

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
June 2, 2020**

Meeting Location

ONLINE MEETING via Microsoft Teams viewed on the City's Public Meetings [YouTube channel](#)

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Ron Anderson
Stephanie Smith
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Darlene Walter
Giovanni Ingolia
Paul Robinson

Members Absent

David Potter
Kari Logan

City Staff Present

Andy Field
Mike Rodrigues
Lt. Rick Romero
Heidi Vonblum
Jonathan Avila
Carrie Munson

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – March 3, 2020

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Anderson and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0 with two abstentions (G. Ingolia and P. Robinson)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Comment submitted by Rick Williams, presented by Mike Rodrigues:

Mr. Williams shared his concerns regarding the condition of the asphalt bike path on the southside of the San Diego River from Sunset Cliffs heading west to Dog Beach. He feels that section of path should be considered a high priority for repairs and resurfacing due to potholes and lack of surface.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Mr. Robinson reminded everyone to stay safe and wished everyone well during these tough times.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson briefly discussed the City's FY21 Budget and CD2s support of the May revise that restored Library and Rec Center hours of operation well as some Code Enforcement cuts. COVID19 will show a loss of revenues due to less TOT funds and Sales taxes.

STAFF REPORTS

Andrew Field, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a comprehensive overview of the proposed FY21 P&R Budget with the May Revise information included. Many of the severe cuts to operations was restored, but there are still many cuts that will show impacts for the upcoming Fiscal Year. The City was fortunate to receive CARES Act Funding to ease the some of the funding shortfalls. Parks and Recreation will continue to provide quality parks and programs. Mr. Field also shared information regarding park, beach and bay closures due to County Health orders.

Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, provided brief updates many 2020 special events that were either cancelled or postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic. A few of the Spring 2020 events have been re-scheduled to the Fall and Winter 2020. Mike announced that Mission Bay Park remains closed except for RV dumps, boat launch ramps at South Shores and DeAnza and all 28 restrooms which remained opened. The bay has re-opened for recreational watercraft use and shorelines re-opened for walking/jogging. The bayside boardwalks, all playgrounds, parking lots and Fiesta Island all remain closed until further notice. Mike shared that the Bonita Cove West Playground and Comfort Station is expected to be complete at the end of July with a maintenance period before opening in Fall 2020. Crown Point ADA upgrades are complete, and the Mission Bay Athletic Field and North Cove Comfort Stations are in design. Park maintenance staff have been working very hard during the closures to clear weeds and graffiti, preform bike path maintenance and improvements on Fiesta Island. Park Rangers continue to be busy with education and enforcement of the closed park areas placing barricades and signage. Special Event and Parking Enforcement Officers have been a huge help with keeping people safe and out of the parks during this closure period. Lastly, Mike announced that long time Parks and Recreation Department employee, David Monroe retired from the City after 42 plus years of service. David served at the Deputy Director of Community Parks II Division.

San Diego Lifeguard Service

Lt. Rick Romero reported that lifeguard staffing at Mission Bay will resume on June 12th. There was a terrible vessel accident on Mission Bay on May 23rd with required SDPD assistance. The abandoned vessel grant funding has been secured. Lifeguards have seen an increase of watercraft activity over the last month keeping staff very busy. The Junior Lifeguard program is resuming. And, Lt. Romero announced that longtime Lifeguard Captain John Sandmeyer has retired from City service and will be missed.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member.)

101. San Diego Triathlon Challenge, hosted by Challenged Athletes Foundation – Proposed swim bike, run event to be held Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Ventura Cove from 4:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Estimated participants are 150–200 with 800 spectators. Amplified music and PA for announcements. Ventura Cove Parking lot will be closed.

102. Walk for Lyme Disease Awareness, hosted by San Diego Lyme Alliance – Proposed 5K Fundraiser to be held on April 10, 2021 at DeAnza Cove from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 100 participants with 100 spectators. PA system for music and announcements. No alcohol or road closures.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Munoz and seconded by J. Johnson to approve Consent Action Items #101 and #102. The motion carried 7-0.

Permit will only be valid when all lessees are notified by the organizer. Notification list will be sent to organizer

Adoption (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the committee.)

201. Requesting support of the Parks Master Plan and General Recreation Element Amendment

Jonathon Avila and Heidi Vonblum from the Planning Department provided a complete overview of the City's new proposed "Parks Master Plan"

Stephanie Smith commented about Development Impact Fees (DIF) and asked about the Quimby Act for funding parks and park improvements.

Chairperson Robinson complimented both Heidi and Jonathon on their efforts to develop this very well-prepared document.

A comment was made about CEQA addendum covering General Plan and Parks Master Plan.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Johnson to support the Parks Master Plan and General Recreation Element Amendment as presented. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention (Munoz)

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. None

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

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

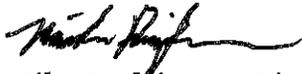
SUB-COMMITTEE - None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 7, 2020 “virtually”

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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