

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
May 3, 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
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Stephanie Smith – arrived 6:05
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Giovanni Ingolia – excused
James Hauser – excused

Guests

Jose Arevalo
Kitty McDaniel
Andrew Meyer

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Sgt. Eric Care
Karolynn Estrada

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 5, 2022

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Anderson and seconded by J. Coyne to approve the April 5, 2022 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0 with 1 abstention (D. Walter)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Dan O’Neil with San Diego Rowing Club thanked City staff for their efforts in cleaning up El Carmel Point recently. He also announced that the annual Crew Classic event went well.

Kathy Parrish representing FIDO would like to see improvements at the Fiesta Island fenced dog area, especially removal of evasive foxtails. FIDO is planning a clean-up in the Fall. She also thanked staff for the new benches and picnic table placed at the Fiesta Island fenced dog area.

Michael Shinzaki with San Diego Pickleball was provided 10 minutes to provide updates on the Pickleball proposal for Robb Field. He commented on inaccuracies related to court utilization in the “Pickleball in San Diego” staff report from the Community Parks Area Committee meeting which was shared at the April 5th Mission Bay Park Committee

meeting. He stated that he will continue to pursue the Robb Field location for a potential centralized Pickleball facility at the Robb Field Community Recreation Group meeting. There were 27 speaker slips in support of Pickleball.

John Broderick with San Diego Tennis Association was provided 10 minutes to provide the history on the recent Pickleball proposal at Robb Field and defend claims made by the Pickleball group. He read letters from Ryan Redondo with Barnes Tennis Center stating that Barnes does not have capacity during prime playing times to accommodate the Peninsula Tennis Club and from Manuel Diaz, Athletic Director with Point Loma High School stating that they rely on the Peninsula Tennis facility for their tennis teams to play. There were 10 speaker slips in support of saving Peninsula Tennis Club.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Judith reported that Stephanie Smith has agreed to write the letter requesting better access to Mission Bay Park from the Clairemont Drive Trolley Station.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson missed the meeting but wanted to remind everyone that City FY23 budget sessions will begin this week.

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – Sgt. Eric Care announced that the new fire boat is now in full operation. Five of the seven swim zones are open and staffed. Lifeguards and SDPD are strictly enforcing illegal watercraft operations within Mission Bay Park.

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation - Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues stated that as the Mission Bay Park Manager, he has no Pickleball or Tennis operations under his areas of responsibility. Community Parks Divisions oversees these recreation activities. Mike announced that Jim Gross from Paradise Point Resort has been appointed as the Hotel Lessee representative for the Mission Bay Park Committee. Jim will join us next month.

Karolynn Estrada-Sparlin, Senior Park Ranger announced a new Park Ranger for Mission Bay Park- Lino Santiago and reminded everyone she is accepting volunteers to assist with Beach Area Community Court (BACC).

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. Kathleen McDaniel, daughter of Art McDaniel, requested support in naming the Ingraham Street Bridges (North & South) after structural/civil engineer who designed them in 1987, Art McDaniel

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by M. Anderson and seconded by R. Anderson to approve writing a letter to the Transportation Department in support of naming the Ingraham St. Bridges after Art McDaniel. The motion carried 7-0

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. Bomb Fest 2022 Car Show – Jose Arevalo requested approval to hold a classic car show at Crown Point Shores parking lot on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This includes entire middle lot closure with music DJ and estimated attendance of 1500 people throughout the day. No alcohol or road closures.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Johnson and seconded by S. Smith to approve this proposed event for 2022 with the following staff recommendation based on previous events (an off-site shuttle plan is required along with Park Ranger staffing at the event organizers expense. North and South Crown Point lots will remain open for public parking. Only show vehicles, DJ stand, restrooms, dumpsters, first aid station, food trucks and vendors will be allowed in the Middle lot. No vehicles allowed on turf at any time. No alcohol, smoking, dogs or glass containers allowed. A Citywide Special Event Permit is required with added traffic control and trash/recycling plan). And a full cost recovery will be charged for any damage or mess left behind at conclusion of this event.

The 2022 event will be evaluated by staff before approving for future years.

The motion carried 7-0

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

401. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Andrew Meyer, Director of Conservation, San Diego Audubon Society

provided an update on California Least Terns and their nesting preserves in Mission Bay and the ongoing work to conserve these endangered birds and thanked Park staff for their efforts in preserving these areas.

SUB-COMMITTEE – none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS – Jeff Johnson mentioned that he has seen a recent influx of RV campers throughout Mission Bay Park.

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues

District Manager, Mission Bay Park