

**MISSION BEACH PRECISE PLANNING BOARD (“MBPPB”)  
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 PM  
Meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Board Members Present:**

Rebecca Abbott	Michelle Baron	Josh Geller	Gloria Henson
Dennis Lynch	Brian McCarthy	Bob Semenson	Cynthia Stratton
Gernot Trolf	Debbie Watkins	Jenine Whittecar	

**Absent:** Rob Brown

**OPENING FUNCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Watkins at approximately 6:31 PM, and a quorum was confirmed.

**Administrative Items**

**Revisions to Agenda**

- Copies of the Agenda for the February 21, 2023 Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. No changes or additions.
- **Approval of Minutes** for January 17, 2023 Meeting via Zoom Conference  
Copies of the draft January 17th Minutes of Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. There being no corrections, the January 17, 2023 Minutes were **APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Chair’s Report**

(1) **Upcoming Meetings.** Chair announced she reserved the Belmont Park Community Room for the Board’s March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting so the Board can start meeting in person again. The time for in person meetings will start at 6:30 PM as agreed to by the full Board. Future meetings will be held in person at the Belmont Park Community Room, unless unforeseen circumstances cause the Board to meet via Zoom Conference. The Board’s 2023 Election of Area Representatives will be held concurrent with but separate from the March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. For safety and health reasons where members of the community come out to vote for Area Representatives, the election will be held outside of the community room on the deck and the public meeting will be held in the community room. Outside heaters will be used for the election and tables set up for voting.

**REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

- **Seamus Kennedy, Community Representative for District 2 Councilmember Jennifer Campbell**

Seamus Kennedy was present via Zoom and gave the following report:

- Wood fires on beach are gone – propane only allowed.
- Sidewalk vendors now being enforced by Park and Recreation Park Rangers, and enforced by Police when Park Rangers do not work at night.
- Street lights are still not fixed because there are insufficient electricians to do the work.

- Seawall will need State and Federal funding to rebuild/repair.
- Send Seamus budget requests, money is available

Board Members and the public in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions/comment.

- Gloria Henson sent Get-it-Done requests for Boardwalk signage –no place to request signage repairs and no response; Seamus asked Gloria to send request to him and he will look into it.
- Josh Geller commented that the roads in South Mission are awful and invited Seamus to visit to take a look; Seamus pointed out there are three capital improvement projects underway.
- Jenine Whittecar commented that private motor vehicles on the Boardwalk are traveling at excessive speeds; electric bikes traveling on sand is an issue. No enforcement. Seamus asked Jenine to send him a request for enforcement.
- Gernot Trolf complained that motorcycles and loud cars are a big issue along Mission Boulevard.
- Will Schussel complained that the seawall is down to bedrock; San Fernando staging area looks very unattractive. [This is the staging area for Mission Beach capital improvement projects taking place in South Mission authorized by the Coastal Commission.]

## **OTHER**

### **Information Item:**

- **Belmont Park Update by Steve Thomas, General Manager**

Steve Thomas introduced himself and gave an update. SDPD are present at Belmont Park each weekend. They utilize the two parking spaces reserved for them, and free coffee is available. Belmont Park has increased parking security presence and reduced incidents. More families and kids are visiting the park now. Steve reported that he met with the Mayor who is in favor of the suggested parking lot controls. After the recent storms, Belmont Park area flooded with sand and was immediately cleared.

