

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

March 5, 2019

Meeting Location:

Mission Bay High School
Auditorium
2475 Grand Ave
San Diego, Ca 92109

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park
Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

David Potter
Darlene Walter
Giovanni Ingolia
Ron Anderson
Paul Robinson
James McGuirk

Members Absent

Kari Logan
Miles Himmel

Staff Present

Jeff Van Deerlin
Bill Overstreet
Kevin Nguyen
Kevin Oliver
James Arnhart

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF December 10, 2018

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by Ingolia and seconded by Potter to approve the December 10, 2018 meeting minutes as read. The motion was carried. (6-0-0)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

None

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

None

STAFF REPORT

Jeff Van Deerlin, Program Manager, Parks & Recreation

Charter Section 55.2 created the MB Park Improvement Fund. It was added to the SD City Charter with the passage of Proposition C in 2008 and amended in 2016 by Measure J. In September 2017 and again in December 2018, this Oversight Committee approved the allocation of millions of dollars in lease revenues from the MB Improvement Fund aimed at revitalizing Mission Bay Park.

Endorsed by Mayor Faulconer and the San Diego City Council, the new projects supported by this Committee and broadly delineated in Charter Section 55.2, will tackle a host of deferred maintenance projects through the replacement of playgrounds, picnic shelters, comfort stations, parking lots, bike paths and pedestrian walkways.

Tonight's agenda kicks off with a presentation on improvements at West Bonita Cove. Both the aging restroom, constructed in 1961, and the 23,000 square foot playground, last upgraded in 1995, are scheduled to be replaced. City staff and the Schmidt Design group will provide the conceptual designs that have been developed so far. The goal is to get the project completed by Memorial Day 2020.

We will be returning next month to seek your support and approval to name the new West Bonita Cove playground in honor of Maruta Gardner, a former principal here at Mission Bay High School. Maruta was struck and killed by an impaired driver three years ago while painting out graffiti in South Mission. A Mission Beach resident, Maruta was a member of the Mission Beach Women's Club and had long championed "Play by the Bay", an effort by the Women's Club to get the playground replaced.

The second presentation is an update on the Mission Bay Programmatic EIR being conducted by Dudek, the City's environmental consultant. Beyond deferred maintenance, the City is initiating a series of projects called out in Charter Section 55.2 designed to create new wetlands, restore failing

shorelines and expand preserves and habitat throughout Mission Bay. The Programmatic EIR will examine these large-scale projects that require significant permitting and approval from both state and federal regulatory agencies. Under the direction of our Public Works Department, Dudek has already begun efforts to analyze, engineer, and perform technical analyses for several of these projects. They are here tonight for their initial public presentation, the first of many that will take place over the next several months.

ACTION ITEM

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Bonita Cove West Improvements (Playground and Comfort Station), presented by Kevin Nguyen, Parks Designer, Public Works Department and Schmidt Design Group, (Design Consultant). This project is focused on upgrading the comfort station, playground, and walkways at West Bonita Cove. The project will improve drinking fountains, lighting, picnic tables, and add shade structures. It is slated to go out to bid in the summer of 2019 after final design is complete. Construction would begin post Labor Day 2019 with a completion target date of Memorial Day 2020.

302. Biological Information Summary for the Mission Bay Park Improvements Programmatic EIR (PIER), presented by James Arnhart, Public Works Department, Project Officer II and Dudek, (Project Consultant).

The Programmatic EIR will cover projects, such as:

1. The restoration of navigable waters (currently in post-construction);
2. Wetland expansion, water quality improvements, and protection and expansion of eelgrass beds, including: a. Rose Creek Wetlands (Campland-by-the-Bay) b. North Fiesta Island c. Tecolote Creek d. Cudahy Creek e. Fiesta Island Culvert;
3. Restoration of shoreline treatments;
4. Expansion of endangered or threatened species preserves and upland habitats on North Fiesta Island and SD River floodway levee;
5. Deferred maintenance projects or an environmental improvement of a natural asset. Recommended projects include the following:
 - a. Missing Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths b. SD River Trail Improvements (Estuary Trail Enhancement Plan) c. North Ocean Beach Gateway Path d. Sustainable Lighting e. Monument Signage and Lighting f. Parking Lot Repair/Resurfacing g. Playgrounds h. Comfort Stations i. Oceanfront Walk Seawall and Bulkhead
 - b. It will take three (3) years to conduct the following activities:

Phase 1 – 2018/2019 Initiate research, technical studies & preliminary engineering (scoping), Public Outreach.

Phase 2 – 2019/2020 Public Outreach and Meetings, conclude technical studies & preliminary engineering (scoping), Submit Site Development Permit application, Notice of Preparation and draft PEIR.

Phase 3 – 2020/2021 Technical analysis & findings, Mitigation requirements, Obtain Site Development Permit (timing of agency permits TBD). The next steps are, short-term: Biological Information to inform Preliminary Engineering Report's (PERs), Develop Concept Designs in PREs. Mid-Term: Biological Technical Report for Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Release Notice of Preparation (NOP) for EIR, Prepare draft EIR. Long-term: Certify EIR, Implement Projects.

Public Comment

- Friends of Rose Creek excited to see the PEIR has kicked off, glad that the Pacific Beach portion of Rose Creek is included. Rose Creek is the largest source of fresh water into Mission Bay.
- Small section of the Rose Creek marshland not included in Mission Bay would like to see it included

- Resident of Crown Point since 1977. The California Least Terns used to number in the thousands back then and their number have dwindled because their habitat is not being properly maintained. The PEIR needs to help this not hurt the situation.

ADJOURNMENT - Chairperson Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: TBA

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San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Overstreet

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