

**City of San Diego**  
**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

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

**Meeting Held by In Person and Teleconference:**

This meeting was held at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom and 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.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>City Staff Present</b>
Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Shaina Gross Rick Gulley Daniele Laman Dennis Otsuji (Vice Chair) Evelyn Smith (Virtual) René Smith Pita Verdin	Nick Anastasopoulos Molly Chase	Ryan Barbrick Andy Field Gina Dulay Louis Merlin Elvi Ricafort Scott Sandel Michelle Abella-Shon (Virtual) Kelly Stanco Gabriela Verendia

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 2:06 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2023**

**MOTION/SECONDED:**

**Mr. Gulley/Mr. Otsuji**

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve the June 15, 2023, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 9-0 and passed unanimously with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos and Molly Chase.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE:** None

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

- Area Committees: Mr. Otsuji and Mr. Smith both reported that there were no meetings and no updates.
- Balboa Park Committee: No updates.
- Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee: Mr. Gulley reported that there was discussion about Old Mission Dam dredging and related topics.
- Ms. Bothwell expressed thanks to Kim Mathis for 4,000 kids coming to Parks After Dark sites.

**SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE:** None

**CHAIR COMMENTS:** None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

1. Ms. Laman thanked staff at Colina del Sol Park with their day camps throughout the summer. In August special events are planned including the end of summer teen night bash with music, games, and more.
2. Chair Bothwell noted concerts in the park are beginning at Kate Sessions Park starting July 23, 2023, and the concerts will continue weekly until August 13, 2023.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mr. Field provided the Board with the following updates:

Mr. Field noted that staff are busy with numerous summer events, programs, activities, day camps, and sports programs throughout the park system. He welcomed the public to join at the four Parks After Dark events, which begin at 5:30 p.m. at four locations every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: City Heights, Linda Vista, Memorial, and Skyline Hills. He invited Board members to ask any questions.

**Questions of the Parks and Recreation Director:**

- Mr. Otsuji asked about maintenance practices and the Department's ability to maintain existing and new parks. Mr. Field responded that the Department still experiences attrition, with recent numbers suggesting a roughly estimated ratio of three incoming staff compared to two outbound staff. Around 200 to 300 vacancies remain, especially for hourly staff. Mr. Otsuji noted that training remains a concern,

as newer staff may not have the tools or training to properly maintain the landscapes for both existing and new parks.

- Ms. Gross asked about whether the Department is using contractors to augment employees. Mr. Field stated that the Department is using contractors when not displacing a unionized job, including contracts for brush management and street median landscaping.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**101. Proposed renaming of Mountain View Community Park to Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park**

Presenter: Gina Dulay, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Otsuji requested to move Item 101 from the Consent Items to the Discussion Items. Staff and renaming proponents made the presentation on the proposed renaming. He expressed support for the renaming, having known Neal Petties.

Mr. Otsuji made a motion to approve staff recommendation and seconded by Ms. Verdin. The motion was approved 9-0 and passed unanimously with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos and Molly Chase.

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Comments:**

1. Mr. Otsuji shared his early years at this community park and expressed his strong support for this item.
2. Ms. Verdin commented on the beauty of Mountain View Community Park.

**102. Appointment of Marcella Bothwell as Board Chair and Dennis Otsuji as Vice Chair.**

Presenter: Andy Field, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

Mr. Field presented the request to confirm Ms. Bothwell as chair and Mr. Otsuji as vice chair. He noted this is a required vote annually per SDMC §26.30 since the Mayor and Council did not directly appoint a chair to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mr. Gulley made a motion and seconded by Mr. Becker. The motion was approved 9-0 and passed unanimously with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Molly Chase.

**Public Comments:** None

**Board Member Comments:**

Various members expressed gratitude to Ms. Bothwell and Mr. Otsuji for agreeing to continue in these roles.

**103. Adoption of the De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.**

**Presenters: Kelly Stanco, Deputy Director, City Planning Department**

**Scott Sandel, Parks Planner, City Planning Department**

Ms. Stanco and Mr. Sandel made the staff presentation for this item.

