

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022**

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

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

This meeting was held remotely using the Zoom Webinar platform and was streamed online. The public was invited to join the meeting by phone or computer, as well as invited to submit “Public Comments” in writing via a webform. The form was made available on the Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards>.

NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Committee Members, City staff, and presenters during the meeting. City staff also used the screen-share function to allow viewers to view content shared by the speaker which included PowerPoint presentations and websites.

Before the meeting was called to order, City staff read instructions to the public regarding technical procedures for making live Public Comment during the Webinar.

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Nick Anastasopoulos David Baron Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell – Chair Ron Cho Rick Gulley Evelyn Smith Noli Zosa	Molly Chase Dennis Otsuji Evelyn Smith	Andy Field, Director Louis Merlin Ryan Barbrick Shannon Scoggins Elvi Ricafort Sarah Erazo

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2022

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

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **January 20, 2022, Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, and Rick Gulley. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: Noli Zosa. Not present: Molly Chase, Evelyn Smith, and Dennis Otsuji.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Angine Rose	Children with allergies related to dogs do not have the opportunity to attend a dog-free park. It is recommended to create an ordinance that prohibits non-service animals from parks.
John Leek	P&R is securing a permit to close Point La Jolla yet has not brought the matter to the Park and Recreation Board. Even though Mr. Leek is a member of the Sierra Club, he disagrees with the club's position on this matter. There have not been any accidental or purposeful harm to sea lions by people at this location. In looking at the roster, Mr. Leek noted there are only two empowered members as others have expired terms.
Sally Smull	George L. Stevens Center needs a replacement gate to its parking lot due to unsafe conditions caused by usage.
Daniele Laman	Mr. Baron was present last month, but the minutes show he was absent. There remains no seat designated for Council District 9 in the Park and Recreation Board. (Ms. Bothwell noted that she sent a letter to District 9 advising them of this concern.)

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Committee Name:	Summary of Comment:
Area Committee CP-1	Mr. Otsuji was absent
Area Committee CP-2	Mr. Baron has no update.
Balboa Park Committee	Ms. Chase was absent.
Mission Trails CAC	Mr. Gulley reported the next meeting is March 1, and there has not been a meeting since last month's update

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION (SDPF) UPDATE:

Topic:	Update: (from Ms. Bothwell)
Other	Ms. Bothwell noted that P&R Board needs a member from District 9.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- Mr. Anastapolous asked if we have a centralized tennis facility.
- Mr. Baron thanked Mr. Zosa for his report about pickleball. It is a growing sport and may even become an Olympic sport in coming years. He also thanked Chair Bothwell for inviting the members to the San Diego Parks Foundation, (SDPF) reception at the Undertow. Very nice to participate.
- Mr. Becker thanked Ms. Bothwell for inviting the board to the SDPF reception at the Undertow Some time ago, board discussed Play All Day program with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD). Asked if anything planned for Poway Unified School District?

- Mr. Zosa shared that the Article in Union-Tribune for a pickleball facility with focus on Peninsula Tennis Club at Robb Field becoming a central pickleball facility. P&R strategy is currently trying to install courts at various locations across the City. This is the fastest growing sport. Mr. Zosa recommended that the department look at the Peninsula Tennis Club and determine if it is being properly utilized and whether there could be other uses, especially with Barnes Tennis Center being so close. He disagreed with the scattering of pickleball into various locations because the players gather in groups, and they are social. They would like to gather in groups to play, and these types of sporting events would really help bring people together even from outside the City.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Field noted the following updates for the Board:

- **Appointments to the P&R Board**
 - On 2/15/22, the City Council approved the nomination of Pita Verdin to the Park and Recreation Board to represent Council District 8
 - Ms. Verdin is an active Sherman Heights residents and volunteer, including service with the Homeless Storage Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Sherman Heights Compassionate Solutions Community Group, Sherman Heights Community Center, and web master of the Sherman Heights community webpage (<http://www.shermanheights.com/>)
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 - As news comes regarding reappointments and any other new appointments as several Board members are on expired terms, Mr. Field will keep the Board posted.
- **COVID-19 Update**
 - Most facilities, recreational activities, and programs resumed operations by 7/19/21 with a few exceptions
 - In-person meetings of Park Board are delayed due to the increase in cases related to the Omicron variant
 - The State of California relaxed masking requirements for indoor areas effective 2/16/22
- **FY 2023 Budget Development and FY 2022 Budget Monitoring**
 - Fees Update:

