	Miracle	RecWest			
Overall Ranking	3	1	4	2			

The commission recessed for 10 minutes and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

The two remaining companies were invited to clarify a few points and make final statements.

Kompan – the President of North Americas, stated that the intentionality of the Kompan brand is key. Every aspect of Kompan equipment is designed with intention. The rope is 19 cm around because that is ideal for children’s hands. If selected after the RFP, Kompan would provide the turnkey solution with an internal project manager, managing the sub-contractors. Commissioner Weiner asked about alternatives, and Mr. Bauer replied that the design is flexible. He mentioned that some of the metal structures are made from powder coated steel posts that have been hot dipped galvanized that will not rust through if water gets in. If the powder coating is damaged and the pole is exposed, it will not rust. Commissioner Greenberg asked if they could write into the contract that the warranty would not be voided due to the flooding. Mr. Bauer added that the Rubinia wood used in the pirate ship will not splinter. It is a natural product and there may be some cracking that happens with the drying process. Kompan comes out and monitors for the first 2 years. They will come quarterly to monitor the expansion and contraction until the wood is acclimatized.

RecWest – Mr. Stutz stated that his philosophy is that play is the most important element in a playground. At the end of the day, we’re building for the end user, the children. Every element in his design is intentionally there for playability. He wanted to make the whole area into one big play event with diversity of play. He wanted the net structure but wanted to bring in nature with adventurescapes. There is a travel climber, the top is a bridge but the bottom is a monkey bar. There are five different spinning elements.

He added that the commission is not just choosing a playground manufacturer, they are choosing a representative for the life of the playground. RecWest has a local office. The playground will need to be maintained and he is responsible for it. Every playground looks great and works great for the first few years. He stated that with RecWest there will always be parts and a representative. Each product has a slightly different warranty. Steel posts have a 100 year warranty; plastics, 15 years; shades, 10 years. Commissioner Nicholson stated that the flooding could be written into the contract.

The commission voted for their favorite as shown below:

	Commissioner Scores						
Manufacturer	Karger	Weiner	Turkmany	Greenberg	Nicholson	Apostol	Total
Kompan	1	1			1		3
RecWest			1	1		1	3

Commissioner Greenberg moved to put the final designs out to the public and come back next month to discuss and choose. Commissioner Weiner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joint Commission meeting Workplan items – Commissioner Weiner stated that accomplishments should be conveyed at the Joint Commission meeting.

Director Leyman clarified that the commission's role in the Senior/Scouthouse is to support fundraising activities and receive updates from the older adult representative. It was proposed to take this item off the workplan as it is just an update item, much like the CIP update item. Director Leyman will clarify whether or not these items should be on the workplan. Director Leyman will convey the format of the meeting as soon as it is determined.

Commissioner Greenberg asked to add the Olympics Beach Volleyball research to the list of accomplishments. The City Council received a detailed recommendation to not pursue the volleyball event as it would not be a significant benefit to the residents. Commercial opportunities were identified and subsequently handed off to the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that development of new Parks Master Plan to set strategic goals for the Parks for the next 10 years, should be added.

Commissioner Turkmany moved to select Commissioner Weiner for Commission Chair and Commissioner Greenberg for Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 term. Commissioner Karger seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Nicholson and Apostol
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

H. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman updated the Commission on recent City Council actions, announced the new commissioners on the Parks and Recreation, Library and Cultural Arts Commissions, and gave updates on recent Parks and Recreation programs.

I. COMMISSION ITEMS

Salute to the Troops 2019 – 2019 challenge coins were distributed. Linda Robb reported that the Coast Guard Color Guard has confirmed that they will be participating. Commissioner Karger will be writing the script for Mayor Hersman.

Commissioner Turkmany thanked Commissioner Apostol for this service as the Student Representative and wished him luck with the next school year.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Turkmany moved to adjourn. Commissioner Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Ayes: Commissioners Turkmany, Karger, Greenberg, Weiner, Nicholson and Apostol
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None