

## MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board  
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE  
December 3, 2019**

**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**

Ron Anderson  
Kari Logan  
Stephanie Smith  
Jeff Johnson  
Paul Robinson  
Giovanni Ingolia  
Judith Munoz

**Members Absent**

David Potter  
Darlene Walter

**City Staff Present**

Mike Rodrigues  
Carrie Munson  
Jeff Van Deerlin  
Pierre Saladin

**Guests**

Bradley Schnell  
Kristine Schnell  
George Allen

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Paul Robinson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – November 5, 2019

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Johnson and seconded by K. Logan to approve the November 5, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with three abstentions (Ingolia, Munoz, Robinson).

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Dan Dennison requested improvements at the Dusty Rhodes dog off leash area, primarily to the nighttime security lighting.

Don Gross reported on problems he has observed including flooding at North Figueroa across from the golf course and Crown Point parking lot storm drain covered with sand. He commented on a Vector Control project and tide level maps. Don would like to see the Mission Bay Athletic Field comfort station replacement as a priority project.

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** – No Report

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE**

Carrie Munson reported that SDPD has the largest recruiting class in 25 years which can be contributed to better pay and marketing; San Diego Community Power will help the region move to a clean energy future to meet climate action plans; new trees were planted at Kate Sessions Park; Community Workshops on Homelessness will be held 12/4/19 @ Crown Point Junior Music Academy; State of the District will be held 1/30/20 at 5:30 pm @ Liberty Station, community awards will be presented; Boards and Commissions will be making some changes to the Advisory Boards; Point in Time Count will be held 1/23/20, CD2 will participate again this year; SD Humane Society contract has been renewed.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park**

**Jeff Van Deerlin, Program Manager**, reported that Dusty Rhodes lighting is in the works.

**De Anza Mobile Home Update** – On June 24, 2019, SD City Council approved the lease with Northwest MB, LLC to operate the Mission Bay RV Resort and make improvements to the former De Anza Mobile Home Park. The previous company managing the property, Newport Pacific, gave the City a 30-day notice in May 2019 that they were terminating their agreement. The new lessee, which shares its management team with Campland-on-the-Bay, is moving forward with its planned cleanup at De Anza. This includes roadway and building improvements as well as the removal of the remaining mobile homes on the site. Potential litigation with San Diego Audubon, however, resulted in a 2-month delay and extended the start of the De Anza cleanup to March 7, 2020. In a settlement reached with Audubon, Northeast is required to confine its planned, new 150 campsites, which will repurpose existing mobile home sites and utilities, to the northeastern corner of the De Anza property. Presently, Northeast is pursuing a Coastal Development Permit for the cleanup and is moving forward with preliminary steps to remove the 166 mobile homes that remain on the property. This includes conducting asbestos and lead testing on all the homes and determining the scope of work for the abatement portion of the project. As to the lease, the initial term is four years. A fifth year is triggered if Northeast completes capital improvements within 24 months, subject to extension for unavoidable delay. The City then has three one-year options to further extend the lease.

Mission Bay Athletic Field comfort station and concession stand update: The estimated project cost is approximately \$1.8 million. We have about \$1.2 million in the current budget, so we will be asking the Committee to approve allocating the balance of \$600,000. We anticipate design completion by September 2020. Construction should begin by December 2020 and the facility should be in service by May 2021. We are currently in the consultant procurement phase. The project charter was based on the assumption that as-needed consultant procurement method would be utilized. During the procurement process it was determined there was no longer capacity available in the as-needed contract and an alternate procurement method (sole source contract) was pursued. We are updating the design to meet current code, as well as a few scope items that were added by the ADA folks during the preliminary engineering phase.