- Based on feedback from the Budget Committee, the Department modified its proposal as follows:
 1. Maintain Current Burial Fees for low-income families at Mt. Hope Cemetery
 2. Request cost of service studies for:
 - Non-resident parking at beach and bay parking lots
 - Non-resident mooring and beach bars
 - Non-resident boat launch fees for Mission Bay
 3. Removal of two proposed fees related to special events: Balboa Park ranger traffic control and use of golf carts
 4. Prepare new Council Policy for use of the proposed Opportunity Fund
- Department plans to present guiding principles for the use of the future Opportunity Fund at the April or May Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee meeting; staff will bring this to the Board around the same timeframe as well
- Through spring and summer 2022, the Department will obtain feedback on the potential uses of the Opportunity Fund then bring a formal policy proposal to the Board and PSLN Committee in fall 2022
- On 2/14/22, the City Council approved the fee schedule as amended by the Budget Committee.
- Recent/Upcoming Budget Reports:
 - FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Monitoring Report – at City Council 2/13/22
 - FY 2023 Fee Schedule – at City Council 2/13/22
 - FY 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Outlook – at Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee 2/17/22
 - FY 2023 Proposed Budget Release – on or before 4/15/22
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- **Come Play Outside**
 - Summary of 2021 Come Play Outside program coming to the Board today (Item 201)
 - Advance planning for summer 2022 underway with San Diego Parks Foundation
- **Job Opportunities in Parks and Recreation**
 - Virtual Job Fairs will continue in 2022
 - Progress made on bringing mentors and interns on board
 - We are hiring ... job openings are posted now at <https://www.sandiego.gov/jobs> for:

- Equipment Technician III - T10555-202110
 - Golf Operations Assistant - T11439-202105
 - Laborer - T11178-202109
 - Park Designer - T10768-202201
 - Pesticide Applicator - T11472-202111
 - Pool Guard I - T10996-202103
 - Pool Guard II - T10997-202103
 - Recreation Aide - T11355-202107
 - Recreation Leader I - T10975-202105
 - Recreation Leader II - T11348-202105
 - Swimming Pool Manager I - T10998-202103
 - Swimming Pool Manager II - T10999-202103
 - Swimming Pool Manager III - T11000-202103
 - Therapeutic Recreation Leader - T11314-202105
- Virtual Job Fairs will continue in 2022
- **Parks Master Plan:**
 - Copy of the plan is available on City's webpage at <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-for-all-of-us>
 - At the January meeting, members of the Board and public commenters asked for a delineation of duties; here is an overview of planned roles:

Action Item	Timeframe to Begin Effort	Lead
Park Funding Prioritization Policy (new Council Policy)	FY 2023	Joint
Park Condition Index	Complete	P&R
Council Policy 600-33 Update (Public Engagement)	FY 2023	P&R
Park Project Priority Implementation List	FY 2023	P&R
Park Design Review Board Feasibility	FY 2023	P&R
Parks & Programming Communications Plan	FY 2026	P&R
Consultant's Guide to Park Design and Development	FY 2026	P&R
Recreation Value Assessment	FY 2023	Planning
Principles of Equitable Engagement	FY 2023	Planning

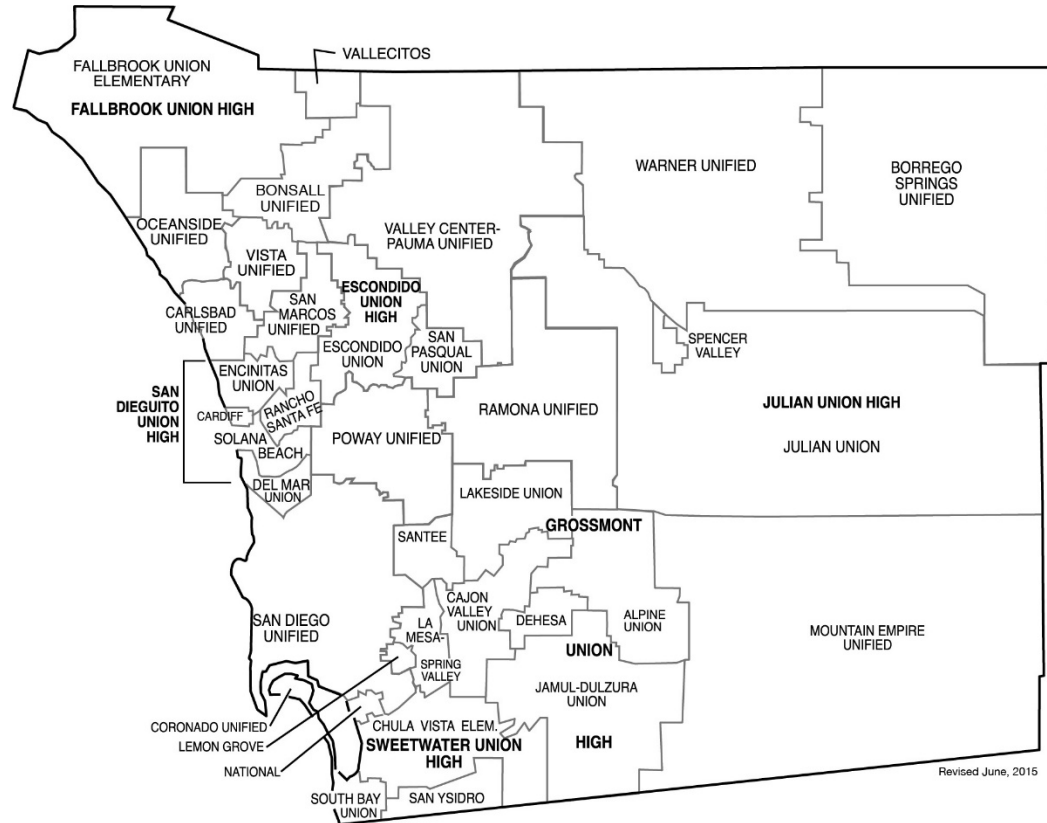
Action Item	Timeframe to Begin Effort	Lead
Parks Needs Index	FY 2023	Planning
Chollas Creek Master Plan	FY 2023	Planning
Citywide Trails Master Plan	FY 2023	Planning
Updates to Resource-Based & Historic Landmark Parks	FY 2026	TBD
Alternative Park Funding Mechanisms	FY 2026	TBD
Recreation Center and Aquatic Complex Equity Tool	FY 2026	TBD

