

## **MINUTES**

### **City of San Diego Boards and Commissions Parks and Recreation Department MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

**May 6, 2025**

#### **Meeting Location**

Santa Clara Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

#### **Mailing Address:**

Balboa Park  
Administration Building  
2125 Park Boulevard  
San Diego, CA 92101

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

##### **Members Present**

Chuck Dunning  
Jim Gross  
Giovanni Ingolia  
Jeff Johnson  
Ryan Karlsgodt  
Judith Munoz  
Steve Pinard

##### **Members Absent**

Cindy Adams  
Bernadette Butkiewicz  
Cathie Jolley  
Julie Roland

##### **Guests**

Danielle Gerlach  
Adam Ray

##### **City Staff Present**

Mike Rodrigues  
Ryan Barbrick  
Mayra Medel  
Nancy Graham  
Tyler Sherer  
Brian Clark  
Jerry Abbott

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – April 1, 2025

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Adams and seconded by J. Roland to approve the April 1, 2025 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0 with 3 abstentions (R. Karlsgodt, G. Ingolia, S. Pinard)

#### **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Cristina Santa Maria with SD Bird Alliance announced that 40 Least Terns have returned to Mariner's Point. She thanks public events for being respectful of the breeding areas. Ternwatchers is a volunteer program dedicated to monitoring predators and safeguarding nesting areas

Nancy Graham, Program Manager with the City's Engineering and Capital Projects reported on the roll out plan for the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for Mission Bay Park. The draft Implementation Plan is expected to visit Mission Bay Park Committee in July for input and feedback, making its way to City Council in Spring '26

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** – Chairperson Johnson – no report

**CITY COUNCIL OFFICES** – FY26 Budget input sessions are currently underway

Council District 1 – no report

Council District 2 – no report

**STAFF REPORTS**

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – Brian Clark reported that Lifeguards are preparing for a busy Memorial Day weekend with additional staffing at beaches and bay. Boating safety enforcement will be ramped up leading into summer

**San Diego Police Department** – no report

**Parks and Recreation**

Jerry Abbott introduced himself as the District Manager with Community Parks I Division responsible for Robb Field and Peninsula Area

Mike Rodrigues provided potential impacts to Mission Bay Park resulting from the proposed FY26 draft City Budget cuts. Public input is underway with an approved budget expected in June. Events include Big Brothers/Sisters 5K on 5/10 at DeAnza Cove, Triathlon at Fiesta Island on 5/11, OTL Beerfest at Mariners Point on 5/17 and Girls on the Run 5K on 5/17 at DeAnza Cove. North Cove comfort station is expected to open the first week of June. Mission Bay Park currently has vacancies for Grounds Maintenance Manager, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor and several hourly park maintenance positions. This could impact restroom operations leading into the summer months. Nothing new to report on Fanuel St. Park playground. Julie Roland invited everyone to her graduation, and she will request a leave of absence from Mission Bay Park Committee

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent** (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member)

101. none

**Adoption** (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the committee)

201. none

**Special Events** (Special Events that require road or plaza closures or will potentially impact park and/or institution operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.

301. Beer City Half San Diego – Adam Ray, CEO of Learning is Open requested approval and support to conduct a half marathon, 10k and 5k running event at

Fiesta Island and Tecolote Shores on Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Load in on Friday, February 13, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with load out on the same day as event by 2:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 500 participants, beer tasting from local brewers, amplified music with announcements 6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sound check at 7:00 a.m. No alcohol or vendor sales. Fiesta Island Road closure from 7:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Staff recommendation is to approve the request as presented. Fiesta Island Road must re-open to vehicles by 9:00 a.m. All pathways along the East Shore will remain open to the public. Advanced notifications must be sent to Mission Bay Beach Club and Mission Bay Resort by the organizer. All parking rules will be enforced, ensure all attendees park legally. No reserved parking, all parking is on a 1st come, 1st serve basis

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by S. Pinard to approve the request with staff recommendations. The motion carried 7-0

302. Challenge Walk MS – Danielle Gerlach requested approval and support to conduct a 3-day 50-mile walk using Ventura Cove, Mission Point, Vacation Isle, and Ski Beach on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Load in on day of event from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. with load out on the same day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 200 participants, awareness walk, rest stops for participants to grab water and snacks. No alcohol, vendor sales or amplification

Staff recommendation to approve the request as presented. All park rules and regulations must be adhered to

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Munoz and seconded by R. Karlsgodt to approve the request as presented. The motion carried 7-0

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

401. none

**WORKSHOP ITEMS** (No actions taken; discussed by the committee and staff)

501. Illegal RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park – Most recent count shows 85-100 RVs are habitating along North and East Mission Bay Drive

**SUBCOMMITTEE**

601. none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Next regular meeting will be held on June 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

***Mike Rodrigues***

District Manager, Mission Bay Park