

MINUTES

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

June 3, 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

Cindy Adams
Bernadette Butkiewicz arrived 6:10pm
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson
Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt arrived 6:10pm
Judith Munoz

Members Absent

Steve Pinard
Julie Roland

Guests

Connor Ellis
Nick Aguilar

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Mayra Medel
Jason Grani
Brian Clark
Cris Amezcua
Carrie Munson
Cambria Head

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May 6, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

CORRECTION: For the May meeting minutes, Judith Munoz made the motion and Jim Gross seconded it

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by C. Dunning to approve the May 6, 2025 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes with noted correction. The motion carried 5-0 with 2 abstentions (C. Jolley, C. Adams)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Savannah Stallings thanked P&R and event organizers for respecting sensitive bird habitats within Mission Bay Park. She recommended the Mission Bay Park Committee write a letter supporting use of MB Improvement Funds for priority projects, such as wetlands restoration

Michael Thiemann is an interested resident that enjoys Mission Bay Park

Cristina Santa Maria with SD Bird Alliance provided update on Least Tern breeding. She stated that events and humans have negative environmental impacts to bird nesting. She recommends installing a sign at Mariners Point notifying people of the 500' buffer zone

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Chairperson Johnson – no report

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Council District 1 – Cambria Head stated that budget talks and modifications are underway. There will FY26 budget discussions with the Mayor on 6/6 and 6/10. Trash fee vote will be 6/9. Hot budget topic for beaches and bay include fire rings and restroom closures. No new information is available regarding SeaWorld fireworks and PD will be out over the holiday enforcing illegal fireworks

Council District 2 – Carrie Munson provided a few key dates for Council items – 6/9 for trash rates, 6/24 for property taxes, budget discussion on 6/10 and ADUs on 6/19. Councilmember Campbell is out on medical leave and the safe lot at H Barracks is open for overnight parking. Paid parking at Balboa Park and coastal communities is in discussions at the City Council level, more info to come on that topic

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – Mike Rodrigues reported that Lifeguards started summer staffing, there will be more lifeguards stationed around Mission Bay swim areas

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation

Cris Amezcua reported on behalf of Community Park I Division. He provided a brief update in the Robb Field Gateway project

Mike Rodrigues announced that the North Cove restroom has opened to the public. Crown Point improvements will begin after summer and all other improvement projects are on hold until after summer. South DeAnza improvement project has been awarded which includes new playground, new restroom, basketball courts with lights and reconfigured parking lot with boat launch ramp extension. Sukut Construction will continue use of Sunrunner Lot for laydown yard until December for the City's Purewater pipeline project, phase 1. Outrigger Canoe Iron Championships will be held at Mariners Basin on 6/28. Mission Bay Park is experiences excessive amounts of graffiti and Mission Bay crews are out re-stripping many parking lots in Mission Bay Park

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. Nominations for Mission Bay Park Committee Vice Chairperson, Giovanni Ingolia has offered to continue his term as Vice Chair. Appointment will take place at the July or August meeting

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. Fiesta Prerunners off-road expo and car show
Connor Ellis, Owner and Coordinator requested approval and support to conduct a free one-day special event for off-road expo and car show using Fiesta Island on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 1000 participants. Off-road expo with 30 vendors/exhibits and food trucks. No alcohol or amplification

STAFF RECOMENDATION: Approve the request as presented. All park rules and regulations must be adhered to. No glass containers at any time. Mission Bay maintenance team has requested dumpsters to be located on each side of event location, next to portable toilets and ensure there is ample space for Fiesta Island Dog Park users. All vehicles participating in the expo and car show must remained parked for the duration of the event. No off-roading or demonstrations. Mission Bay Park Ranger team requires event to have Special Event Traffic Controllers at the entrance of Fiesta Island, and San Diego Police presence at event

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by B. Butkiewicz to approve the event request with staff recommendations. The motion carried 6-3 with C. Dunning, J. Munoz and J. Gross voting no

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. none

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

501. Illegal RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park – Jeff reminded committee members and the public to use the GetItDone to report illegal parking and RV habitation. Barracks H safe lot is open for overnight parking.

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chuck Dunning asked about the annual BayFair event which is typically held second week in September

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting in July will be cancelled. Mark your calendar for August 5th

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues

District Manager, Mission Bay Park