

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Minutes
Thursday, September 19, 2019**

“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”

Meeting Held at:

Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

City of San Diego
202 C Street, MS 37C
San Diego, CA 92101

Members Present

Katherine Johnston, Chair
Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair
Nick Anastasopoulos
David Baron
Jon Becker
Ron Cho
Bobby Hughes
Noli Zosa

Members Absent

Marcella Bothwell
(excused)
Rick Gulley
(excused)

City Staff Present

Andrew Field, Interim Director
Mike Armenta
Ryan Barbrick
Joel Day
Karen Dennison
Robert Nicolson
Danielle Nourie-Burns
Nancy Zamora-Hudson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnston at 2:05 p.m. She announced that the Board would be convening as the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee at the conclusion of the Park and Recreation Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2019

MOTION:

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Anastasopoulos /Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the July 18, 2019, Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Ron Cho, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Marcella Bothwell and Rick Gulley.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. (Comments relating to items on today’s Agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard.) Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes and is not debatable unless part of an organized group presentation whereby time is ceded to main speaker.

Speaker (1) – Martha Abraham, requested information regarding the process and requirements for becoming a Board Member.

Speaker (2) – Dr. Joel Day, Executive Director for City of San Diego Office of Boards and Commissions, thanked the Board and invited them to attend the first San Diego Community Leadership Summit on 9/27/19 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at San Diego State University. He addressed the vacancy rate of Boards and Commissions. He commented that there is a clear relationship between Boards, Directors, City Council and the Mayor’s Office. He offered to return to the Board as needed.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA – None

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board member to approve any agenda item as consent when no speaker slips have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff’s recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to the Park and Recreation Board, unless otherwise noted in the motion. At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as “Consent” items.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee -No Meeting to Report

Community Parks II Area Committee – No Meeting to Report

Balboa Park Committee

- Chair Johnston reported that there had not been a meeting but there would be a big agenda for the next meeting. One of the items would be a Signage and Way Finding Report. Also, not on the Balboa Park Committee Agenda, but there would be a Proposal to Revitalize Inspiration Point released soon.

Mission Trails Regional Task Force

- Mr. Zosa reported that there had been discussion about speaking with Dorothy Leonard about Mission Trails and identification of a location for a dog park to serve the community.
- Mr. Otsuji asked whether the Palisades Project had come before the Balboa Park Committee. Interim Director Field offered to bring the project as an informational item at a future Board Meeting.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – No Report

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Baron requested a presentation by the Humane Society be made at a future Board Meeting. He expressed having had unsatisfactory interaction with the animal control at parks. He would like to explore how it could be remedied.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Andy Field introduced himself as the Interim Director for the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the Acting Assistant Director Karen Dennison along with other Parks Staff. He explained that Casey Smith was on an Interim Director for Fleet Services assignment. He welcomed and thanked Dr. Joel Day, Executive Director for City of San Diego Office of Boards and Commissions for his attendance at the Board Meeting.
- The Interim Director noted that the Department was catching up on many maintenance projects after a very busy summer for the Department. The new listing of Parks and Recreation Fall Events would be forwarded to the Board once finalized.
- He also commented that interviews for a new Parks and Recreation Director were scheduled for the second week of October. He noted that he had applied for the position.
- He reported that a Parks Master Plan presentation was in the works. He had requested that there be a consolidated presentation to the public. The envisioning phase had been completed.
- Mr. Zosa requested an email address for staff at the City to whom letters of support or recommendation regarding Director appointment could be sent. Interim Director Field provided Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Neighborhood Services Robert Vacchi's email at ravacchi@sandiego.gov
- Mr. Otsuji recommended that an internal appointment be made for the next Director.
- Interim Director Field also announced Jim Winter's upcoming retirement.

ACTION ITEMS

- 101. Updated Park and Recreation Board Bylaws**
Presenter: Andrew Field, Interim Director,
Parks and Recreation Department

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Anastasopoulos /Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to recommend approval of the Updated Park and Recreation Board Bylaws. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed by the following vote; Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Ron Cho, Bobby Hughes, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Marcella Bothwell and Rick Gulley.

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

WORKSHOP

301. Brown Act Video

Presenter: Andrew Field, Interim Director,
 Parks and Recreation Department

The video outlined the following:

- Background
- Examples
- Legal Requirements

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Copies of the reports, audio and PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>

Next Calendared Meeting: October 17, 2019
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Submitted by,



Andrew Field
Interim Director
Parks and Recreation Department