**Mike Rodrigues, District Manager**, reported that the West Bonita Cove improvement project (Maruta Gardner Playground) is underway and scheduled for completion on May 22, 2020 with a 90-day maintenance period to follow. Mike provided other park project updates: Crown Point playground is at 30% design; Tecolote North & South improvements are at initial design; Santa Clara playground and comfort station is at 60% design; Crown Point walkways went out to bid in October and the Bonita Cove East is in pre-design. We are in the process of filling the Park Ranger vacancy and park maintenance staff is busy with off season projects.

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – no report

**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. Request Mission Bay Park Committee support for: A) Designating six trees in Bonita Cove for slackline use; and/or B) Construction of artificial stands for slacklining use at either Bonita Cove or Mariner's Point.

Rory Ginsberg provided a two-phase proposal to allow slacklining at Mission Bay Park. Phase 1) Designating seven trees in Bonita Cove as slackline permitted area over the sand not to interfere with the volleyball courts; Phase 2) Creation of a slackline specific park on the sand at Mariner's Cove through a Right of Entry Permit with private funding and volunteer labor.

Judith Munoz asked about temporary lines and if the lines are provided.

Kari Logan had concerns about impacts to the Bonita Cove volleyball court usage and safety.

Stephanie Smith asked if they considered creation of a slackline area near existing or planned adult fitness courses within the park.

Jeff Johnson shared his concerns of a permanent slackline park at the very popular Mariners Point area which is in high demand for park permits.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by S. Smith and seconded by J. Munoz for the slackline proponents to work with city staff to consider finding a suitable location near an existing or planned adult fitness area to incorporate a slackline park, not using any trees and keeping consistent with park design. The motion carried 6-1 (Johnson).

202: Curfew Implementation at Fanuel Street Park - The Pacific Beach Town Council is seeking a vote of recommendation from the Mission Bay Park Committee for the implementation of a nighttime curfew of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. at Fanuel Street Park.

Brian White, President, Pacific Beach Town Council requested support from the Mission Bay Park Committee to implement a 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew at Fanuel Street Park citing rampant illegal activity being observed by area residents. A nighttime curfew was supported by the Pacific Beach Town Council as well as the Bay Scene HOA and Pacific Beach Woman's Club. Crime data statistics for the park were provided. Over 500 signatures were gathered in support of the proposed curfew.

Many residents from the community spoke in support of implementing a nighttime curfew at Fanuel Street Park primarily based on health and

safety concerns. No one spoke in opposition.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Munoz and seconded by J. Johnson to support a 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. nighttime curfew at Fanuel Street Park. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The next step will Park and Recreation Board for consideration, then full San Diego City Council for approval to amend SD Municipal Code as it relates to nighttime curfews for public parks. California Coastal Commission approval will also be required before the proposed curfew goes into effect.

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW** (Special Events that require road or plaza 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. Walk to Cure Arthritis – Request to approve fundraiser walk and festival, Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Crown Point Shores.

Christopher Ramirez with the Arthritis Foundation presented a proposal for a new fundraiser walk and festival to be held at Crown Point Shores with minimal impacts to the park.

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by S. Smith to approve the staff recommendation and approve the event as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Permit will only be valid when all lessees are notified by the organizer.

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

401. None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. Shoreline Café update – Bradley and Kristine Schnell provided an update on construction of the new Shoreline Café at the old Mission Bay Park Information Center building. They are very close to completing the restoration of the interior and anticipate opening for business with a

limited menu in January 2020 with full food café with bike rentals open in Summer 2020.

502. Redevelopment of Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa located in Mission Bay Park.

Pierre Saladin with READ introduced George Allen representing Pebblebrook Hotel Trust. Mr. Allen reported that the Hilton San Diego Mission Bay Resort will be rebranded as the new luxury-focused San Diego Mission Bay Resort managed by Noble House Hotels and Resorts effective January 1, 2020. The resort underwent \$21 million in renovations in 2019 with another \$10.5 million to begin in early 2020. The transformation of the San Diego Mission Bay Resort will have a positive and long-lasting impact on not only travelers to Mission Bay Park, but also employees, community members and the environment.

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

601. None

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** January 7, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Santa Clara Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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