

MINUTES

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

June 1, 2021

Meeting Location

ONLINE MEETING via Zoom
Webinar 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
David Potter
Giovanni Ingolia
Marshall Anderson
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Kari Logan

Guests

Brandon with RNT
Architects

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Christina Chadwick
Carrie Munson
Rick Romero
Brandon Broaddus
Johnny Chou
Fred Kosmo
Lora Fleming
Jennifer Scott

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Judith Munoz, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May 4, 2021

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by R. Anderson to approve the May 4, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 6-0 with two abstentions.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Cathy Ives shared her comments regarding South Mission Beach – drinking, glass, trash and late-night volleyball.

Luke Yarnall shared his comments about trash and RVs along Old Sea World Drive.

Submitted by Willie Gardner: After 18 months, why aren't the Bonita Cove restrooms opened? When will they be opened?

Submitted by Jean Ready Froning: Problems in Mission Bay Park include 20 plus temporary volleyball courts every weekend restricting access to beach. Mariner's Point needs to be prepared so it may be used for sporting events. Fires in the sand, causing a host of dangerous problems. Relaxed dog rules. Dying grass in parks. Illegal Drinking on bay beaches. No enforcement of regulations whatsoever.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Judith Munoz reported that the Fiesta Island GDP update will visit California Coastal Commission for review next week.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE – Carrie Munson reported on the following items: Complaints from constituents regarding motorcycles and ebikes riding on the inner area of Fiesta Island as an obstacle course; Complaints about MB Aquatic Center using more than their fair share of parking on Santa Clara Point; OB Pier reopened last week; Rose Creek bike path opened last week and ribbon cutting event attended by Council President; Council President continues to work with firefighters on giving vaccines to residents; Blue line trolley opening in November. Working with SANDAG on promotional events; Council President is working on a street vendor ordinance. She has talked to residents, businesses, vendors and visitors to understand issues and concerns; Council President supported extension of Interim Urgency Ordinance to allow Temporary Outdoor Business Operations to help businesses survive and recover from the effects of COVID.

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – Lt. Romero reported that Lifeguards are very busy, and they will resume full summer staffing on June 11th.

San Diego Police Department – Officer Broaddus reported that SDPD had a Police command post set up at South Mission Beach over Memorial Day Weekend.

Parks and Recreation Mission Bay Park – District Manager, Mike Rodrigues reported that the park curfews item passed City Council and will be head to Coastal Commission next. Parks and Recreation has resumed permitting picnic shelters at Mission Bay Park, but we have not yet started permitting large special events, more updates will come after June 15th. We continue to fill park maintenance vacancies for additional summer staffing. California Least Tern Breeding season is going very well. We are still waiting for the opening of West Bonita Comfort Station; we hope to have everything open by July 4th weekend. We are getting ready to start the improvements along the East Shore from South Tecolote to North DeAnza, which includes new restrooms, playgrounds, fitness stations and ADA access improvements.

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 to prepare a letter in support (or opposition) to California Coastal Commission staff recommendation for Fiesta Island General Development Plan.

Chairperson Munoz stated that the California Coastal Commission has Fiesta Island General Development Plan listed on their June 10th meeting agenda for action and requested that the Mission Bay Park Committee re-visit this item.

Mike Rodrigues reported that there were 245 public comments submitted through the WebForm on this topic, all in favor of Option B which basically leaves the southwest portion of Fiesta Island with the existing fenced off leash dog areas untouched.

The following fifteen members of the public provided live public comment, all supporting Option B (keeping the southwest section as it currently exists): Carolyn Chase, Rosemary, Mike, Britta Lindstrom, Amanda, Kathy Parrish, Becky, Matt Fuller, Debra Madden, Peggy Ray, Linda Briggs, Charlie Pavi, Susan Graceman, Raquel, Sandra Nobile.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by S. Smith to approve having the Mission Bay Park Committee draft and submit a letter to the California Coastal Commission opposing their staff recommendation “Option A” and supporting “Option B”; and having a member from the Mission Bay Park Committee attend and speak at Coastal Commission’s June 10th meeting, sharing the Committee’s recommendation. The motion carried 8-0.

Committee Member Jeff Johnson offered to draft the letter and attend the meeting.

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. Presentation by the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission

Fred Kosmo, District 2 Commissioner and Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff provided basics in City Council re-districting and shared specifics related to Mission Bay Park and Council District 2. Re-districting re-defines boundaries and

provides equity representation of communities and considers population changes.

502: El Carmel and Ventura Comfort Station Improvements

Jennifer Scott, Senior Civil Engineer with Engineering & Capital Projects introduced Brandon from RNT Architects to share the design concepts for the El Carmel and Ventura Cove comfort stations. Both projects will replace outdated comfort stations in these areas of Mission Bay Park with ADA access improvements.

SUB-COMMITTEE - none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: To be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park

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