

MINUTES

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

June 9, 2026

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
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson
Steve Pinard
Judith Munoz
Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Jim Gross

Members Absent

Bill Tippets
Cindy Adams

Guests

Savannah Stallings
Michael Rodrigues
Christy Carreno
Kelly Forna
Gregory Riggs
Kimberly Wise
Sunshine Johnson
Margie Johnson
Robert Johnson
Clement Barrera
Jean Spengel
Debra Madden
Sandra Nobile
Kevin Lubwick
Jim Kidrick
Robin Fries
Bridgette Fries
Jim Kidrick
Amy Taylor
Dennis Gillard
Janet Moore
Pat Nevitt
Carl R.
Dick Thurlow

Guests

Iain Richardson
Kathy Parrish

City Staff Present

James Arnhart
Cristobal Amezcua

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May 12, 2026

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by R. Karlsgodt to approve May 12, 2026, Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0-4 with four abstentions (J. Munoz, G. Ingolia, C. Dunning, B. Butkiewicz).

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

P. Nevitt provided an update, the pond level for the remote-control boats is decreasing. Need to repair concrete, and Deputy Director, Patrick Hadley, had got them a sand bar. Requesting a permanent solution in next year's budget. There will be a model powerboat race on Sunday.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – None

STAFF REPORTS

City Council Office (District 1) – S. Stalling reported the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget was actively being finalized at council and can be viewed on the City's website. Fanuel Street Park Playground opened before Memorial Day, thanks to SD Parks Foundation, Community donors, Zoom Recreation and Parks and Rec collaboration on funding and install.

City Council Office (District 2) – No Report

San Diego Lifeguard Service – B. Clark not present. J. Arnhart presented update on behalf of B. Clark. As of May 28th, lifeguards have our full summer staffing. There are seasonal stations around Mission Bay. More full-time staff at our Boating Safety Unit during the summer months, so more boat patrols. SDPD operates out of our Boating Safety Unit during the summer, and they have officers on boats Thursday – Sunday. We are in our planning phase for the 4th of July. All hands-on deck. Same with SDPD.

San Diego Police Department – No Report

Parks and Recreation – C. Amezcua

Construction CIP Projects:

El Carmel / Ventura

- El Carmel CS (B18226): Comfort station installed; waiting on SDG&E transformer power transfer; construction paused until after moratorium; next meeting June 15.
- Ventura CS (B18227): Comfort station delivery expected September; contractor

coordinating SDG&E temp power transfer (June 3).

Hospitality Point

- Comfort Station (B19179): Completed.
- Parking Lot (B19156): Resurfacing, striping—completed.

North Cove

- Comfort Station (B18234): Installed, completed.

Sunset Point

- Comfort Station (B19176): Installation completed.
- Parking Lot (B19159): Resurface and striping completed; lighting installation ongoing.

Crown Point North

- Playground (B19021): Construction ongoing; completion expected June 15.
- Parking Lot (B19022): Resurfacing and striping completed.

De Anza South

- CS (B19172): Paused; work resumes post-moratorium.
- Playground (B19173): Paused; resumes post-moratorium.
- Parking Lot (B19162): Paused; construction begins post-moratorium.

Design Phase

- Mission Bay South Shores GDP (B20130): Active design phase.
- Rose Marie Starns South Shores PL (B19163): Resurfacing and striping completed.

Mission Bay Park & Lessees Coordination Report

Operations & Coordination Highlights

- North Cove / Vacation Isle: Drain clearing, red curb painting, sand management, fire rings, joint safety site visits with Rangers.
- Dana Landing / Sunset Point: Tree weight reduction, irrigation adjustments, maintained safe event areas.
- Quivira Court: Irrigation adjustments; street lighting repairs coordination.
- Bahia / Ventura: Sand management, parking lot upkeep, vegetation and irrigation work, safety enforcement coordination.
- North De Anza / Bike Path: Coordination with Golf Course, RV parks, Campland; lighting and sign upkeep.
- Playa III / North Tecolote: Shrub maintenance, Ranger-supported safety enforcement, path lighting.

Upcoming Site Visits Involving Lessees

- Paradise Point
- Dana Landing
- Hyatt Regency
- Dana Resort
- Bahia Resort
- Catamaran
- Campland / Mission Bay RV Park
- San Diego Mission Bay Resort
- Mission Bay Aquatic Center
- Mission Bay Beach Club

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. San Diego Beach and Bay Half Marathon – Christy Carreno, Event Coordinator

C. Carreno stated they would move the start to De Anza Cove and use roads requiring road closure thirty minutes prior to start. Shuttle service would be provided from Tecolote Park back to De Anza Cove and would require blocking 20 parking spaces from Mission Bay to the beach. Event is scheduled for April 10th with a run time from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

R. Karlsgodt asked about timing for parking space relief.

C. Carreno responded up to 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by C. Jolley to approve of the event. The motion carried 9-0 as a unanimous vote of approval.

302. Mission Bayfest – Mike Rodrigues

M. Rodrigues presented on behalf of M. Beltran, event coordinator, and informed the committee that this was the 5th year for this event. Presented to the Mission Beach Town Council to address noise and traffic. Added an area to the event to take over West Bonita parking lot for traffic circulation. Traffic control at Mission Boulevard and West Mission Bay. Event is scheduled for October 16-19, 2026.

