

MINUTES

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE September 6, 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

Marshall Anderson
Ron Anderson
Josh Coyne
Jim Gross
James Hauser
Jeff Johnson
Stephanie Smith
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Judith Munoz – excused
Giovanni Ingolia – excused

Guests

Kristine Entwistle
Lauren Kirlin
Eric Marenburg

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Lt. Rick Aguilar
Officer Jessica Thrift
Lt. Rick Romero
Ryan Barbrick

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair, Ron Anderson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Rodrigues announced the unexpected passing of William “Bill” Overstreet on July 17th. Bill was the Grounds Maintenance Manager for Mission Bay Park for many years. Bill will be missed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 7, 2022

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Coyne and seconded by S. Smith to approve the June 7, 2022 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0 with 3 abstentions (J. Johnson, D. Walter, R. Anderson)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Danah Woodruff commented about overnight parking issues at El Carmel Point.

Ken Wild shared some of his concerns about long term parking and lack of enforcement at El Carmel Point. And he requested extra trash removal in that area.

Denise Freidman announced PAESAN event to be held on September 28th at Crown Point Shores. She thanked Lt. Rick Aguilar with SDPD who an honoree at this year’s event.

Eden Yaeger shared some of her concerns about illegal late-night activities at Crown Point, including trash and overnight camping.

Kyle Yaeger shared his comments about illegal overnight camping at Crown Point. He requests that SDPD clear the park at night.

Dan O'Neill shared his concerns about El Carmel's illegal parking and lack of enforcement.

Andrew Meyer asked to share his report about Wander the Wetlands training event on September 10th at Kendall-Frost Marsh.

Aleta Greer submitted online comment regarding the parking problem at DeAnza boat launch parking lot. The lot needs additional signage and better striping to differentiate between trailer pull through spaces and single vehicle spaces.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Ron Anderson thanked SDPD, Lifeguards and Park & Rec for their enforcement efforts at Crown point area.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – no report

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – Lt. Rick Romero stated that there has been an increase in enforcement of illegal watercraft operations by the boating unit producing and increase impounds and a decrease in boating accidents. Summer staffing has ended in most swim areas. Huge crowds at the beaches and bay over the Labor Day holiday weekend kept Lifeguard services busy. Big thanks out to Lt. Aguilar and SDPD for their partnership in public education and enforcement in the beach communities. Thanks to Parks and Recreation for assistance with navigation buoy replacements.

San Diego Police Department – Lt. Aguilar thanked PB Town Council, MB Town Council and MB Women's Club for their generosity, feeding Officers during the big holiday weekend. During the holiday weekend there was increased PD staffing at all beaches and bay areas with extra beach patrols in 9 areas. Lt. Aguilar talked about vehicle habitation enforcement and vehicle impounds. Continue to use GetItDone app to report violations. Officer shortage continues to be a major concern.

Parks and Recreation – Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues provided updates on the Santa Clara playground/restroom project and the North Tecolote playground/restroom project. He announced Cris Amezcua as the new Grounds Maintenance Manager for Mission Bay Park. New Park Ranger has been selected to fill the vacancy and should start at the end of the month. Illegal beach fires and street vendors continue as hot topics for the beach communities. Upcoming events include: BayFair 9/16 & 17; Beach Bocce Ball 9/17; Pacific Islander Festival 9/24; MB Music Festival 9/24 and Dragon Boats 9/24. Movie in the Park event will be held on October 8th @ Santa Clara Park

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 support from Mission Bay Park Committee to write and send a letter to City Officials addressing public safety concerns at Mission Bay Park

Committee Members, Marshall Anderson & Ron Anderson presented a request for the Committee to support writing a letter to Park and Recreation Board and Library Commissions addressing safety concerns (crime, drug sales and illegal lodging, etc) at Mission Bay Park. The letter should include: Zero tolerance for crime; request for additional budget funding to address/enforce crime; additional security lighting with signs and increased security patrols. As well as end progressive enforcement at parks and libraries, enhance collaboration between law enforcement agencies, City/District Attorneys and courts.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Coyne and seconded by S. Smith to approve drafting the letter with additional feedback from Committee members prior to sending out. The motion carried 8-0

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. **Girls on the Run San Diego 5K** - Lauren Kirlin, Event Manager, requested approval to conduct a celebratory, untimed 5k run at De Anza Cove, traveling along East Mission Bay Drive to Playa Pacifica and back. Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Road closures at DeAnza Road (north-bound lane) between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., North Mission Bay Drive (east-bound lane) 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and East Mission Bay Drive (south-bound lane) between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Estimated total attendance is 1700 with PA system for announcements and music. No alcohol. Off-site shuttle plan will be used.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by S. Smith and seconded by D. Walter to approve the proposed

event as presented. The motion carried 8-0

Permit will only be valid when all lessees are notified by organizer. Staff required organizer to notify Mission Bay Beach Club of potential access impacts.

302. Pacific Beach Half Marathon – Eric Marenburg with San Diego Running Club requested approval to hold a Half Marathon event on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. starting at DeAnza Cove, running through Mission Bay Park's East Shore, along Sea World Drive, over West Mission Bay Drive Bridge to Mission Point and ending at Pacific Beach (Ocean Blvd, between Thomas and Grand Ave). Estimated attendance is 2000 participants with several road closures as well as DeAnza Cove, Sunset Point and Ventura Cove parking lot closures. PA system for announcements and light music at DeAnza Cove and Sunset Point. No alcohol. An off-site shuttle plan will be used.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Coyne and seconded by M. Anderson to approve the proposed event with caveat that Ventura Cove parking lot must remain open for public parking. Traffic control will be required at the Mission Bay Beach Club, Mission Bay Resort and Sea World entrances, allowing vehicle access to these establishments at all times. The motion carried 8-0

Permit will only be valid when all lessees are notified by organizer.

303. Challenged Athletes Triathlon – Kristine Entwistle, Executive Director requested approval to amend the existing event on October 23, 2022 to include:

- Road closure on Mariner's Way (adjacent to event venue)
- Lane closure – Eastbound on West Mission Bay Drive for Runners and Cyclists – 7:30am to 1:30pm
- Traffic-controlled intersections – 7:30am to 1:30pm
 - Cyclist window – 8:15am out to 12:30pm return
 - Runner window – 9:00am out to 11:30am return
 - Course officially closes at 4:30pm (approx. 25 people on run course after 1:30pm. Volunteers assisting for use of traffic light crosswalk use)
- Climbing wall in the parking lot

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Coyne and seconded by M. Anderson to approve the proposed event with requested changes. Park & Recreation staff will determine best location for rock-wall. The motion carried 8-0

Permit will only be valid when all lessees are notified by organizer.

304. **Epic Series Obstacle Course Race** – this item was tabled until the October meeting. Event organizer was unable to attend.

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

401. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. none

SUB-COMMITTEE – none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Stephanie Smith shared an update from Caltrans regarding better access to Mission Bay Park from the new Morena Trolley stations

Josh Coyne and James Hauser announced the I Love a Clean San Diego Coastal Clean-up event to be held on 9/17 @ DeAnza Cove

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairperson Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodriguez

District Manager, Mission Bay Park