

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021**

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

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

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NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Board members, City staff, and presenters during the meeting. Board members and City staff utilized the chat function in the Zoom Webinar to share comments and web links which were visible to those who viewed 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
Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair Nick Anastasopoulos David Baron Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell Ron Cho Rick Gulley Noli Zosa	Katherine Johnston (excused) Bobby Hughes (excused)	Andy Field, Director Karen Dennison, Assist. Director Michelle Abella-Shon Laura Ball Tyler Canales Christina Chadwick Sarah Erazo Erika Ferreira Mario Llanos Scott Sandel Shelly Stowell

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Otsuji at 2:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2021

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Anastasopoulos/Ms. Bothwell

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Ms. Bothwell to approve the March 18, 2021 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji and Noliz Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: Jon Becker and Ron Cho. Not Present: Bobby Hughes and Katherine Johnston.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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. The Board did not receive any Non-Agenda Public Comment requests.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Becker to place Action Item 103 Renaming of Pacific Beach Middle School Joint Use Area and Recreation Center Grounds onto the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes and Katherine Johnston.

The Board next voted on Item 103 as part of the Consent Agenda.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Becker to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda, which included Action Item 103 Renaming of Pacific Beach Middle School Joint Use Area and Recreation Center Grounds. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes and Katherine Johnston.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – Mr. Otsuji reported that no meeting had been held.

Community Parks II Area Committee – Representative not present

Balboa Park Committee – Representative not present.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Zosa reported that no meeting had been held. However, a meeting was scheduled for May.

San Diego Parks Foundation

- Ms. Bothwell reported that the Foundation had received funds for the “Get Kids Outside” summer program which was rebranded “Summer for All of Us”. The County donated \$750k, the City donated \$400k, and Price Charities donated \$150k. She noted that recreation centers were working hard to reopen and introduce multiple new programs such as “Summer Movies,” and “Teen Nites”.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - None

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- Mr. Baron requested an update regarding the possibility of scheduling Summer Concerts in the Park. His request was addressed by the Director in his report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Andy Field greeted Board Members and meeting participants. He gave the following update on the Department's status:

- COVID-19
 - San Diego County Public Health order last updated 4/6/21 (see https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/health-order.htm)
 - Color-coded tiering system (Blueprint for a Safer Economy) considers key factors such as COVID-19 case rate, ICU capacity, and hospitalization rates.
 - These have decreased in San Diego County over the last several weeks.
 - Latest data is available at <https://sdccounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/30b5e0fa2a5f4404b1219d8cd16b2583>

The County is in the [orange](#) tier at this time; the color-coded tiering system is described at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

- Governor announced that the color-coded tiering system would be retired on June 15 if case rate and hospitalizations remain low
- Vaccination supply continues to increase. Goal is to vaccinate 75% of the County population age 16 or older (approx. 2 million people). Approx. 60% of this group of residents (approx. 1.2 million people) have at least one vaccination and approx. 37% (approx. 757,000 people) have received both vaccinations. County vaccination status is available at: <https://sdcountry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/cof4b16356b840478dfdd50d1630ff2a>
- We are in the process of establishing reopening guidelines for our recreation centers and to start reopening them in May.
- **Proposed FY 2022 Budget Development and FY 2021 Budget Monitoring**
 - Mayor's Proposed Budget released earlier today (4/15/21) with details available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/finance/proposed>
 - Department budget hearing coming the week of May 3, and we will let the Board know when an exact date and time are determined
 - We will have a more thorough analysis of the proposed budget at the May meeting. No major service reductions are included.
 - Third quarter report for budget monitoring will be issued for Budget Committee review on May 20, 2021
 - Year-end capital report will be issued for Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee review on May 19, 2021
- **Balboa Park**
 - New murals at Auto Museum received by Mayor Gloria on April 13, 2021 (Committee of 100)
 - New viewing platform for Moreton Bay Fig Tree will open April 30, 2021 (Friends of Balboa Park)
- **Current City Council Items:**
 - **Proposed curfew at 3 Pacific Beach-area parks (PB Library Grounds, Fanuel Street Park, and Bob McEvoy Fields)** will return to City Council on April 27 or in May; Coastal Commission approval also needed
 - Proposed modifications to **on-leash dog approved hours for Mission Bay Park** are slated for Environment Committee in June; if approved, it will proceed to City Council

- Annual **park equity report and proposed budgets for recreation center funds** is pending for Board consideration in May and PS&LN Committee in June
- **No change in status:**
 - **Parks Master Plan** next steps are under review, and we will release a revised schedule to the Board once it becomes available
 - **Fiesta Island General Development Plan** is under review by California Coastal Commission and awaits their decision before it can be implemented
- Letter to **Community Recreation Groups** regarding status of updates to Council Policy 700-42 – no update since our letter dated 1/5/21
- **Unclassified Recruitments** – Congratulations to:
 - Louis Merlin, Deputy Director for Administrative Services
 - Shelly Stowell, Deputy Director for Community Parks I
 - Sarah Erazo, Recreation Services Program Manager
- **Ongoing Recruitments** – we in the process to hire all levels of staff, and Personnel Department will issue notices seeking interested applicants. Employment Opportunities are available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/empopp/current> and <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego>
- **Golf**
 - U.S. Open – 6/17/21-6/20/21
- **Employees of the Quarter:**
 - **Alex Barraza**, Recreation Leader I, who during the pandemic assisted at several lunch distribution locations as well as being the lead planner of the Virtual Video Game Tournament at the Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center.
 - **Arleen Chavez**, Recreation Leader II, who during the last three months had taken over the responsibility of the South Bay Tutoring Program and the Virtual FIFA Tournament and Mindful Meditation for her community.
 - **J. Guadalupe Godinez**, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, who recently prepped his recreation center ready for a Mayoral press conference, by sprucing up the facility and the surrounding external areas.
 - **David Lanni**, OCA Golf Course Manager, who's fast thinking was able to set up a computer with Wi-Fi access and get the Golfs reservation and green fees system back up and running, when the entire system went down and impacted over 600 users.
 - **Linda Madrid**, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, whose quick action in assisting a community member who was suffering from dehydration and was incoherent, was directly attributed to his survival.

