

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021**

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

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

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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 Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell Ron Cho Molly Chase Evelyn Smith Rick Gulley Noli Zosa	David Baron	Andy Field, Director Louis Merlin Ryan Barbrick Sarah Erazo Mike Tully Michelle Abella-Shon Shannon Skoggins

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dennis Otsuji at 2:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2021

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

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the **July 15, 2021 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**. The motion was approved 7-1-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, and Dennis Otsuji. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (Molly Chase). Not Present: David Baron and Noli Zosa.

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. The Board received comment from Daniele Laman inquiring the status of getting a representative to Park and Recreation Board from Council District 9.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA - None

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 – No meeting and David Baron absent.

Balboa Park Committee – Molly Chase reported that she just had her first meeting earlier this month and look forward to working with the Balboa Park Committee.

Mission Trails Citizens Advisory Committee – Marcella Bothwell attended in Noli Zosa's place. She had reported just information items: MTRP Visitors Center opened on 9/15. Caltrans Multi Modal on SR 52 Corridor Input. Regional plan slowed down due to COVID-19 but will resume next month. Arbor Day program planned. Old Mission Dam needs to get done and needing \$500k funding to complete the dredging work.

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION (SDPF) REPORT:

Board Member updates

Wifi

Benches/Memorials

Come Play Outside – Summer Come Play Outside, Nourishing Neighbors generous contributions, Fern St Circus and Maraya Dance Performances, learn to swim, junior pool guards, movies in the park, science camps, theater arts camp.

Trees – Citywide tree planning continues.

Old San Ysidro Library

Other – Free wi-fi has been extended to all recreation centers (35 more sites plus pools).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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

- **Appointments to the P&R Board**

- Welcomed Molly Chase, incoming member replacing Katherine Johnston
- Thanked Katherine for serving as our chairperson
- Announced the vacancy for the District 8 seat
- Reassured Board that as news comes regarding reappointments and new appointments, the director would keep the Board apprised
- Announced the action item to appoint a new chairperson

- **COVID-19 Update**

- Most facilities, recreational activities, and programs resumed operations by July 19, 2021, with a few exceptions
- The Delta variant has increased COVID-19 cases. City has addressed this as follows:
 - Employees are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by 11/2/21 (unless employee provides medical or religious exemptions)
 - All employees and members of the public must wear masks regardless of vaccination status when inside any City building and near another person
- In-person meetings of Park Board are looking to start in calendar year 2022 due to the increase in cases related to the recent Delta variant

- **FY 2022 Budget Development and FY 2021 Budget Monitoring**

- Upcoming Budget Reports:
 - FY 2021 Year-End Performance Report – 10/6/21
 - FY 2022 Mid-Year Capital Budget Monitoring Report – 11/5/21
 - FY 2023-2027 Five-Year Financial Outlook – 11/10/21
 - FY 2022 First Quarter Budget Monitoring Report – 11/10/21
- Upcoming City Council/Committee Budget Meetings:
 - Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee – 11/10/21

- Budget and Government Efficiency Committee – 10/13/21 and 11/19/21
 - City Council – 10/25/21, 12/7/21, and 12/14/21
- **Summer Recreation Programs**
 - Completed in partnership with San Diego Parks Foundation, County of San Diego, Price Philanthropies, and various service providers such as Fern Street Circus and Maraya Dance
- **Summer Youth Environmental and Recreation Corps Program**
 - Significant attrition during the pandemic resulted in up to 30% vacancy rate in many job classifications
 - Two flyers contain detailed information about hiring opportunities as well as introductory opportunities to learn more about City careers
 - Permanent Job Opportunities
 - Grounds Maintenance Worker
 - Recreation Aide/Leader
 - Swimming Pool Guard/Manager
 - Internships and Mentorships
 - Natural Resource/Park Ecology Program
 - Park Ranger Interpretation and Education
 - Recreation Programs
- **Parks Master Plan:**
 - Approved by City Council on 8/3/21
 - Will provide copy of plan once it is finalized
- **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** is planned for Environment Committee in October
 - **Park Amenity Condition Assessments** to Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in October
 - **SDUSD Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Use Council Policy 700-35** to PS&LN in September and City Council in October
 - **San Diego High School Lease** to City Council in September or October
- **Golf**
 - Torrey Pines North Course reopened to public play on 9/6/21
 - Business Plan update coming to Park Board in October

