

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board

MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

March 1, 2022

Held virtually via Zoom Webinar

Meeting Location

On-line meeting
can be viewed:

<https://youtu.be/bHbI-Yob8IA>

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Ron Anderson
Marshall Anderson
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Giovanni Ingolia
David Potter
Darlene Walter
Stephanie Smith

Guests

Aaron Reinicke
Pat Maldi

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Johnny Chou
Scott Sandel
Rick Romero
Jordan Moore

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Judith Munoz, called the “virtual” meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 1, 2022

Marshall Anderson stated that he made a “No” vote regarding the DeAnza Cove parking lot improvement revenue re-allocation at the February Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee meeting. That correction will be made in those meeting minutes

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by R. Anderson to approve the February 1, 2022 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 7-0 with 1 abstention (S. Smith)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Laura Colban commented about the difficult and dangerous parking situation at El Carmel and Santa Clara Point due to the number of homeless habitants in those areas

Dan O'Neill with the Mission Bay Rowing Club shared his concerns regarding parking safety due to the large numbers of homeless and lack of enforcement at both El Carmel and Santa Clara Point

Ryan Wild also shared his concerns regarding public safety in the El Carmel and Santa Clara Point locations due to the large number of homeless individuals. He is requesting enforcement of the laws

Mike Rodrigues offered to meet with all concerned residents and tenants to discuss the increase in homelessness and safety concerns at the Santa Clara and El Carmel locations. He will include SDPD as well as Park Ranger and park maintenance staff

Love Your Wetlands Day organized by the SD Audubon Society and UC San Diego Natural Reserve held on February 5, 2022 was a success with over 600 people in attendance

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Judith Munoz drafted the letter requesting a revision to SD Muni Code 26.30 relating to Mission Bay Park Committee member representation. The request is to add representatives from CD1 and remove representatives from CD6 due to recent City Council redistricting. Jeff Johnson read the draft letter which will be sent to the Mayor's Office

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – no report

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – The new grant funded fire boat has arrived

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation - Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues reported that Mission Bay Park is in the process of filing eleven vacant grounds maintenance worker positions and two Park Rangers. Michael Ruiz has been appointed as the new Department-wide Chief Park Ranger position. New Director of Appointments for Boards and Commissions is Chida Warren-Darby. Upcoming special events include the Crew Classic held the weekend of March 25-27. Santa Clara playground and comfort station construction is still underway as well as the Tecolote Shores playgrounds, restrooms and DeAnza fitness station improvement projects

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. 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. Walk for Water – Request to approve a new special event to be held at De Anza Cove on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with estimated attendance of 450

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Anderson and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve the Walk for Water event as presented. The motion carried 8-0

302. Beach Bocce World Championship – Request to approve a new special event to be held at Mariner’s Point on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Estimated participants are 900 with 200 spectators

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by M. Anderson to Approve the Beach Bocce Ball World Championship event as presented. The motion carried 8-0

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

401. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Scott Sandel, Parks Designer and Jordan Moore, Associate Planner provided a briefing on the City’s De Anza Natural Plan and the EIR process for the De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan which included a process overview.

Link to the De Anza planning page:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/parkplanning/deanza>

Tom Doyle shared concerns about losing golf and camping at the DeAnza Cove area

Mac stated that the golf course is an affordable, valuable community established recreation resource which should be preserved

Committee members Jeff Johnson, Giovani Ingolia, Marshall Anderson, Stephanie Smith and Ron Anderson all shared their concerns about water quality, however, they do not support losing affordable active recreation such as the Mission Bay Golf Course, Campland by the Bay, Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club and children's playgrounds as part of the DeAnza Natural Plan as presented. They feel that the plan should preserve these valuable public recreation resources and include preserving Mission Bay's water quality

Mike Rodrigues stated that he received 30 emails from members of the Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club requesting to keep the Club at its current location and allow them to continue providing on-water recreation and boat storage

Chairperson Judith Munoz thanked City staff for the presentation and understands the importance of providing affordable recreation needs. But, rising sea level is real and the need for wetlands restoration is important to maintain water quality

SUB-COMMITTEE – none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – none

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Munoz adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues
District Manager, Mission Bay Park