Mr. Smith made a motion to reject the item as presented and seconded by Mr. Gulley. The motion failed 3-4-1 with the following vote: Yea: Rick Gulley, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Nay: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Daniele Laman, and Dennis Otsuji. Recused: None. Abstained: Evelyn Smith. None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos, Molly Chase, and Shaina Gross.

Mr. Smith then made the following motion not to recommend the item with the justifications from the subcommittee as outlined below and seconded by Mr. Gulley as follows:

1. Not recommend the De Anza Natural Mission Bay Park Master Plan Amendment AND the DPEIR as presented by Planning Department to Mission Bay Park Committee and Parks and Recreation Board.
2. Ensure the following items are completed:
  - a. A formal environmental analysis needs to be completed.
  - b. Water Quality Report including the status of both De Anza and the upstream pollutants, including the potential solutions to the water quality problem.
  - c. Hydrology Report including a sediment study from upstream sources and the ongoing maintenance required for routine channel dredging to improve water circulation.
  - d. Sea Level Rise Analysis including analysis of how adoption strategies could be implemented.
  - e. Economic and Fiscal Analysis including the upside of potential eco-tourism verses the loss of Mission Bay lessee revenue. The Analysis should include both capital and maintenance costs of the selected plan and alternatives.
  - f. Analysis of the feasibility of utilizing the South Shores as a viable placement for recreation activities (including the Ski club) recognizing the limitations based on the history of the toxic waste of the landfill.

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- g. Need for analysis for alternatives to the De Anza Natural Plan such as Wetlands Optimized Alternative recommended by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).
    - h. Need to weigh De Anza Natural Plan and its alternatives against the relevant policies within the City of San Diego Parks Master Plan.
    - i. Regarding CEQA, the plans do not appear to address the concerns raised by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).
    - j. These items come back to the P&R Board prior to going to the City Council committee.
  3. Include a requirement that the Boat and Ski Club be included in any future state of Mission Bay Park

This motion was approved 8-0 and passed unanimously with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Evelyn Smith, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos, Molly Chase, and Shaina Gross.

#### **Public Comments:**

Several members of the public commented on Item 103, including in-person, written, and on-line comments.

#### **In-Person Comments:**

1. Joan Stevenson ceded her time to Jacob Gelfand.
2. Dave Mack ceded his time to Jacob Gelfand.
3. Brian Niznik thanked the Planning Department for helping with the Boat and Ski Club, which may be relocated to South Shores. This seems like an uncommitted element of the plan, and there is no promise the Boat and Ski Club be given a place to land. He noted that the lease with the Club is month to month, and he hopes for help and advocacy to request a three to five year lease from the City.
4. Pamela Heatherington from Environmental Center of San Diego noted the environmental interconnection and suggests that recreation can be accommodated throughout Mission Bay Park, not just DeAnza. She suggested that Campland privatized the beach and prevented public access to the bayfront.
5. John Heatherington is a volunteer from the Environmental Center and opposes the staff recommendation. The plan does not meet the access goals and notes that access has been restricted for decades.

