

MINUTES

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

September 2, 2025

Meeting Location

Paradise Point Resort
Paradise Ballroom
1404 Vacation Road
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Chuck Dunning
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson
Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt
Judith Munoz
Steve Pinard
Julie Roland

Members Absent

Cindy Adams
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Jim Gross

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cambria Head
Carrie Munson

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – August 5, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by S. Pinard to approve the August 5, 2025 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0 with 2 abstentions (C. Jolley & J. Roland)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Savannah Stallings with SD Bird Alliance provided an update on SeaWorld fireworks and negative impacts they create for bird nesting. She stated that CM LaCava's office will be reviewing the SeaWorld Master Plan update

Mark D. stated he is against declaring any portion of Mission Bay Park as surplus land for housing

Michael Beltran with Mission BayFest announced the upcoming event to be held at Mariner's Point/East Bonita Cove/Ventura Cove the weekend of October 17-19 with quality music, food and vendors. A shuttle system from Hospitality Point will be operating throughout the event, visit www.bayfestsd.com for more information

George Apostolopoulos with Rain Bird Corporation introduced himself as a water conservation manager for Southern California, willing to offer irrigation tips to anyone that needs them

Denise Friedman reminded everyone the Pacific Beach Town Council is proud to be hosting the 45th Annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (P.A.E.S.A.N.) on September 24th, 2025, at De Anza Cove This year the featured first responders are the San Diego Lifeguards who bravely protect swimmers and boaters along Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla and the shores of Mission Bay Park

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson Johnson announced that eight fire rings will be relocated from South Mission Beach to Mission Bay Park (two @ Mariners Point and six @ Fiesta Island)

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Council District 1 –Cambria Head announced a CalTrans closure of I-5 south between Hwy 52 nd Mission Bay Dr. during the weekend of September 12th. City Council meetings resume the week of September 15th. Cambria thanked Julie Roland for her volunteer service on the Mission Bay Park Committee as the CD1 rep

Council District 2 – Carrie Munson provided an update on H Barracks safe parking lot and enforcement of oversized vehicles and illegal parking in the coastal communities. There will be SDPD workshops on e-Bike safety and OB Lifeguards will receive a new grant funded ATV. There will be a Clairemont plan update at the Town Council meeting. Mission Bay Resort's Superbloom is currently without water due to an accident with a backflow valve. Clairemont birthday will be held on 10/18 at Town Square

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – none

San Diego Police Department – none

Parks and Recreation

Mike Rodrigues provided updates on upcoming special events; Aloha Run 9/7, Bayfair 9/12-14 and PIFA 9/20-21. Several park improvement projects have resumed construction, including El Carmel, Ventura Cove, Hospitality Point and Sunset Point comfort stations. Crown Point playground and park improvement project and South DeAnza playground, basketball courts, restroom and parking lot. So. Mission Beach storm drain project has started at West Bonita Cove. Mike provides appointment certificates to Cathie, Giovanni and Julie. This will be Julie Roland's last meeting as Committee member, she will be re-locating to Washington DC. Her service as Committee member were commended. Mayra Medel, Sr. Planner for MBP/SLP has accepted a job with the City of Chula Vista

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. none

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 Johnson provided an update on illegal RV habitation occurring in Mission Bay Park and opened the topic for discussion. The idea of a parking study was shared. Use of T-bar markings and red zones has shown to work along portions of East Mission Bay Drive. Perhaps they can be expanded to North Mission Bay Drive. Mike Rodrigues stated that parking studies are being considered in some areas of Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park is leaning toward paid parking as a revenue source for the City and Balboa Park

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chuck Dunning shared some additional comments regarding the surplus land topic in Mission Bay Park for affordable housing. He recommends being vocal at City Council if/when this item comes up again

Ryan Karlsgodt understands the surplus land plan for long term leases and additional revenue, however, not for housing in Mission Bay Park. He commented that fireworks over Mission Bay have been frequent and loud. Other City's like Oceanside are moving to drone shows for entertainment

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting will be October 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues

District Manager, Mission Bay Park