

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

August 4, 2020

Meeting Location

ONLINE MEETING via Microsoft
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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
David Potter
Kari Logan

Members Absent

None

Guests

Megan Drummy
Sarah King

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Lt. Rick Romero
Carrie Munson
Christina Chadwick
Sheila Bose
Jericho Gallardo
Stephen Lindsay
Marisol Aguilar
Rick Bollinger (IT support)

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Paul Robinson, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 7, 2020

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by D. Potter and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 8-0 with one abstention (K. Logan)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Comment submitted by Sharon Lowery: Crown Pt. Beach has become the new bar scene, because local bars are closed. Around 9:30 pm, our neighborhood becomes a nightmare. Last night a full concert screen was set up on the beach, and music could be heard far and wide. Since fire rings are full, people dig holes and create their own. Beach is full of fires, most burning pallets. All this oiled filled smoke going into the atmosphere. We call police but as you all know they are overwhelmed with crime. As residence, we appreciate everyone using the beaches, and all we want is for them to be respectful in the late hours. There are no young families with children at late hours. We please ask to the Board consider eliminating fire rings in Crown Pt Park. They have been removed along Rivera Dr. beaches west to Bayside Lane. Please don't brush this problem off, it's a nightmare.

Comment submitted by Juliet Uehling: The fire pits and as a result, the beaches where fire pits are located, have become a nuisance and health hazard for the residents. No longer are fires kept only inside fire rings; they are instead built directly on the sand. Consequently, instead of four fires we had fifteen in less than a block along Crown Point. Large crowds gather at each fire. Last night a group arrived with amplifiers, microphones and huge screens where they held a loud concert. We began calling the police at 9:00 p.m. At 11:30 the music and frolicking at 15 fires continued. Drivers dropped off passengers and there was a steady stream of traffic on the street and sidewalk. The smoke from the fires is carcinogenic and no one regulates what is burned or accelerants used. Fireworks go off consistently until the wee hours of the morning. The trash left is deplorable. We need the fire pits removed. The fires burn too close to our homes and they are truly affecting our quality of life. Curfews are not enforced. Please help us as full-time residents.

Comment submitted by Marie Walton: I have called non-emergency police line numerous times about the loud music, noise, fireworks and large crowds at Crown Point Park and Ski Beach. This is destroying the quality of life in Crown Point. There is even a party business set up at different areas in Crown Point Park and Ski Beach. It appears to be same set up, lights and booming music. In addition, there are many other party groups on these beaches. Afterwards much trash is left behind. Firecrackers and fireworks are dangerous. Something needs to be done the situation is out of control.

Comment submitted by Michele Grynowicz: Professional well-organized pop-up beach clubs are becoming a regular occurrence at Crown Point Shores. They are loud and include drugs, alcohol, professional DJ's, multiple commercial speakers and generators, stages, white event tents, hundreds to thousands of participants, and they gain traction as the night goes on-beyond 10pm park closure. Limo buses transport folks in. Community members report these parties to the non-emergency line but there is no action. Their power source is generators. If we can somehow shut down generators/remove power source and lock the park gates at closure time-this seems like a reasonable preventative measure.

Comment submitted by Jane Nobbs: Please enforce the park curfews. There are fires, alcohol and noise late at night. This past weekend at Crown Point was particularly bad.

Comment submitted by Lee DeShong: I have been living on Crown Point Drive since 1992. Although the noise has lessened since the alcohol ban, this virus quarantine seems to have cause a spike in noise and illegal activity on the bay. It appears the bars have moved to the beach and is probably a significant cause in the spreading of the virus.

Comment submitted by Gary Cannon: Thank you for this opportunity to comment and ask a couple questions. I am a volunteer with Surfrider Foundation who reviews City-wide agendas. The question I have for City engineering staff is whether they are aware of the toxic materials that lie under the ground at South Shores near where the

proposed water line will go along Sea World Drive. Is there any potential that this work would require digging into or near that material? As you may remember, in 1983 several City contractors were hospitalized, and I believe one died after being exposed to the material during a grading operation at South Shores. I just thought it might be good to remind current City staff in case they were unaware of the history at South Shores.