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6. Lara Martin camps at Campland and noted that few birds come into the area near the camping area. The birds smell. She is concerned that environmentalists are ruining the camping experience.
7. Candice Martin ceded her time to Scott Chipman.
8. Jim Whalen made three observations: no assurances the Boat and Ski Club will not be moved, there is no evidence in the records related to the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP), and the SEP requires 30% design, which is not readily evident.
9. Anita Eng (3 minutes) represents the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Eng submitted a letter to the City regarding habitat restoration and Mission Bay Park Master Plan. Key points: Proposed amendment will prevent 80 acres of restoration and recommends Audubon's "Wildest" alternative instead of the City's proposal. RV dumps and camping should be set back far from any habitat areas so as to reduce pests from entering the preserve. Uses of wetland buffers should be limited so that wetlands are protected. Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) lacks detail necessary and adequate evaluation of sea level rise impacts.
10. Muriel Spooner ceded her time to Anita Eng.
11. Dan Gallagher volunteered at Kendall Frost Marsh and learned about the importance of protecting and restoring habitat marsh areas. This will help with carbon sequestration. Native wetlands have a very important role to play.
12. Tommy Hough (2 minutes) supports the Wildest plan for Re-Wild Mission Bay Park. Environmental restoration is imperative to help support the park as the City continues to gain population. Kayaking and paddleboarding can be great sporting activities in the vicinity of the wetlands.
13. Jeff Johnson member of DeAnza Ad Hoc Committee noted scientific reporting is missing from the programmatic environmental impact report. Few alternatives are offered. Pollution at the bay shore appears to be allowed by the report. He does not recommend the plan as presented.
14. Lil Barnes ceded her time to Tommy Hough.
15. Mike Kirby is the owner of Marathon Construction, a full-service marine and general engineering contractor. He is familiar with all resource agencies and supports a balanced approach. His family built the original Sea World in Mission Bay Park.
16. Ronie Hercz ceded her time to Jacob Gelfand.
17. Van Tran ceded his time to Jacob Gelfand.
18. Ahmed Ait-Lahcey ceded his time to Jacob Gelfand.

19. Jim Peugh from San Diego Audubon recommends the Board consider designs that incorporate trails and kayak trails. He noted that the regulatory agencies are looking for wetland restoration opportunities, so funding will likely materialize separate from City funds.
20. Andrew Meyer is the Director of Conservation and ReWild Program Manager at San Diego Audubon Society. He noted there are heat waves underway in numerous locations throughout the world, including the Desert Southwest. Greenhouse gas emissions must reduce to address the ongoing climate crisis. Wetlands can sequester carbon very well. He supports more wetlands in the DeAnza area.
21. Jacob Gelfand (8 minutes) from Campland on the Bay thanked the board members and ad-hoc committee members for their efforts to dive deeply into various stakeholder positions at DeAnza. Meaningful public access has been provided by Campland on the Bay for the last 50 years, especially for people who cannot afford to stay at the various other resorts on the bay. Waterfront camping remains a high priority for those using the bay. Working class families deserve low cost accommodations allowing bayfront access. He supports additional wetlands, which benefits camping. He is concerned with a rushed process due to the SEP, and he recommends more studies before the master plan is amended.
22. Scott Chipman (2 minutes) is a 17-year advocate for the Mission Bay Gateway plan. He noted the plan must address the growing population, which requires more acreage of parkland and more amenities. Sixty acres of recreation is not adequate, especially since there is limited park acreage already in the Pacific Beach community. He suggests there is no need to jump over Rose Creek to take away recreation on the east side of the creek. There is no evidence that marshland reduces pollution.
23. Joanna Hirst related her comments to the recent approval of the additional dwelling units near the recently completed trolley stops. She suggests population growth must be considered alongside environmental concerns.
24. Craig Kessler from Southern California Golf Association appreciates the balanced approach between recreation and wetlands. He looks forward to working with everyone to find an agreeable solution that addresses details associated with the various proposed uses of the area.
25. Matt Rogers is an advocate for municipal golf, but he does not need to speak.
26. Justin Russell ceded his time to Jacob Gelfand.
27. Serena Rodriguez ceded her time to Jacob Gelfand.
28. Sarah Harry ceded her time to Anita Eng.