- Last week, Board members received a conclusion memo on the results of the park amenity condition assessment, an effort that spanned from 2014 to 2021
- The departments will collaborate on these items and will bring updates as appropriate to the Board in the months to come
- As requested during last month’s meeting, the Area Committees will meet to discuss the Parks Master Plan actions items, most likely in March
- This presentation is Item 202 on today’s agenda
- Item 202 today results from direction from City Council to report on timeframes before end of 2021
- This is not the official 2022 update on the PMP, which is identified for regular reporting to be presented to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee as well as made available on the Parks for All of Us webpage
- As part of the director’s report, Mr. Field will continue to keep Board members apprised as to the status of PMP implementation
- **Council Policy 700-42 and Community Recreation Group Update**
 - The Department continues to monitor the ongoing efforts to update the relationship between the City and the Community Planning Groups with a planned revision to Council Policy 600-24
 - After the relationship is settled and Council Policy 600-24 revised, the Department will use the same guiding principles for a revision to Council Policy 700-42 on Community Recreation Groups
 - When the time is right, we will bring this matter back to the Board for additional public input and guidance

- Interim Standard Operating Procedures remain in effect for the time being
- **Play All Day/Joint Use:**
 - SDUSD Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Use Council Policy 700-35 was approved by City Council on 11/2/21
 - Standley Pool on track to open in March 2022
 - Continuing to examine potential joint use locations in underserved communities
- **New Facilities/Groundbreaking and Grand Opening**
 - Riviera del Sol Park groundbreaking on 2/1/22
 - Bud Kearns Pool – reopening in March 2022
 - City Heights Pool – reopening in March 2022
- **Street Vending/SB 946:**
 - Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee approved item on 2/9/22
 - City Council will consider the proposed implementation ordinance for street vendors on 3/1/22
- **Pickleball**
 - The Department has created a resource page that outlines locations available to play pickleball:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/pballlocations.pdf>
 - Our focus is to add pickleball onto existing hard courts where possible to maximize court utility
 - There is interest to create a larger pickleball venue somewhere in the City; some pickleball advocates are meeting with various community recreation groups and advisory committees to vet potential locations
- **DeAnza Special Study Area**
 - On 1/11/22, the City issued a Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and Scoping Meeting that includes study of the preferred De Anza Natural option
 - On 1/24/22, the City held a public scoping meeting
 - On 3/1/22, the Mission Bay Park Committee will have an informational update on the De Anza Natural preferred option
 - On 3/17/22, staff will bring this forward to the Board as an informational item
- **City Council Items:**

