San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Board De Anza Natural Plan Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 13, 2023

This meeting was held at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa. The public was invited to join the in-person meeting, 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.

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell René Smith Jim Gross Judith Munoz	Jeff Johnson – excused	Christina Chadwick Michelle Abella-Shon Randy White Gabby Verendia
	Guests Heather Henter Billy Bonelli Kevin Hollman	

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 6:03 p.m.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> - approval of the minutes for the May 23rd meeting was tabled

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commenter:	Summary of Comments:
John Heatherington	Commented on the land use plan stating areas of should be endorsed and the re-well plan and work out the land use details would like to know how sea level rise plan will affect the plan how will plan will improve water quality
Dennis Stooge	Why would anyone want to take away any part of the recreational activities
Mark Sullivan	The commented buffer that is installed believes with will not prevent water from coming into the area. Believes a levee should be built. Other areas will be impacted like golf course, suggested seawalls mentioned riff raff
James Larson	Supports Mission Bay Gateway Plan, we are short on recreational facilities in community such as community pool we need recreational facilities now, march land issue should be secondary
unknown	Doesn't believe there will be access in the trails, believes number one bacteria source is bird pooping, we need more parking. Provide hand outs

INFORMATION ITEMS:

201. De Anza Natural Active Recreation Plan Refinements

Presenters: Kelly Stanco, Deputy Director, Planning Department Scott Sandel, Park Designer, Planning Department

(Presentation 0n 6/13 attached/Not posted)

Public Comment on Item #201:

Commenter:	Summary of Comments:
Jim Irwin	Supports recreation and preservation. Part of Parks Pacific Beach Tennis Club that sponsors tennis tournaments would like real bathroom instead of porta-potties grant special use permit, more courts for tennis and pickle ball no interruption of play.
Mr. Scott Jimenez	Does the facility have a flushing toilet and what do you think the balance should be between tennis and pickle ball courts
Jim Irwin	The balance we would want to be more of a racquet facility believes there's good balance two courts are dedicated to pickle ball. Would like to see sand or beach tennis.
Mr. Scott Jimenez	In the future what would you want
Jim Irwin	Currently 3:1 In future 50/50

Board Member Comment on Item 201:

Board Member:	Summary of Comments:
Marcella Bothwell	Junior league/ high school summer clinic and camps
Jim Irwin	Stated sign ups are going on now with more people wanting to play than courts available. High school and college also rent courts from us
	Pickleball has two courts currently outsourcing

202. Recreation Youth Fields

Presenter: Tom Norton, Mission Bay Field Association Billy Bonelli, Youth Sports & Recreation

(Presentation 0n 6/13 attached/not posted)

Public Comment on Item #202 & 203:

Commenter:	Summary of Comments:
Billy Bonelli	Would like to maximize use of the fields and get the SUP from the city to enhance facility. The park is used regionally by many. Over 1K kids per month play at the fields
Julia Sullivan	Representing Coastal Bay Softball, it is a league for girls, the only field the softball playing girls have to play on. These kids can give back to the community from what they learn and play together. Make sure they have a new field before you eliminate their field
Justin Weber	Representing Pacific Beach Soccer League kids come from all over we provide to the community over 150 kids learning to become referees. Kids are employed for the summer, as well as kids that volunteers we also provide opportunities for adults to volunteer
Tom Norton	I don't think we should not have to compromise, kids come back as coaches, volunteers, scientist nature preserve. Feels there's plenty of room. McEnroe has been neglected for years. It's a necessity
Joe Melendez	What McEnroe field does for the military families. They rely on the communities. Has helped his family get through when he gets deployed. How much time will be taken and how can we minimize the impact. Kids need places to go

Board Member Comment on Item 202 and 203:

Board Member:	Summary of Comments:
René Smith	May we have a copy of the article you referred to and the leaders contact information
	Do you have senior baseball?
	Tom responded, yes, not sure they use the field a couple teams do play

