

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
September 1, 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 (arrived 6:13 p.m.)
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Darlene Walter
Giovanni Ingolia
Paul Robinson
David Potter

Members Absent

Kari Logan - excused

Guests

Denise Freidman

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Karolynn Estrada
Carrie Munson
Christina Chadwick
Brandon Broaddus
Marisol Aguilar
Rick Bollinger (IT support)

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Paul Robinson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – August 4, 2020

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by D. Potter and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve the August 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Member Giovanni Ingolia commented about the increased amount of trash along the western shores of Fiesta Island.

Comment submitted by Brian White, President of the Pacific Beach Town Council. After our own unanimous board action, we're seeking a slight modification to the hours when leashed dogs are allowed in Mission Bay Park along the beaches, boardwalks, and adjacent parks. Regarding hours in which dogs are not allowed, we'd like to see the Winter (November 1–March 31) hours modified from the current 9:00 am–4:00 pm to become 10:00 am–3:00 pm instead. And we're advocating for the Summer (April – October 31) hours to be modified from the current 9:00 am–6:00 pm to become 10:00 am–5:00 pm instead. We think by loosening up these hours just slightly, it will provide people a little more freedom to walk their dogs in the mornings and evenings before

sunset. We'd also like the committee to consider our proposal for an off-leash dog park in the northeast corner of Crown Point Park with our Pacific Beach Town Council as the sponsoring organization.

Comment submitted by Denise W. Friedman. Special thanks to Chairperson Robinson for listening to the public and establishing a "task force" to address the issues raised, to Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, for his follow up on the "task force", to Fire & Rescue Lifeguard Services, Senior Park Ranger Karolynn Estrada for her participation/recommendations and to CRO Brandon Broaddus, SDPD, for his follow up questions and ideas. The issues we have been discussing are; drinking on the beach. illegal fires in the sand, illegal burning of items in approved city fire pits (pallets, furniture, and other items that produce toxic smoke, etc), fires in approved city fire pits that exceed legal sizes (there was one exceeding 20 ft in height, large gatherings, sometimes up to 300 and against COVID-19 rules and amplified music after noise curfew. Rave parties.

Comment submitted by Dora Sanger. Very loud music started at 11:30 pm and went on until 3 am on Saturday August 22. I was camping at Mission Bay RV Resort and it was coming across the water. It was not at the RV Resort. It also happened the previous Saturday, August 22.

Comment submitted by Laura Hendrickson, President of San Diego Beach Improvement Group. BIG is a nonprofit dedicated to creating great experiences. We focus on raising money for beach beautification projects, amenities and support the beauty and good upkeep of the beaches in San Diego. We would like to opportunity to review master plan concepts for Fiesta Island and make recommendations on how to support the current projects that are required, established and requested by the community at large, as well as take the opportunity to create some new ideas that would include the beach volleyball community of San Diego. We appreciate your time and consideration for our request to support you in your efforts to accomplish your beautification projects.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Paul Robinson expressed his appreciation having Christina Chadwick join the Mission Bay Park team and welcomed everyone.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson

Some of the comments the Council Office is hearing about regarding Mission Bay Park include; RVs parking for extended periods of time along East Mission Bay Drive, large volleyball groups along Riviera Drive and large late night gatherings at fire rings. Council Office is also receiving lots of questions about when playgrounds will re-open. The DeAnza mobile home/Campland update is scheduled for Environmental Committee in September.

COVID-19 websites:
City- www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus
County- www.coronavirus-sd.com
State- www.COVID19.ca.gov

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service - No report, Lt. Romero was called away for an emergency.

Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, reported that there will be increased parking enforcement officers for Labor Day weekend managing the parking lots. Houses of Worship and Fitness businesses are now allowed to permit City parks for services and classes, per Mayor's Order. A park use permit with deferred fees is required. There is still no approval to allow volunteers to resume assisting at our parks. Weeds, trash and graffiti continue to be very labor-intensive maintenance tasks and we are still waiting to the Bonita Cove comfort station to be delivered. There is still no update for re-opening playgrounds, we hope to have some new information next month about a playground re-opening plan. The park continues to be as busy as usual with an increase in late night gatherings reported. Labor Day weekend is expecting large crowds at our beaches and bay.

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. Summer 2020 Illegal Activities and Community Concerns "Task Force" Report

Mike Rodrigues, Karolynn Estrada-Sparlin (Parks and Recreation), Officer Brandon Broaddus (SDPD), Carrie Munson (Council District 2) and Denise Friedman (representing community residents) shared their "task force" report addressing illegal activities occurring during late night gatherings which included; increased Police enforcement of illegal activities, additional regulation signage, web site communication/social media, parking lot closures, vehicle citations and SDPD involvement at community meetings. Officer Broaddus provided stats for numbers of citations given and Park Ranger Estrada provided a

Park Ranger info line ((858) 581-7602 for people to call if violations are observed. Park Rangers and PD will continue to educate park patrons and enforce the laws when violations are observed. There are no plans to limit the number or relocate any fire rings at this time. Voluntary compliance of County Health Orders will still be encouraged. "Bad Actors" will be dealt with individually by law enforcement. The "task force" will continue to work together to curtail the number of complaints. "If you see something, say something" – Call Police or Park Rangers.

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB-COMMITTEE - None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – Giovanni observed a worship service at DeAnza Cove on Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: October 6, 2020 "virtually"

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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