Comment submitted by Donna Green: I am concerned about the loud evening and late-night activities in the park across the street from our homes on Crown Point Drive between La Cima & La Mancha. We are frequently bombarded with very loud music, speaking on microphones, the noises of partying crowds, and jolting firecrackers. These disturbances should be monitored and handled by parks and recreation enforcement rather than contacting the police/law enforcement. Is there something that can be done to set and peacefully enforce a noise limit and a time curfew?

Comment submitted by Sondra Albini: As a property owner, tax paying, law abiding citizen, I am deeply concerned about the ruckus weekend activity that has taken over the beach/bay at Crown Pt. Park. The past two weekend nights have been out of control. Illegal fires on the beach, congregating of large parties with music systems, Disc Jockeys, strobe lights, fireworks, loud music & traffic that continues into the A.M. hours (aren't we in a "pandemic"?). The park has rules and laws to deter this type of occurrence and yet nothing is being done to enforce it. Because of restaurant/bar closures, Crown Pt. Shores is now the new Bar scene and it is becoming a hazard to those of us that reside there!

Comment submitted by Denise Friedman: When will a 2020 year to date financial report be available and where will I find it?

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Paul Robinson welcomed everyone and requested that City staff work on developing a “task force” comprised of P&R, SDPD, Lifeguards and a community liaison to look into the resident complaints regarding reports of late night gatherings and illegal activities along Crown Point and Ski Beach. He would like this item listed on a future meeting agenda as a workshop item.

Paul welcomed Christina Chadwick, new Assistant Deputy Director for Mission Bay Park, Balboa Park and Presidio Park. Christina introduced herself and is excited to join this group and begin her new assignment.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson

- 1) City Council unanimously approved extending the waiving for permits for businesses to operate outdoors in parking lots and sidewalks from 45 days to 10 months and 15 days (for a total of 1 year). \$300k is allocated to absorb the permitting cost for the first 500 business. 200 permits have been approved so far with 30% of the funding used so far.
- 2) Councilmember Campbell met with D2 planning groups and town councils over concerns regarding a proposal on Complete Communities. Concerns expressed

included lack of community input on future development and higher density than currently allowed.

- 3) The Environment Committee heard proposals for the new Franchise Fee with an energy company. The 50-year agreement signed in 1970 with SDGE expires in 2020. The proposal included a 20-year agreement with a \$62M upfront buy in. The highest bidder will get the contract.
- 4) City Council approved a ballot initiative to remove the 30 ft height limit in the Midway area. This allows developers to provide more open space and is supported by the Midway Community. They are excited to see a revitalized mixed-use development in the area.
- 5) At the 9/24/20 Environment Committee the Real Estates Assets Department will give an update on the efforts to clean up the old trailer park at De Anza cove.

COVID-19 websites:

City- www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus

County- www.coronavirus-sd.com

State- www.COVID19.ca.gov

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service

Lt. Rick Romero hopes everyone is safe and well. He reported very busy boating traffic on the bay and beach waters with an uptake in personal watercraft usage and heavy crowds are keeping Lifeguards extremely active. As many have seen, South Mission Beach Jetty repairs are currently underway.

Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager also reported that Army Corp of Engineers are performing work at Mission Beach's North Jetty. West Bonita playground/comfort station project update – the prefab restroom is scheduled for delivery by the end of August with an estimated completion date of mid-October. We too, have seen an increase of late-night activity throughout the park, especially bon fires at Crown point, Ski Beach and Fiesta Island. We have an influx of adult fitness operators and long-term RVs parking throughout the park areas. Staff is educating folks on park rules and asking for voluntary compliance. Other projects updates include: Sunset Point parking lot/comfort station and Bonita Cove East playground/comfort station both are in preliminary design stage with the Mission Bay Athletic Area comfort station/concessions building and parking lot approaching 30% design. Playa Pacifica comfort station, basketball courts, parking lots and playground are in the process of consultant procurement. There is still no update for re-opening playgrounds.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

ACTION ITEMS

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

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

201. None

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. City of San Diego Alvarado 2nd Pipeline Extension Project

Sheila Bose, Senior Civil Engineer introduced the project team. Jericho Gallardo, Associate Civil Engineer with Public Works provided a detailed overview of this major water pipeline project leading from 805 freeway to Sea World Drive. The project, when complete, will improve our water reliability and distribution to coastal communities. Schedule: Design is currently underway; construction begins 2021 with estimated completion date of 2024.

SUB-COMMITTEE - None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Robinson wished everyone well and adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: September 1, 2020 “virtually”

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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