C. Dunning asked what problem is the added area solving?

M. Rodrigues stated it would be used for production vehicles and traffic circulation. It would also be used for drop-offs and pick-ups for Uber, Lyft, and shuttle service. The playground will remain accessible. More ease of access for the playground in

the morning with some impact later in the day for users.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by S. Pinard to approve the added parking lot area to the event. The motion carried 8-0-1 with one abstention (J. Munoz).

303. Bayfair 2026 – Kevin Lubwick and Jim Kidrick

Item presented by K. Luwick and J. Kidrick on behalf of Bob Davies, Director. Presenters identified the need for additional RV parking due to loss of revenue, the public using the location of the proposed RV parking expansion area to watch the races for free, and the need to keep people and dogs out of the water at this location while races are underway. Stated they would be using less area than OMBAC's Over the Line tournament (OTL), the 1958 Mission Bay Park Master Plan specifies purpose to bring powerboat competitions to Mission Bay, and City code allows up to 10 days of powerboat racing per year. Retain and add temporary fencing.

J. Munoz asked what year they started losing revenue.

K. Lubwick responded for the past 10 years.

J. Munoz asked about what they are charging for parking.

J. Kidrick commented the additional parking adds another \$60K in revenue. Area would be fenced off for paid parking and emergency services. No berm impacts and would flatten beach prior to event. No brush clearing as not approved by Parks and Recreation.

C. Jolley commented they need more RV parking to create more revenue and to limit people from viewing for free. Same access if you don't have a dog?

J. Kidrick answered "yes" – outside fence line no restrictions for dogs and the public.

C. Jolley stated you cannot differentiate between FIDO and others opposed to additional RV parking.

J. Kidrick commented the event is in the \$20-30M range and the Mission Bay Endowment Fund was started by racing for funding. Additional funds to be used to continue event in the future.

J. Johnson commented OMBAC is not an exclusionary event and does not affect this area. Use existing area 400–500 feet south of gate but no further.

B. Butkiewicz asked what the fencing would look like and would it be used as a mitigation measure for those stopping to watch the event.

K. Lubwick commented dogs cannot be in the water during the races and it is a contentious issue with FIDO. We went to FIDO in March to explain event and would use fence to keep public out of the water.

Questions about loss of revenue between committee and presenters. Presenters' response was the event is losing money by not adding RV parking; otherwise, the event is breaking even.

C. Jolley commented they are only concerned about increased parking for revenue and viewing by non–ticket holders. They could increase the cost of parking instead of expanding parking. The event has not lost money – only by not included the added area.

J. Johnson provided comments about competing interests: 1) costs going up and City is raising fees, 2) the off–leash dog area is an important resource, and 3) concerns about other events using area. He provided explanation of the parking set up for OMBAC OTL. Regarding increased fees for parking, there is a ceiling where you can increase cost for RV parking but limits participation if too high. Stated every special event has a repair/event mitigation process by the City funded by the permit cost. Parks and Rec would repair any damage.

J. Spengel referenced the Coastal Act, the berm used to be 6–8 feet wide and now is 4 feet wide. Will impact berm and erosion. Not opposed to event but expanded RV parking.

D. Madden discussed the Fiesta Island Concept Plan (May 22') which does not allow camping in the dog park area (only across from OTL area and northward).

K. Parrish discussed native plants and Mission Bay Master Plan references minimum removal of native plants.

A. Taylor is not opposed to the event but is not a local event like OTL and should keep as–is.

D. Gillard expressed concern over erosion.

I. Richardson expressed concern about safety (i.e., broken glass). How will this be addressed?

C. Rebman concern about irreparable damage (money in escrow?)

Summary of remaining committee members discussion and comments on item included comments pertaining to restriction of public access of the dog park, setting a precedent if approved, denial does not disallow Bayfair to come back to the City with a modified scope of work, impacts by RV users during the event to the berm even if RVs physically do not impact the berm, discussion of OTL parking and where it occurs, parking addressing dogs not going into the water, and a comment that it is not the role of the committee to mitigate for a project.

J. Munoz asked about why staff's recommendation was modified to approve with changes to the site preparation.

J. Arnhart commented the district manager had not been provided with the permit applications for special events for review and Patrick Hadley had previously confirmed the city would not allow for impacts to the berm. The district manager confirmed, and staff's recommendation was reflected in the agenda for the special meeting to clarify for committee and the public the city is not in favor of impacts to the berm area.

MOTION: DENIED

Motion was made by G. Angolia and seconded by J. Munoz to deny approval of the additional RV parking within the Fiesta Island off-leash dog park. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 9-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. None

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

501. None

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

J. Munoz requested an agenda item next meeting to send a letter to commend SeaWorld on the drone program vs. firework show. She asked Parks and Rec to meet and explain the criteria to make decisions (recommendations) on special events.

J. Munoz commented on the recent off-road event on Fiesta Island noting the traffic issues, and how to control the traffic issue in the future. CCC also released the 2025 Mission Bay Water Quality Report noting contamination and issue of pollutants notably

at Tecolote Creek and Rose Creek outfalls.

J. Johnson commented on why wait to treat pollutants after entering bay and not beforehand.

J. Munoz asked about what happened with denied events in April.

J. Johnson – They will go back to the city for a format change.

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Johnson, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting will be July 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. @ the Santa Clara Recreation Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Senior Planner

Mission Bay and Shoreline Parks Division, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation
Department