- **Proposed curfew at 3 Pacific Beach-area parks (PB Library Grounds, Fanuel Street Park, and Bob McEvoy Fields)** approved by City Council on 6/8/21; Coastal Commission review pending
- Proposed modifications to **on-leash dog approved hours for Mission Bay Park** was approved by the Environment Committee on 1/20/22 and is pending City Council consideration
- **Proposed Overnight Gated Closure of Certain Coastal and Bay Parking Areas package** is being developed for Coastal Commission to receive in March 2022
- **Employees of the Quarter for Second Quarter, FY 2022**
 - **Christopher Boudreau**, Golf Operations Assistant, who provides excellent customer service, ensuring everyone is greeted and has the best playing experience while at the golf course.
 - **Danielle Nourie-Burns**, Associate Management Analyst, who was instrumental in the planning, drafting and applications of a grant that was awarded in the amount of \$8.5 million for the construction of Beyer Park.
 - **Ian Balcazar**, Pool Guard I, who through his teaching and coaching has grown the MLK swim team from 4 swimmers to 20, something uncommon during the off-season.
 - **Joe Flores**, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, who has maintained Tubman Elementary School JU with a positive attitude and helped with training staff when new to a position.
 - **Kristopher Johnson (K.J.) LeCesne**, Recreation Leader I, who taught a Theater Arts program, led, and designed the Halloween event, and assisted with the Winter community event.
 - **Lisa Daleo-Perryman**, Recreation Leader I, who, during COVID-19, has gone above and beyond, picking up trash throughout the recreation center, sanitizing the restrooms and assisting the GMW's in the park.
 - **Mark Leo**, Therapeutic Recreation Leader, who took a lead role in Age Well Services' Social call program, Operation Joy during the holiday season, dances, and re-opening of the Balboa Park Senior Lounge.
 - **Michael Cassidy**, Sr. Park Ranger, who is covering duties for two Park Rangers who are not staffed and supervising two Pesticide Applicators while a GMM position is to be filled.
 - **Pedro Ramirez**, Grounds Maintenance Worker I, who is always willing to put in the extra work to make the golf course look in its tremendous condition.
 - **Stephanie Sambrano**, Custodian III, who is a leader with a strong work ethic and integrity and is always professional and a pleasure to work with. She takes on extra duties with a smile on her face.

- **Annual Department Meeting – 2/16/22 and 2/17/22 – theme: Diversity Strong: The beauty of Parks and Recreation lies in the diversity of its people!**
- **Future Park and Recreation Board Agenda Items:**
 - Animal Services/Off-Leash Dogs/SD Humane Update
 - Hiring/Vacancies Update
- **Board Member Questions of P&R Director:**
 - **Baron:** How many school districts does the City serve? Mr. Field noted there are 8. While San Diego Unified covers a significant area of the City, there are portions of school districts that serve San Diegans in the vicinity of the Interstate 15 corridor (Poway Unified), Interstate 5/State Route 56 communities (Del Mar Union, San Dieguito Union, and Solana Beach Union), and South Bay communities (Chula Vista Elementary, South Bay Union, and Sweetwater Union). A map follows



- **Bothwell:** Where is the centralized tennis center? Mr. Field responded it is Barnes Tennis Center in the Pt. Loma area near the intersection of Interstate 8 and Sunset Cliffs

ACTION ITEMS

101. – Boone Joint Use Facility General Development Plan

Presenter: Shannon Scoggins, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Becker/Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **Boone Joint Use Facility General Development Plan**. The motion was approved, 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not present: Molly Chase, Evelyn Smith, and Dennis Otsuji.

Public Comment: - None

Board Member Comment:

Mr. Becker questioned about the current design of the existing site. Ms. Scoggins responded that moving from decomposed granite walking tracks to asphalt walking tracks helped the City and District with the maintenance and stormwater issues. Mr. Becker also questioned about the proposed redline around the GDP areas. Ms. Scoggins responded that anytime that we have joint use with the school district we do provide fencing to isolate the part of the campus areas from the joint use site for the public. This is for security reasons and vandalism issues as well.

Ms. Bothwell appreciated the effort for this item

102. – Mission Bay High School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan

Presenter: Shannon Scoggins, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Becker/Mr. Baron

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the **Mission Bay High School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan**. The motion was approved, 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not present: Molly Chase, Evelyn Smith, and Dennis Otsuji.

Public Comment:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Dr. Michael McQuary	As a member of the board for the San Diego Unified School District, Dr. McQuary expressed his support today for the Mission Bay High School Joint Use Tennis Courts. Dr. McQuary first played on tennis

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
	courts at Mission Bay High School in 1997 and looks forward to playing on the improved joint use tennis courts in the near future

Board Member Comment:

Ms. Bothwell asked the hours of use for the facility. Tracey Tincknell noted that it would be open after school plus weekends, holidays, and vacation days.

INFORMATION ITEM:

201. Come Play Outside 2021

Presenter: Sarah Erazo, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

The presentation outlined the Come Play Outside 2021 Program.

Public Comment - None

Board Member Comment:

Mr. Baron commented that the Fern Street Circus is excellent and glad to have them in the Come Play Outside program.

Ms. Bothwell asked if more people joining lifequards.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

Next Calendared Meeting: March 17, 2022

Submitted by,



Andy Field
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Parks and Recreation Department