Jim Gross	 What age group? What's the total population of the military? Joe More than more than 4K more senior enlisted E6 and up Every 2 to 3 years come through about 20% Can anyone go play baseball? Yes, it is a public park, volunteers take care of the upkeep of the
	park would like to get the SUP for better ability to maintain
Jon Becker	 Through our three organizations we work to maximize the use of the fields 100% of the time. Are you totally impacted Response: There are very limited fields and will impact us practice time travel time Jon Becker Is there a joint use agreement with Mission Bay High Speaker: No there is not Those agreements should be activated. I know soccer has had conversations with for example Kate Sessions it becomes very expensive on a school district perspective. It is locked during school hours. Open availability to mission bay for military , fields are already overloaded with their own teams using the facilities Jon Becker Did I hear correctly are the bathrooms operational. It is open during park hours and there is a snack stand, there is an approved plan for an improved comfort station. Starting this fall there maybe changes. Scott: Is there a dedicated soccer field on the park. Master planning is important. Recognize military needs support to re settle kids into Mark Pacific Beach Plan done in 1995 more than 50% short fall not many places to go. Tom If I may if that's alright. Yes Tom We really want some clarity from the city. We need real engagement from the city leaders, EIR doesn't mention the Diego parks master plan for de Anza. Three agencies have reviewed and remarked on the EIR, Fish and Wildlife, California Fish and Wildlife and Reginal Quality Control Board submitted comments to the city mention of plan. I encourage you to go look at website
	Question for Melendez can you reiterate how you rely on the community. Other father figures are there to help my sone while I'm on deployment. When I do retire this will be the place, I will call home.
	Question does the military do anything to support the families. Melendez Yes, they are recreation programs, but they are not like
	what the community offers.
	Question If fields are disrupted for changes, what do you foresee

happening and how would you handle it
Melendez Currently the four fields arranged in a circle would be reorganized. More soccer fields will be lost 4-5 years old field would be only field available
Question how are the fields configured
Answer two fields 46/60 fields can be converted the biggest is 60/90.
Question Is the softball field a dedicated field
Answer We do mix and match

204. Adult Sport Recreation

Presenter: Kevin Hollman

(Presentation 0n 6/13 attached/Not posted)

Public Comment on Item #204

Commenter:	Summary of Comments:
Kevin Hollman	Adult Softball Community three seasons per year with 750-1000 adults per season. Buffer zones have big impact to fields 2 and 3.
	Question How many other fields does the league use
	Maybe over a dozen all around the City of San Diego

205. UCSD Natural Reserve System Presenter: Heather Henter

(Presentation 0n 6/13 attached/Not posted)

Public Comment on Item #205

Commenter:	Summary of Comments:
Heather Henter	Did presentation of the reserve and provide information on boundaries. Discussed benefits of wetlands. The Kindle Frost Marsh fence reason is to limit impact to species like endangered birds. Anyone can use the marsh if you have legitimate use for such as education research or public service or show up at outreach activities. Such as picking up trash, kayaking bird watching, building Kumeyaay watercraft. Do not have to be affiliated with USCD Natural Reserve System. New building being built.
	Question has the 40 aches been completed and restored.
	Heather 40 is entirely restored southern end has been restored.
	Questions How many acres is the Robin Strictly

	Heather 40
	Question Is that fenced.
	Heather Yes
	Question How does the cities plan impact the Marsh.
	Heather Important to connect with Rose Creek
	Question Will Rose Creek need a fence also.
	Heather Up to The City of San Diego.
	Question Do you feel it's needed
Rene Smith	The cities plans include connection with Rose Creek.
	Commentor Yes you can see it on the map
	Questions Do you have plans to build concrete walls as the sea wall goes up
	Heather No
	Question Will you deal with it as mother nature presents it to you.
	Heather Yes
Tommy How	Can you talk about the restore wetlands would be beneficial to the water supply.
	Heather Nitrogen pollutant will be taken up by plant mater would help clean up pollutants and bacteria.
	Curt Carlson municipal golf committee will the current plan be acceptable with the marsh and ball fields. Cant comment on the city plans on the situation. There's not an incapability n having wetlands and ball parks.
	No one is advocating harming the marsh doesn't want to lose acreage for the fields.
	Heather Did not say it was not a great place for a marsh.
	Speaker Went kayaking and was told to leave how is this possible isn't it public property .
	Heather We are responsible for protecting the habitat there is a special section, that provides for protections.
	Question Speaker How do you know you're at the high-water mark.
	Question How would you know where to Kayak to.
	John Heatherington, what do you think about moving the marsh.
	Heather It would be impossible.
	Question do you have an approach to deal with pollution before it approaches the marsh.
	Heather I only have input over natural reserve.
	Tommy attempts to incorporate the land to become its own park or become part of mission bay park would help with funding.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next Calendared Meeting: June 20,2023

Respectfully Submitted by,

TBD