Written Comments:

1. Christy Adams: My family has had 3 generations enjoying this wonderful camping area. We've had family reunions. Club activities and even Christmas at this facility. Please don't take Campland away from our community.
2. Vicki Fiegehen: Please save Campland and Mission Bay RV Resort. As a child living in Los Angeles, I looked forward to coming to San Diego with my parents and camping at the resort. Years later I decided to go to college in San Diego mostly due to my fond memories as a child of San Diego. Even though I now live in San Diego, I love coming to Campland with my RV and enjoying the resort with friends and family. I live in the East County where it's nice getting a way to cooler weather with an ocean breeze.
3. Mary Bennett: Campland is a wonderful place to camp. We have been going there for about 20 years. Our son has camped with us and now our grandchildren camp with us. It is wholesome family fun. Lots of activities, swimming, playground. S'mores around a campfire, the beach. What more could we ask for. This is a vital part of San Diego.
4. Barry Homer: De Anza Peninsula is a jewel for San Diego. Let's not squander its unique attraction for the dubious value of adding a small amount of marshland to an existing already large marsh. Campland's proven 50-plus year history shows how they have been good stewards of this precious resource. Jacob Gelfand's Campland organization has recently transformed De Anza from an unusable eye-sore into affordable waterfront access enjoyed by many. San Diego will again benefit from this good neighbor. San Diego is lucky to have De Anza and the Campland organization. They are magnets for campers who bring revenue and jobs to the City. "Mission Bay Park Master Plan supports that this Regional Park serves all of the residents of San Diego as well as visitors". And further states "land use recommendations include regional recreation needs, including Guest Housing (camping facilities and recreational vehicles)". Leaseholds that support the Mission Bay recreation use" are already in place with Campland and Mission Bay RV Resort. Keep them BOTH. It's a no-brainer, good business, win-win decision.
5. Susan McManus: Please keep Campland on the Bay, it is a family tradition and allows families the opportunity to enjoy camping near the water.
6. Carol Nelepovitz: Our family uses Campland weekly to walk the dog, enjoy waterfront dining at a Barton price. We also camp there 4 times a year. For our family and friends, it is an affordable vacation. We love seeing all sorts of rigs. We see families just starting out in tents, retired folks in magnificent RVs and us in our modest trailer. People from all walks of life and all nationalities. It also provides a place for senior to live during locations.
7. Lesley Handa: I strongly urge consideration of maximum wetland restoration to mitigate Climate Change impacts for the proposed project per guidance by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the State of California,



and the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan. Impacts from the Sea Level Rise should be investigated in detail as the consequences of a short-sighted investigation could result in the loss of the current intended use of these areas in the future. Guidance from the IPCC in the 6th synthesis report 2023 summary for policymakers states that "mitigation and accelerated implementation of adaptation actions this decade would reduce projected losses and damages for humans and ecosystems and conservation of high carbon ecosystems with targeted management to adapt to unavoidable impacts of climate change reduces the vulnerability of biodiversity and ecosystem flooding." Additionally, guidance from the State of California from the Governor's office of Planning and Research states "climate mitigation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon capture, removal, and sequestration and to adjust natural systems to moderate the harm and exploit beneficial opportunities from actual and climate-related hazards and conditions." Maximum wetland restoration required by the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) would help achieve the CAP benchmark.

8. Phillip Musegaas: My name is Phillip Musegaas, and I am the Executive Director of San Diego Coastkeeper. Coastkeeper strongly urges the Board to request that the city include greater detail on the impact of sea level rise on public assets at Mission Bay Park. In order for the restoration plan to be successful, it is essential that the city conduct a thorough sea level rise analysis. I would remind the board that the city is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's SEP (supplemental environmental project) to provide 80 acres of restored wetlands by 2100. In addition, please request greater detail on the potential for low-impact infrastructure, like low-cost camping options on the De Anza "island," and how these facilities will evolve over time into additional acres of wetlands as sea levels rise. Coastkeeper agrees with Audubon that a goal of at least 315 acres of restored habitat, whether salt marsh or other related tidal wetland and riparian habitats, is feasible and would provide climate resilience, water quality improvements and increased opportunities for public recreation, e.g., kayaking and birdwatching. Note that 350 acres of restored habitat is the Climate Action Plan (CAP) benchmark already required in the City's Climate Action Plan by 2030.
9. Gwendolyn Dick: Wetland restoration has considerable value to people in the form of improved water quality, carbon sequestration, expanded public access to our park and enhanced recreation opportunities like kayaking and paddleboarding among restored wetlands. To further the De Anza Natural Plan, I ask the city for:
  - A model of the impact of sea level rise on public assets at Mission Bay Park. It is shortsighted to plan this level of restoration without a thorough sea level rise analysis, especially since the city is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board's SEP to provide 80 acres of restored wetlands by 2100.

