

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
October 6, 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 (arrived 6:09 p.m.)
Paul Robinson
David Potter

Members Absent

Kari Logan - excused

Guests

Brian White
Lauren Welch
Steven Poppert
Denise Friedman

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Christina Chadwick
Karolynn Estrada
Carrie Munson
Rick Romero
Brandon Broaddus
Ryan Barbrick
Johnny Chou
Araceli Dominguez
Sonja Nystuen

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September 1, 2020

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by D. Potter and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the September 1, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 6-0 with one abstention (S. Smith)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Comment submitted by Ronald Miller

As a frequent user of Mission Bay Park, I am extremely disappointed with the lack of maintenance. All the park looks old and run down. But specifically, certain sections. Let's start first with Hospitality Point and what used to be Mission Bay Park headquarters now taken over by lifeguard service is in a state of disaster. This used to be a beautiful spot. The section that is supposed to be in its natural state is just plain ugly. Of course, the "Committee" will do nothing but make excuses. THINK OUT OF THE BOX-GET THINGS DONE AND RSTORE THE PARK. I have another 5 spots that are an EYE SORE.

Comment submitted by Andrew Meyer

There is new progress on the ReWild Mission Bay project. At their October 14th meeting, the Regional Water Quality Control Board will review a City of San Diego proposal to create a new alternative for ongoing De Anza planning in the northeast corner of Mission Bay. The City is proposing to spend \$1.25 million on habitat improvements to Kendall-Frost, technical studies for wetland restoration, and a new alternative that commits to planning for 80 acres of new wetland with sea level rise by 2100, what the ReWild Mission Bay project has been pushing for the last year and a half. I'd be happy to answer any questions that I can about the project, or direct you to the City contact for the project.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Paul Robinson

No Report

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson

Council Office is very busy addressing the topic of short-term rentals. CD2 drafted a MOU which provides a compromise that will go to Planning Department then City Council for approval. CD2 continues to hear complaints about excessive trash and illegal RV parking for extended periods of time throughout Mission Bay Park. CD2 supports Measure E on the upcoming ballot which will remove the 30' height limit in the Midway District to allow for development.

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

Lifeguards have been extremely busy during the end of summer leading into the Fall with large crowds flocking the beaches and bay. Ron Anderson asked about illegal watercraft rentals and Lt. Romero commented that Lifeguards have seen an uptick in illegal private watercraft rentals in Mission Bay. Their section has made many contacts to educate these groups and issued several warnings. READ has also been notified since these private rentals violate SD Muni Code impacting several Mission Bay Park Lessees and creates safety concerns.

San Diego Police Department – Officer Brandon Broaddus

Officer Broaddus reported that the Police Department stepped up in enforcement throughout the beach communities, including Mission Bay Park, in response the task force efforts. He provided statistics with numbers of citations issued. Denise Freidman commented that the recent SDPD enforcement efforts has shown an improvement in controlling the illegal fires in the Crown Point area and thanked the task force for addressing these community concerns.

Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, reported that the West Bonita playground and comfort station project is nearing completion and a dedication will be scheduled for early November. All playgrounds in Mission Bay Park have re-opened with signage and capacities posted for COVID-19 safety requirements. Parking enforcement has resumed, and illegally parked vehicles are now being cited/towed. Mission Bay Athletic Area improvements are in final design and will visit our Committee at the next meeting. Crown Point accessibility improvements are completed. Fiesta Island continues to be a hotbed of illegally dumped items left behind for park staff to dispose of. Lastly, houses of worship and fitness facilities are now allowed to permit the park grounds for classes and gatherings with a “pending” emergency ordinance that will waive the permit fees. Note, the November MBPC meeting is scheduled on Election Day.

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. Park Ranger Araceli Dominguez with Shoreline Parks requests support for a sand fencing project at Ocean Beach Estuary with assistance from Urban Corps.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Munoz to support the project, as a concept subject to permits, for the removal of the outdated fence and install new sand fencing at the Ocean Beach Estuary with the assistance of Urban Corps to conserve and enhance the habitat and wildlife in that area. The motion carried 8-0.

202. Brian White, President, Pacific Beach Town Council requested support for the adjustment in hours for leashed dogs to access in Mission Bay Park. The requested hours for dogs **to not be permitted** in Mission Bay Park is **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** year-round.

There were ninety-three (93) public comments supporting the time change to loosen the restrictions when dogs are permitted at Mission Bay park and there were nine (9) objections to amend the current times. Thirteen (13) public comments requested loosening the hours that dogs are not permitted at the beaches.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Munoz and seconded by S. Smith to support adjusting the times that dogs are not permitted at Mission Bay Park to read: “Dogs are not allowed

between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year-round". Motion carried 7-0 with one abstention (Anderson).

Santa Clara is excluded from this time charge that dogs are not permitted, and that location's current time will remain. Once these minutes are approved, staff will take this item to Park and Recreation Board for consideration as the next step in the process.

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. **Illegal Activities and Community Concerns**

The "task force" reported the following mitigation measures to assist with controlling late light illegal activities at Mission Bay Park:

- Increased enforcement
- Additional signs
- Website communication/social media
- Parking lot closures
- Vehicle citations
- SDPD community meeting involvement

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. None

SUB-COMMITTEE - None

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS -

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: December 1, 2020 "virtually"
The November 3, 2020 (Election Day) meeting is cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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