

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board  
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE  
April 5, 2022**

**Meeting Location**

Santa Clara Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

**Mailing Address:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**

Ron Anderson  
Marshall Anderson  
Josh Coyne  
James Hauser  
Jeff Johnson  
Judith Munoz  
Giovanni Ingolia  
David Potter

**Members Absent**

Stephanie Smith – excused  
Darlene Walter

**Guests**

Mike Shinzaki  
Stefan Boyland  
Steve Dawson  
Todd Sprague  
Carole Farr  
Steve Leffler

**City Staff Present**

Mike Rodrigues  
Salome Martinez  
Shelly Stowell  
Rick Aguilar  
Jessica Thrift  
Karolynn Estrada  
Rick Romero

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Judith Munoz, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced two new Committee Members – Josh Coyne and James Hauser

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – March 1, 2022

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by M. Anderson to approve the March 1, 2022 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0 with 2 abstentions (J. Coyne & J. Hauser)

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Kitty McDaniel shared some history about her father, Art McDaniel, owner of McDaniel Engineering who designed the north and south Ingraham St. Bridges. Kitty would like to request support from the Mission Bay Park Committee name these two bridges after her father

Denise Freidman provided an update from the Pacific Beach bon fire committee; a group dedicated to curtailing illegal fires in the beach communities

Mike Rodrigues read a letter addressed to the Mission Bay Park Committee from Kevin

Waldick from the Mission Bay Aquatic Center. Kevin and his organization appreciate the work that SDPD and park staff have done to address the safety and enforcement concerns that residents have along Santa Clara and El Carmel Points regarding illegal and homeless activities

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Judith Munoz attended the meeting organized by Parks and Recreation to discuss safety concerns at El Carmel and Santa Clara Point

### **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE** – Carrie Munson reported on several topics:

- Short term rental ordinance passed at the California Coastal Commission. Development Services is now working on details for permitting and enforcement which should go into effect later this year
- Vendor ordinance passed at City Council last month. The next step is the move to the California Coastal Commission for the beach communities
- FY 2023 budget hearing calendar: 4/18 Mayor presents proposed budget. Hearings in the early part of May. 5/16 at 6pm City Council meeting for public input. 6/13 City Council votes on final budget
- In compliance with new Residential Organic Waste Recycling ordinance, which calls for new food and yard waste rules, the city will be distributing green bins to those residents who do not currently have a green bin. Notifications and instructions will be distributed announcing the official program start date. Until then, continue with regular waste and recycling process
- Changes to the People's Ordinance, which provides free trash and recycling pick-up for single family homes, will require ballot vote not City Council action. Council President Elo-Rivero is spearheading the effort
- Last month the Planning Department released the "De Anza Natural" which is the De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan
- CD2 office has received complaints from people having issues getting through to the Public Utilities Department on water bill issues. Contact CD2 office for assistance.
- Illegal fires continue at the beaches. Councilmember La Cava is leading efforts to establish clearer rules regarding fires on our beaches such as are portable fires allowed
- Sign up for CD2 office newsletter and track on Facebook

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – Lt. Rick Romero announced that the new grant funded fire boat is now in full operation. Staffing for season swim zones has increased to weekends.

**San Diego Police Department** – Lt. Rick Aguilar introduced Jessica Thrift, Community Relations Officer for Northern Division. Northern's Beach Team and Boating Safety Unit are teaming with Lifeguards on enforcement of illegal fires and other beach related violations. Police are utilizing UTVs to patrol the beaches and bay areas, especially the Mission Beach/Belmont Park areas where another shooting occurred last weekend.

**Parks and Recreation** - Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues, arranged a virtual meeting with concerned residents, stakeholders, two Police Lieutenants, Committee Chair, as well as Park Rangers and park maintenance staff to discuss the increase in homelessness, safety and enforcement concerns at the Santa Clara and El Carmel locations. Mission Bay Park staff developed a new events look-ahead calendar which is updated monthly and sent out to interested individuals. Mike shared some changes in the P&R Leadership Team, with the addition of Tom Tomlinson as the new Assistant Director for Community Parks and Administrative Services and Karen Dennison continues as Assistant Director for Developed Regional Parks, Golf and Open Space. Current capital projects in Mission Bay Park include the DeAnza adult fitness station nearing completion, Santa Clara restroom renovation and playground underway and work continues along the East Shore playgrounds and restrooms. We are pleased to announce that new park benches and a picnic table have been placed at the Fiesta Island fenced dog area replacing the old ones. Upcoming special events include the SD Beach and Bay Half Marathon on 4/10, Ragnar Relay on 4/29, Purple Strides on 4/30 and Spring Spring on 5/1. Mike shared some highlights from the Pickleball and Tennis staff report which was presented to the Community Parks Area Committee on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Handouts of available Pickleball and Tennis courts were provided, and a copy of the report will be added to the MBPC webpage.

Mike introduced Karolynn Estrada-Sparlin, Senior Park Ranger for Mission Bay Park who announced a Movie in the Park event scheduled in October and detailed information on Beach Area Community Court (BACC) program available to offenders with minor violations in the beach communities. Karolynn is looking for volunteers from the community to assist with this program.

**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. Request approval for Mission Bay Park Committee to write a letter to the City requesting better access to Mission Bay Park from the Clairemont Dr. Trolley Station

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by R Anderson to approve writing a letter to City Officials as well as SANDAG and Caltrans requesting better access to

Mission Bay Park from the new Trolley station along Morena Blvd at Clairemont Dr. The motion carried 7-0

202. Request approval for the Mission Bay Park Committee to write a letter to the City Officials requesting increased law enforcement of illegal activities at Santa Clara Pt. and El Carmel Pt.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by R. Anderson and seconded by M. Anderson to approve writing a letter to City Officials requesting increased patrols and enforcement at the Santa Clara and El Carmel Points due to the recent increase in illegal activities and community complaints. The motion carried 7-0. Ron Anderson agreed to draft the letter

**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. Robb Field Pickleball Proposal

Mike Shinzaki, Stefan Boyland and Steve Dawson, Pickleball Pros and Ambassadors, provided a very detailed proposal to convert the Peninsula Tennis Club at Robb Field Athletic Area into a centralized Pickleball facility. They are looking for support from the Mission Bay Park Committee.

Todd Sprague, Carole Farr, Steve Leffler countered with a proposal to retain Peninsula Tennis Club for its current tennis use based on the Club's growth in tennis, current agreement with the City of San Diego and recent "Pickleball in San Diego" staff report provided by Parks and Recreation Department.

Chairperson Munoz provided equal time for public comment to both sides. There were 104 speaker slips in support of retaining the current tennis facility at Robb Field and 92 speaker slips in support of converting the Peninsula Tennis courts in to a Pickleball facility.

Marshall Anderson supports more active recreation opportunities throughout the Mission Bay Park area and does not want this to be Pickleball vs. Tennis

James Hauser recommended that Pickleball advocates contact elected officials for funding support for a suitable location since the City is currently going through the budget approval process

**SUB-COMMITTEE** – none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** – none

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mike Rodrigues*  
District Manager, Mission Bay Park