- **Julio Morales**, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, who with the increased usage of the Linda Vista Skate Park managed occasional unruly patron, by building a great rapport and respectful relationship with the users.
- **Jon Richards**, Supervising Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, who recently was the lead in the demobilization of the Operation Shelter to Home efforts and worked cooperatively with city and county staff, shelter providers, and homeless outreach entities.
- **Ryan Robertson**, Senior Park Ranger, who with reduced staff and resources has expertly and effectively managed the City's Mission Trails Regional Park which has seen an increase in users by four times the normal amount this winter.
- **Leticia Rogers**, Recreation Leader I, whose selfless work at the Operation Shelter to Home and volunteering for the opening of the Vaccination Center demonstrates her dedication

Board Members requested updates on the following items for future Park and Recreation Board Meetings:

- Update on Pure Water project and reclaimed water program
- Update on federal funds for improving park maintenance
- Pickleball – continue to make a focus for design and development; consider converting facilities and accommodate 8-16-32 courts; continue to include in design of new parks

ACTION ITEMS:

101. **Naming of trail in Olivia/47th Street Canyon from Quince Street to Euclid Avenue: "Tall Trail" and Garden in Olivia Canyon behind City Farmers: "Farmer Bill's Habitat Garden"**

Presenter: Kindra Hixon, Outreach Program Manager, San Diego Canyonlands

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

NOTE: The Board received public comments from **Daniele Laman** and **Sally Smull** for Action Item 101.

Public Speaker Comment #1: **Daniele Laman**

"I have a personal connection to the Tall Family, since they were also members of little league, which I've been a member of for 25 years now, and my children played with Bill's children all through Little League. I know the next generation of the Tall Family will continue in their dad's footsteps. This is wonderful. Please vote for it. Thank you."

Public Speaker Comment #2: **Sally Smull**

“Just a quick thank you. And yes, please, please, to honor, Bill. Thank you.”

- Ms. Bothwell stated that while working with SD Parks Foundation, she saw the work underway by SD Canyonlands in restoring open space areas. She also gave a shout out to Farmers Nursery.
- Mr. Baron stated “Bill was an incredible person; no matter where you lived in San Diego, Bill Tall knew everything about any soil condition in the City, and he was able to offer proper amendments to get things to grow given soil conditions. Great choice for naming”.
- Mr. Becker asked “with ongoing Canyonlands maintenance, where does water come from? Does the City own the land where the restoration occurred?”
- Presenter Kindra Hixon responded “It comes from City Farmers Nursery; they donated water to us to help restore the native plants.”
- Vice-Chair thanked and congratulated Cayonlands on a great presentation.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Baron to recommend approval of **Action Item 101, Naming of trail in Olivia/47th Street Canyon from Quince Street to Euclid Avenue: “Tall Trail” and Garden in Olivia Canyon behind City Farmers: “Farmer Bill’s Habitat Garden”**. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes and Katherine Johnston.

102. The Junipers Neighborhood Park General Development Plan

Presenters: Scott Sandel, Landscape Architect, Planning Department
 JT Barr, Landscape Architect, Schmidt Design Group

The presentation outlined the following:

- Background
- Discussion
- Requested Action

NOTE: The Board did not receive any public comments for Action Item 102.

- Mr. Anastasopoulos asked if they were installing a new roundabout on Penasquitos Drive. Presenters confirmed that they were.

- Mr. Becker noted that this had been going through a long community process. He asked in term of parks fees, how much the park was worth. Mr. Sandel stated that he would get back to the Board with a dollar amount but that the park exceeded population-based requirements.
- Mr. Anastasopoulos asked if there was a dog park in Rolling Hills Park. Mr. Becker responded that there was not.
- Mr. Cho asked whether the staff report listed the vote tally correctly in Attachment B. It showed both 4-1 and 4-0. Mr. Sandel explained that it should have been 4-0.
- Vice-Chair Otsuji commented that an inclusive design must be part of the final design documents. He stated “trees must be big canopy, evergreen, with their own irrigation system. Be sure sufficient maintenance funds are included in the budget. Who will do the design?” Consultant JT Barr answered that Schmidt Design Group would do the contract documents.
- Vice-Chair Otsuji asked if there was any room lost due to storm water improvements at the site ?” Consultant JT Barr responded “No, there was no loss.”
- Vice-Chair Otsuji asked if there was availability of reclaimed water in this area. Consultant JT Barr stated “not at this time, but maybe there could be a time in the future where it could be added. The installed system should be adaptable to the reclaimed to the reclaimed water system if it extends to the Junipers area.”

MOTION:

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Becker/Mr. Gulley

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Gulley to recommend approval of **Action Item 102, The Junipers Neighborhood Park General Development Plan.** The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Bobby Hughes and Katherine Johnston.

INFORMATION ITEM - None

WORKSHOP - None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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

Next Calendared Meeting:

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Field". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andy Field
Director
Parks and Recreation Department