- A strategy for low-impact infrastructure, like low-cost camping options on the De Anza "island" and other facilities to evolve over time into additional acres of wetlands as sea levels rise.
  - At least 315 acres of restored habitat, whether salt marsh or other related tidal wetland and riparian habitats. ReWild plans have demonstrated that 315 acres is a feasible goal, and 350 acres of restored habitat is already required in the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP) by 2030. Restored wetlands go a long way toward putting the city on track to meet its legally binding CAP benchmarks.
10. Lori Barisco: I would kindly request that Campland RV resort remain in place as is. The campground is enjoyed by thousands of tourists and locals alike annually. We enjoy this wonderful source of recreation on Mission Bay.
  11. Tui Wise: Campland and all of the surrounding recreational areas should be saved. Campland is used by multiple generations of families & many charitable organizations. Many people would lose access to a local beach, an affordable place to live and to camp. ReWild's plan is not feasible as it is. Work would have to start much further upstream to be of any help, which is backed up by the watershed studies. They have not shown where funding would come from, as it is many other projects like sewage upkeep & road management have run out of funds mid-project. If you want to work on fixing the bay focus on where the sewage leaks happened in Tecolote Creek & other issues have arisen around Fiesta Island.
  12. John Riedel: I am a Bay Park resident for the last 15 years and spend substantial amounts of my free time recreating on Mission Bay. I walk, run, bike and kayak in the bay and enjoy sitting and watching the wide variety of wildlife. I really appreciate the preserved wetlands at Kendall Frost for providing essential protected habitat for endangered species. Sea Level Rise due to climate change is approaching us at an alarming rate. There needs to be a focused analysis for these impacts and future plans to protect restored wetlands of 80 acres recognized by the City's Master Plan. There needs to be low impact infrastructure that can accommodate for Sea Level Rise like camping that allows residents to enjoy access to a diversity of recreational activities. There's only 1% of wetlands remaining in MB and it's imperative for future protection. San Diego Audubon's Wildest plan aims for 315 acres of restored wetlands which is required in the Climate Action Plan. Wetlands are a high-value passive carbon sink and function to keep the Bay's water cleaner. I support San Diego Audubon's Wildest Plan and ask for the Board's support to protect these vital resources.

Online Zoom Comments:

1. Christie Dunning ceded time to Andrew Meyer.
2. Sally Smull is the chair of the Chollas Valley Community Planning Group and noted the importance of access to the bay for all San Diegans. She is concerned with equitable access and water quality issues for Rose Creek and Tecolote Creek. The

green infrastructure is important to restore the edges of the creek and sequester the carbon. She requests more public access.

3. Isabelle Kay is working to restore the Kendall Frost Preserve but noted that habitat is being lost and sensitive species are being impacted. Campland and De Anza Point monopolize this area, which is needed for more environmental restoration and preservation. Other areas in Mission Bay can be used for low-cost camping purposes.

#### **Board Comments:**

Chair Bothwell made a presentation that outlines the findings of the DeAnza ad-hoc committee. This presentation is posted in the reports tab for the meeting and includes the ad hoc committee and Mission Bay Park Committee recommendations.

Ms. Gross expressed gratitude for the work completed to date. She wondered what assurances could be granted to the Boat and Ski Club for its future given South Shores is not a guaranteed relocation option. Ms. Stanco agreed that no existing users would relocate until a new location is found.

Ms. Laman asked about the population increase and the park deficiency for the Pacific Beach community. Ms. Stanco will follow up with a response to this question. Mr. Smith stated that Charlie Nieto from Pacific Beach Town Council suggested a rough estimated acreage deficit of around 60 acres for the Pacific Beach community.

