

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
May 2, 2023**

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

Marshall Anderson
Ron Anderson
Josh Coyne – arrived @ 6:05
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Stephanie Smith
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

James Hauser – excused
Jeff Johnson – excused
Judith Munoz – excused

Guests

Maureen McGowan
Rosemary Toschi
Gale Kavanaugh
Lynne March
Marcella Bothwell
Michael Beltran
Mike Spangler

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Christina Chadwick
Ryan Barbrick
Vicky Joe
Officer Jessica Thrift
Lt. Bryan Brecht
Kelsey Hall
Megan Hickey

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairperson, Ron Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 4, 2023

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

Correction: Stephanie Smith corrected her comments regarding item 501, De Anza Natural Plan, adding the need to keep “active” recreation in the plan

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by M. Anderson to approve the April 4, 2023 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as corrected. The motion carried 6-0

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Kirby, Crown Point resident, thanked staff for their attention regarding the excessive noise from early morning street sweepers and trash trucks. He still wants to see the construction laydown yards removed, weeds controlled, gophers exterminated, and irrigation problems repaired 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

John Heatherington commented about the need to focus on water quality as part of the De Anza land use study

Susan Crowers requested a copy of the Mission Bay Park calendar of events to help identify areas of the park that are overused by large special events

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – none

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Vicky Joes with CD1 announced that Carrie Shah has moved on and the Office is looking for a replacement for her. Budget season is underway with the May revise. CM LaCava will host FY24 Budget Forum on May 6th at La Jolla Recreation Center.

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 – Mike Rodrigues reported on behalf of Brian Clark from SD Lifeguards. The summer staffing schedule has started with more staff on board with the Boating Unit, expect to see more patrols and quicker response times on the water. Training and education related to law enforcement continues, Lifeguards are working closer with SDPD. LGs are gearing up for Memorial Day weekend

San Diego Police Department – Lt. Bryan Brecht reported extra patrol staffing for Cinco de Mayo weekend. Beginning May 13th shift changes will begin with enhanced Police presence for Memorial Day weekend

Parks and Recreation

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues announced the appointment of two new Mission Bay Park Committee members, Cynthia Adams and Chuck Dunning, as well as the re-appointment of Giovanni Ingolia for two-year term. New members will begin their terms once approved by City Council

Mission Bay Park hosted a successful Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 22 at Vacation Isle from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 134 volunteers planted 60 new trees. Palm Tree trimming continues throughout Mission Bay Park. 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. Springtime special events have started at Mission Bay Park with the Spring Sprint and Girls on the Run 5K on May 7th

Park Ranger Report – Four new Park Rangers will be assigned to Mission Bay Park once they are cleared by Personnel. We hope to have them onboarded by July 4th

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. Formation of De Anza Natural Plan “ad hoc” ommittee – Request from Parks and Recreation Board to appoint three (3) members from Mission Bay Park Committee to serve on the De Anza Natural Plan “ad hoc” committee. This “ad hoc” committee will consist of three members from Mission Bay Park Committee and three members from Parks and Recreation Board. The goals are to: Discuss timing and process for quality Committee/Board input to Planning Department regarding this land use plan; attain stakeholder input in a collaborative environment, discuss alternative solutions including and not limited to, water quality management and recreation uses

MOTION: A motion was made by G. Ingolia to appoint Marshall Anderson, Stephanie Smith and Jim Gross to the De Anza Natural “ad hoc” committee

Stephanie Smith and Marshall Anderson, both withdrew themselves from serving on this “ad hoc” committee. The motion did not pass

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by D. Walter to appoint Jeff Johnson, Jim Gross and Judith Munoz to serve on the De Anza Natural “ad hoc” committee. The motion carried 6-0 with Jim Gross abstaining

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by M. Anderson and seconded by G. Ingolia to appoint Ron Anderson as alternate for the De Anza Natural “ad hoc” committee. The Motion Carried 6-0 with Ron Anderson abstaining

202. Proposal for Maruta Gardner Memorial Plaque at the Maruta Gardner Playground at West Bonita Cove – Members form the Mission Beach Women’s Club Foundation presented a proposal to honor Maruta Gardner with a plaque at

Maruta Gardner Playground (West Bonita Cove)

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by D. Walter to approve the Maruta Gardner Plaque proposal with staff recommendations. 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. Baja Bound Lifestyle & Travel Expo – Mike Spangler, President, Spangler Event Productions requested approval to use Crown Point turf and portion of the parking lot for a Lifestyle Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed event will include a beer garden, vendor booths, display vehicles and a stage for live entertainment from noon to 5:00 p.m. No road closures. The estimated attendance is 3000

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by S. Smith and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve the Travel Expo with staff recommendations and requiring a traffic/parking plan. The motion carried 7-0

302. Mission Bay Spring Fling 2024 – Mike Beltran requested approval for a two-day food, drink and music festival proposed for Mariner's Point and East Bonita Cove on Saturday, March 22, 2024 and Sunday, March 23, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day with 9000 attendees featuring live music entertainment, alcohol, food and merchandise sales. Partial East Bonita Cove parking lot closure as a venue with off-site shuttle plan in place. Load in on March 20, 2024 and load out on March 25, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by M. Anderson and seconded by J. Coyne to approve the 2-day music festival event with staff recommendations. The motion carried 7-0

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

401. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. De Anza mobile home clean up– Jacob Gelfand with Campland by the Bay and Mission Bay RV Resort provided a brief history regarding the removal of the

old mobile homes and a comprehensive overview of the clean-up efforts at the De Anza peninsula. As of 4/12/23 all 169 mobile homes have been removed. Work is underway to repair roads and bike path, re-landscape the area, refurbish the pool and clubhouse and repurpose the area with new overnight camping accommodations

502. Kendall-Frost Restoration Project update - Kelsey Hall with Public Utilities Department provided a technical work plan for the Kendall Frost Marsh Reserve restoration project. The project includes native habitat restoration, removal of evasive non-native plants and debris, new fencing, and signage. Work is scheduled to begin in June'23

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Marshall Anderson shared his concerns regarding the Robb Field Fitness Center being closed and the poor condition of the Santa Clara Weight Room. He requested a meeting with P&R Management to discuss these two items. Christina Chadwick offered to arrange a meeting with Community Parks Division management

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair, R. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues,
District Manager, Mission Bay Park