





City of San Diego
Councilmember Jen Campbell, Second District
Councilmember Scott Sherman, Seventh District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2019

TO: Herman Parker, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Hansen, Planning Director

FROM: Councilmember Jen Campbell 
Councilmember Scott Sherman 

RE: Use of South Shores Boat Launch Sites for Non-Motorized Boat Use

On May 23rd, 2019 the Environment Committee voted unanimously to recommend Option B of the Fiesta Island amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan. This was the right decision since it preserves 90 acres of pristine open space and upholds the long-standing San Diego tradition of off-leash dog park recreation on the island, without roads or other infrastructure.

If Option B is approved by the full City Council, a permanent launching site for non-motorized boat use should be looked into immediately.

San Diego's outrigger boating community comprises hundreds of paddlers. Most outrigger boating clubs include cancer survivors and disabled Veterans as members. Many of the boats are extremely heavy and are in need of close water access. A permanent space for this outdoor recreation community would be an asset to the whole Mission Bay area and should be made a priority.

The South Shores boat launching area already has many features that are proposed in Option A such as restrooms, ample parking spaces, lighting, ADA access, and a sandy beach to launch boats.

As discussed at the May 23rd Environment Committee, we respectfully request a feasibility study for non-motorized outrigger boat storage and use at the underutilized South Shores boat launch ramp area. We look forward to scheduling this item at the Environment Committee before the end of the year.

CC:

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