Mr. Gulley asked about the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) settlement with the water boards and noted the fine amount is much lower proportionally to the City's overall budget. Ms. Stanco indicated the fine amount is significant and would like to comply with the obligations agreed to by the City Council. Mr. Gulley noted that the Board's role is to enhance the park system, and he thanked the Planning Department for helping add acreage to the system as part of the current draft plan. He would like to see the plan maintain what we have and add more recreation acres.

Mr. Otsuji previously served on a DeAnza committee and noted the water quality issues that were problematic at the time and continue to be an issue now. Storm water runoff is a huge issue. He noted that there is quite a bit of space in the City to accommodate recreation activities, including the growing joint use program with the San Diego Unified School District. Many rights of way, including roads and electric easements, also can help make up the difference. There is plenty of open space area for preservation, but those areas are difficult to access for any other purpose. He asked about the Coastal Commission. Ms. Stanco responded that staff will request Coastal Commission certification after the City Council approves a plan. Mr. Otsuji asked whether Coastal Commission can be asked earlier in the process; Ms. Stanco responded that it could be addressed during standing meetings, but the Coastal Commission usually wants to hear the hearing before providing comment. Other regulatory agencies involved include U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Becker thanked Chair Bothwell for her leadership of the ad hoc committee and thanked the community and staff involvement. He echoed Mr. Otsuji's comments to find additional

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public access locations for recreation beyond what is offered at DeAnza. He asked about the status of the studies, and Ms. Stanco noted some were complete and others are underway with a goal of having those ready by the October Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Becker asked about the South Shores General Development Plan, and Ms. Stanco responded that the general development plan will begin soon and will take 18-24 months to complete. Mr. Becker asked if there is a language that could be provided such that it gives a little more assurance to those that are looking for better assurance. Ms. Stanco will check to see what language can be added to the plan. Mr. Otsuji noted that this is not just about DeAnza Cove but also about Mission Bay Park, including Fiesta Island, South Shores, and other locations. Mr. Becker asked if the DeAnza Natural Plan as written will be acceptable to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Ms. Stanco responded yes.

Ms. Verdin thanked the board members and community for advocacy to address needs at DeAnza Cove.

Mr. Smith made a presentation (see reports tab at <https://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>). He asked the following questions/made the following comments:

- Where are the 89 acres of regional park lands physically located? Mr. Sandel responded that the picnicking, open lawn areas, bike walks, and the multi-use path are the current regional park facilities. In the new plan, these facilities diminished a little bit and some of those acres had gone to active recreation. Mr. Sandel responded with information about how the number was calculated.
- We didn't calculate the width of the multi-use path and lengthy runs throughout the park and can contribute that back to the regional park facilities, if we have time, we can calculate those back and raise that number a little bit.
- Are there areas of park that could be used for recreation in the future? Mr. Sandel responded that this is part of the environmental review process.
- Has there been any analysis of the pollution effect by cutting a channel through the peninsula? Mr. Sandel stated that fresh water and sediment are needed for the wetlands to thrive and survive.
- Why is the pathway a key component of the plan? Mr. Sandel responded that the idea of moving the pathway was to reduce conflicts. A number of people come from the Balboa Avenue Transit Station and note the difficulties of access to the park. This proposed pathway is to help address that concern.

Mr. Otsuji asked about why this is a discussion item, not an action item. Mr. Field stated this is a recent change to the agenda to allow for discussion and action by the Board in a manner consistent with City Council agendas.

Mr. Otsuji then asked if the Board has any other recommendations that explain why the Board is recommending rejection of the staff proposal.

Mr. Smith then reiterated his motion, but Chair Bothwell asked whether the subcommittee recommendations could be incorporated into the recommendation. Mr. Smith stated he will not modify his motion. The first motion failed, but the second motion was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 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>.

**There is no August 2023 meeting.**

**Next Calendared Meeting: September 21, at 2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Field". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a stylized "F".

Andy Field  
Director  
Parks and Recreation Department