

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
April 4, 2023**

Meeting Location

Paradise Point Resort
Mission Bay Room
1404 Vacation rd.
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Marshall Anderson
Ron Anderson
Josh Coyne
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Stephanie Smith
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

James Hauser – excused

Guests

Melissa Sosnowski
Mark Philips

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Carrie Shah
Christina Chadwick
Scott Sandel
Jordan Moore

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 7, 2023

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Anderson and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve the February 7, 2023 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 6-0 with 3 abstentions (M. Anderson, J. Johnson, J. Coyne)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Kirby, Crown Point resident, commented on the excessive noise, construction laydown yard, weeds, gophers and irrigation problems at Crown Point Shores Park

Cristina Santa Maria with SD Audubon provided an update on California Least Terns and other sensitive habitat at Mission Bay Park

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Judith Munoz noted that Committee member new appointments and re-appointments are underway. Current members should be re-applying if they want to continue to serve on the committee.

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Carrie Shah with CD1 stated that Budget Committee is underway. Residents should submit their budget priorities to their Council office for consideration. Mayor Gloria is expected to present the FY24 Budget on April 14th.

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – no report

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues announced that Mission Bay Park will host the annual Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 22 at Vacation Isle from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Palm Tree trimming will be occurring throughout Mission Bay Park during the month of April, an estimated 1600 palm trees will be trimmed. The West Mission Bay Bridge project is complete. Work continues for the Santa Clara playground/comfort station and the South Tecolote Shores playground/comfort station. Sand management continues along the Mission Bay shorelines. Julie Rolland has been appointed to serve on the Mission Bay Park Committee. Once she gains approval at City Council, she will join the Committee. Giovanni Ingolia has been re-appointed to his seat on the Committee.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – none

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. **Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Facility at 1441 Quivira Road**
Mark Phillips, Land Use Consultant with Precept Wireless Consultants presented a Verizon Wireless proposal to install a fully concealed wireless telecommunication facility on to the roof of the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the Verizon Wireless telecom facility at the Hyatt. The motion carried 7-0

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW: Special Events that require road closures or will potentially impact park and/or commercial operation are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the

Committee.

301. Swim, Bike and Run Practice/Race event -Melissa Sosnowski, President of the Triathlon Club of San Diego requested approval to utilize Fiesta Island and Enchanted Cove for swim, bike run event on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Estimated attendance is 100 participants and 50 vehicles. No alcohol, no vendors. Fiesta Island road will be closed to all other vehicles during the event, advanced posting required.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Johnson and seconded by M. Anderson to approve the Triathlon event at Fiesta Island as presented with staff recommendation requiring the road to open to vehicles no later than 9:30 a.m. The motion carried 9-0

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

401. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Draft De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan
Scott Sandel, Park Designer, and Jordan Moore, Sr. Planner with Planning Department's Park Planning section provided an overview of the De Anza Natural land use plan, defining the concept, process and timelines.

With over 200 people in attendance, there were over 60 speaker slips submitted and over 50 guests making public comments on this topic. There was representation from San Diego Audubon & ReWild, Campland on the Bay/Mission Bay RV Resort, Mission Bay Golf Council, various youth sports groups from Mission Bay Athletic Fields, Pacific Beach Tennis Association, Outdoor Outreach, Mission Bay Gateway, Friends of Rose Creek, Climate Reality Project, and Mission Bay Boat & Ski Club. Each group shared concerns regarding how this "plan" may impact or affect their specific activity or interest.

- Rewild would like to see the city expand the wetlands habitat.
- Most groups would like to preserve diverse recreation options.
- The key point is for the city to focus on equity and equal distribution of uses and representation among the diverse stakeholder groups and find a compromise that everyone can agree to.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS –

- Ron Anderson helped explain Land Use & GDP Process. He emphasized the need for active recreation to remain. He asked about what the net loss or net gain of active recreation would be.

- Marshall Anderson helped explain the process as well– land use, master plan, GDP with additional public comment opportunities in the future at Park Board and City Council. Marshall requested specifics on what recreation opportunities are being recommended. He asked for details on natural recreation vs. active recreation.
- Jeff Johnson also requested specific on what active recreation is being recommended. He wants the city to maximize active recreation into the plan with all the different stakeholder groups considered.
- Stephanie Smith stated that there is time for alternate plans to be presented and not to rush into making a decision that will last for generations until all options are presented. She would like to see low-cost visitor accommodations with public access.
- Judith Munoz stressed the importance of water quality addressing sea level rise.

The next stop for this item will be the Parks and Recreation Board on April 20th as an Info Item then back to Mission Bay Park Committee for Action this summer.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues,

District Manager, Mission Bay Park