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- Josh Geller asked about towing vehicles from parking lots. Steve pointed out that the North and East parking lots are towed after 2 AM. South parking lot is not under Belmont Park control – City controlled.
- Bob Semenson commented that he heard police contact in Mission Beach was told by a top official to stand down regarding overnight parking enforcement in all areas. Seamus responded that was “not true” – these homeless-related issues are currently under open litigation that can prevent enforcement.
- Rebecca Abbott asked about striping the South parking lot. Mr. Thomas responded that Belmont Park has not received the go ahead from the City and that he informed that City Belmont Park would pay for gates, speed bumps, and striping, and also modify direction for better control.
- Will Schussel asked about parking fees. Mr. Thomas stated he thought it would run about \$2/hr or \$8/day but the City has not given the go ahead, and that low income families will be offered reduced parking passes.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** – One minute per speaker for issues NOT on the Agenda within the purview of the MBPPB. Comments are subject to time and technological constraints.  
**None.**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Action Items:**

- **Announce Nominations of Eligible Candidates for open Area Representative seats for March 21, 2023 Election of Area Representatives**

Chair announced the five (5) areas of representation and Eligible Candidates as follows:

**Area I** - between San Diego Place and the South side of Capistrano Place;

- Three-year open seat (Incumbent Bob Semenson) 2023- 2026
- Eligible Candidate(s): Bob Semenson

**Area II** - between the North side of Capistrano Place and the South side of West Mission Bay Drive and Ventura Place;

- Three-year open seat (Incumbent Cynthia Stratton) 2023- 2026
- Eligible Candidate(s): Cynthia Stratton

**Area III** – between the North side of West Mission Bay Drive and the South side of El Carmel Place;

- Three-year open seat (Incumbent Jenine Whittecar) 2023- 2026
- Eligible Candidate(s): Jenine Whittecar

**Area IV** – between the North side of El Carmel Place and the South side of San Jose Place;

- Three-year open seat (Incumbent Gloria Henson) 2023- 2026
- Eligible Candidates: Gloria Henson; Casey Fields

**Area V** – between the North side of San Jose Place and the South side of Pacific Beach Drive;

No eligible candidates.

- One-year term (2022 – 2024) Balance of term left
- Two-year term (2022 – 2025) Balance of term left
- Three-year term (2023 – 2026)

- **Approve March 2023 Ballot Design**

The proposed ballot design was shared on the screen and reviewed by the Board. Eligible candidates listed above will be included on the 2023 March Election Ballot.

**MOTION #1 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Rebecca Abbot TO APPROVE the March 2023 Election Ballot design.**

**VOTE: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 1**

**Motion Passed.** [Abstain: C. Stratton because she is on the ballot.]

- **Appoint March 2023 Election Secretary**

Board Member Michelle Baron expressed interest in acting as the Election Secretary at the March 21, 2023 Election of Area Representatives. The duties of the Election Secretary include: handing out ballots to voters to vote in the appropriate area where they live; tallying up the votes at the end of the election; and, reporting the results to the Board for Chair's Certification of the Election Results.

**Information Item:**

- **Liaison Update (Airport Noise Advisory Committee "ANAC")**

ANAC Representative Gloria Henson reviewed points covered at the February 15, 2023 ANAC Meeting via Zoom.

- Airport Noise Office Program Manager Sjohnna Knack is moving to a new position as Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs; Sjohnna's replacement will be Joshua Covell, effective immediately.
- Curfew violations discussed by Billy Hobson. In 2022, 89 violations, 48 flights, 54% - fines collected \$804,000. In 2023, Airport Authority will have meetings with airlines to stress importance of curfew. MedVac emergency flights included in these totals have increased but exempt by California law. Fine multipliers increase with violations for this year plus last year.
- Noise complaints down from 2020: 97,893 with 321 early turns; 2021: 77,100 with 329 early turns; 2022: 76,549 with 504 early turns. Specific complaints tracking by household 4,000+ complaints in all San Diego areas (48) and 1,800 complaints from one house in Mission Beach.

There being no further business, the next MBPPB meeting takes place on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Belmont Park Community Room. The 2021 Election of Area Representatives will be held concurrent with but separate from the meeting on the outside deck of the Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion #2 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Cynthia Stratton TO ADJOURN the meeting at 7:34 PM.**

**VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 0**

**Motion Passed.**

Prepared by Debbie Watkins, Secretary