

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
August 1, 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

Cindy Adams
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Jeff Johnson
Giovanni Ingolia
Judith Munoz
Julie Roland
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Marshall Anderson – excused
Josh Coyne

Guests

Anthony DiMartino
Cris Stansky
Matt Valerio

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Jerry Abbott
Karla Tirado
Nick Ferracone
Kellyn Baker

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 11, 2023

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by D. Walter to approve the July 11, 2023 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 7-0 with 1 abstention (J. Roland)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Denise Friedman reported that City Council approved the new smart streetlight cameras and license plate reader ordinance

Cristina Santa Maria provided a Ca. Least Tern update. 162 nests were reported in Mission Bay Park with most found on FAA Island

Dan O’Neil with San Diego Rowing Club requested enforcement of illegal overnight vehicle habitation along El Carmel Point. The Rowing Club recently had their vehicle parked in El Carmel parking lot vandalized. He encouraged others to file police reports and report illegal/suspicious activities occurring the park

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Judith Munoz provided an update on the De Anza Natural Plan - "The City Planning Department continues the work required to finalize the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, including preparation of the response to comments and a Sea Level Rise Analysis. Based on the current status of this effort, we now anticipate a Planning Commission hearing at the end of September 2023"

The De Anza Natural Plan still has concerns including addressing poor water quality from run off, and the relocation of the MB Boat & Ski Club to South Shores (old toxic landfill)

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES – no reports

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service –no report

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation

Park Ranger Report – Four new Park Rangers have started at Mission Bay Park. An unauthorized flotilla event scheduled for 7/30/23 in Sail Bay was cancelled by the organizer

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues introduced Julie Roland as the newest member of the Mission Bay Park Committee. Bernadette Butkiewicz, Ryan Karlsgodt and Catherine Jolley are still pending City Council approval before they begin their appointments. The South Tecolote playground project continues with a new completion date expected in September. The Safe Camping Ordinance is in effect for parks and beaches. Extreme high tides are expected tonight and at the end of August

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. Anthony DiMartino, Government Affairs Director with Californians for Safety and Justice requested Committee approval for the proposed placement of an eight inch by 12-inch bronze memorial plaque mounted on a park bench honoring Curtis Leon Williamson at Crown Point Shores

Staff Recommendation: Memorial plaque requests are currently handled by the Department on a case-by-case basis. The Department discontinued its formal program for memorial benches, plaques, and trees several years ago due to popularity beyond capacity. The proposed plaque in this case appears inconsistent with approvals under the preexisting program standards due to the plaque size, design, and embellishments.

As part of its decision making, the Committee should also consider the following questions outlined in Park Board Policy 1002. The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for design, placement, and acceptance of architectural, artistic and commemorative features within parks and other City-owned land assets.

- Does the memorial recognize an individual or group?
- Does the memorial add to the attractiveness or usefulness of Mission Bay Park?
- Does the proposed location (Crown Point, Mission Bay) add significance to the memorial?
- To what extent has the individual or group been commemorated in other locations in the metropolitan area?

No Action was taken on this item – the request to place a memorial plaque was not supported. Staff will continue to work with Mr. DiMartino for other options such a tree or bench (without a memorial plaque)

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 Improvement Funds Update has been tabled for a future meeting

402. Nick Ferracone, Senior Planner with Engineering and Capital Projects, Program and Project Development Division and Matt Valerio with Dudek Environmental Consulting provided an overview and timeline for the Mission Bay Park Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report. The program received approval for a 36-month extension for more studies and assessments. The project will return to Mission Bay Park Committee prior to any design

Jeff Johnson asked about studies of upland stormwater runoff affecting Mission Bay's water quality and if South Shores toxicity studies are part of this report

Billy Paul commented about the evasive plants along Rose Creek

403. Kellyn Baker with City of San Diego Stormwater Department and Chris Stransky with WSP Regional Harbor Monitoring Program (RHMP) provided a brief description and update of the program and upcoming monitoring and sampling schedule for Mission Bay in August 2023

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

501. none

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chuck Dunning provided information regarding the De Anza special study area

Chairperson Munoz and her husband Dan will be hosting a social get together/mixer at their home on August 26. Members should look for an invite via email. No Committee business will be discussed

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues,

District Manager, Mission Bay Park