

MINUTES

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

November 4, 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
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Jeff Johnson
Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt
Judith Munoz
Steve Pinard

Members Absent

Giovanni Ingolia
Julie Roland

Guests
Cristina Santa Maria
Savanah Stallings
Michael Candra

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Patrick Hadley
Andy Field
Cambria Head
Manny Reyes
Parita Ammerlahn
Rania Amen
Caryn McGriff

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 7, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by C. Adams and seconded by J. Munoz to approve the October 7, 2025 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0 with 3 abstentions (J. Gross, B. Butkiewicz, R. Karlsgodt)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Savanah Stallings with San Diego Bird Alliance inviting individuals on the Committee to a 'Re-wild Party' on November 13 from 6-9pm at Coronado Brewing Company in Bay Park.

Karin Zirk brought up safety concerns associated with golf cart usage at Campland and MB RV Resort as well as motorized gliders off Fiesta Island.

Dana W.H. of the Obedience Club of San Diego commented that they would like to hold off leash dog training within Mission Bay Park.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Reported out on vehicle habitation protest that occurred at S. Shores. Was lightly attended with some media present.

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Council District 1 – Cambria Head provided update on Parking District funding used for street light repair.

Council District 2 – Manny Reyes – no report

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – no report

San Diego Police Department – Jessica Dishman reported out on the 1,600 citations and 300 shelters/safe parking referrals that were issued since July 2026. She provided clarity on the Police Department's ability to tow vehicles which requires progressive approach.

Parks and Recreation – Mike Rodrigues retirement and farewell. Patrick Hadley will provide temporary support to the Committee until vacant positions are filled.

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. Proposal to enlarge the current rock memorial in the fenced off-leash dog area on Fiesta Island presented by Michael Candra, FIDO

A Proposal was provided by FIDO to expand the existing rock memorial at Fiesta Island dog park. It was originally constructed in 2024 and has grown in size and popularity. The group would like to double the size to a 12 foot by 12 foot within the same area.

Motion: Moved/Seconded

A motion was made by Bernadette Butkiewicz and seconded by Ryan Karlsgodt to approve the expanded memorial. The motion carried 9-0 with 1 absent (Giovanni Ingolia).

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. Mission Bay- Tecolote Creek Historical Ecology Report – Savannah Stallings, SD Bird Alliance

Savannah Stallings presented the Tecolote Creek Historical Ecology Reconnaissance Study prepared by the San Francisco Estuary Institute for the San Diego Bird Alliance. The study assessed the historical ecology of southeastern Mission Bay and Tecolote Canyon in order to help inform future restoration efforts in these areas and promote ecological sustainability. The reconnaissance looked into the historical landscape patterns and ecological condition in the region prior to significant Euro-American modification. This study serves as a foundation as additional studies would be needed to gain a more wholistic understanding of the historical landscape patterns and ecology.

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

501. Illegal RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park

Jeff Johnson reported out on RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park.

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting will be December 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Hadley
Deputy Director, Mission Bay and Shoreline