- **Employees of the Year for FY 2021**
 - **Rodney Major, Grounds Maintenance Worker II**
 - Provided outstanding service to our parks and community
 - Working at Chollas Lake Park, Rodney takes on projects, large and small, to the satisfaction of the public and park management
 - Projects focus on aesthetics and public safety, including graffiti removal, trail upkeep, tree trimming, and fence repairs
 - Positive comments from Chollas Lake Community Recreation Group and Oak Park Community Council
 - **Ty Santineau, Grounds Maintenance Worker II:**
 - Worked with Mission Bay Park Support Crew for the past 9 years
 - Valued asset during COVID-19 park shut down:
 - Placed COVID pandemic related signs
 - Assisted with parking lot asphalt repairs and SDPD with parking lot closures
 - Striped all the parking lots in Mission Bay
 - Repaired fencing at playgrounds and sanitized facilities to maintain public safety
 - Excellent work ethic
 - **Crystal Nelson, Pesticide Supervisor:**
 - Flexible, tireless, and organized
 - Completed work requests department wide during the height of the pandemic:
 - Herbicide and weed abatement
 - Pre-fungicide
 - Odor control work requests
 - Worked through citizens' concerns about the chemical makeup of various herbicides, and the spraying of playgrounds, dog parks and schools.
 - Helped department transition from Glyphosate (Round Up) and maintain a more environmentally friendly approach to weed control in all City parks
 - **Victor Nava, Grounds Maintenance Manager:**
 - Heart of service and team player
 - Worked through over 1,000 Get it Done referrals this past year

- Resident expert making on purchase requisitions and Ariba, helping to make on-time invoice payments
- Balanced the pesticide application workload to address both removal of non-native invasive species for MSCP compliance with required weed abatement throughout open space, streets, and sidewalks
- **Future Park and Recreation Board Agenda Items:**
 - Update to Department Fees and Charges Schedule – Sept 30, 2021 combined area committee meeting
 - Golf Business Plan Update
 - Regional Park Fund Annual Audit
 - Year-End Mission Bay Lease Revenues Report
 - Federal funds for improving park maintenance – TBD
- **Board Member Questions of P&R Director - None**

Public Comment - None

COMMITTEE COMMENT:

Nick Anastasopoulos – Welcomed Molly Chase to the Board and congratulated the new chair Marcella Bothwell.

ACTION ITEMS:

Item #101: Appoint Marcella Bothwell as Board Chair

Presenter: Andy Field, Director, Park and Recreation Department

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCELLA BOTHWELL AS BOARD CHAIR

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Anastasopoulos to approve Ms. Bothwell as chair.

The motion was approved 8-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, Dennis Otsuji and Molly Chase. Nay: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: David Baron and Noli Zosa.

Item #102: Approve San Diego Unified Scholl District MOU and CP 700-35

Presenter Shannon Skoggins, Park Designer, Parks and Recreation Department

Approve Staff Recommendation:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve staff recommendation.

The motion was approved 9-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, Dennis Otsuji, Molly Chase and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: David Baron.

Public Comment on Item # 102 -None

Board Member Comments on Item # 102:

Board Member Name:	Summary of Comment:
Jon Becker	How will expansion of JU program dovetail into PMP? Shannon: expansion of facilities for recreation would include Play All Day sites. Jon Becker: Will this be the template for other school districts? Yes, the MOU can be applied to other school districts, along with the CP 700-35.
Dennis Otsuji	Great benefit for City and District. Can you please look at using more high schools? Examples: Lincoln and Hoover and Crawford. These three high schools were renovated and built brand new facilities. Great opportunity to share these locations with the community. These are underserved communities. We need to take 100% benefit of this, working together with SDUSD. Second, I didn't realize we have one with SD Community College. Great choice. Third, SD High School: given its location in Balboa Park, I hope there is an opportunity to have the high school benefit Balboa Park. Fourth, there are charter schools. Do we relate to charter schools in the joint use program? (Tracey Tincknell provided an overview of how charter schools work and how the Civic Center Act allows for facility license agreements. Examples – Tubman and King Chavez.)

Item #103: Closure of Coastal Park Parking Lots and Gates

Presenter: Mike Tully, Deputy Director, Park and Recreation Department

Approve Staff Recommendation:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve staff recommendation.

The motion was approved 9-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, Dennis

Otsuji, Molly Chase and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: David Baron.

Public Comment on Item #103

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Andrea Schlageter	OB has taken a position of support for the pier parking lot and lifeguard lot for 4-hour parking durations. Allow people to stay longer at the Dog Beach lot. Sunset Cliffs lots should close at night, especially given proximity to houses.
John Stump	There's always a proposal to close parks by the residential areas. This will not only close parks but also incur costs. Any analysis should start out with how to increase visitors and recreation, as well as how to share. Perhaps we should consider parking meters and limited parking to 2 hours per day in all parking spaces?

Board Member Comments on Item #103

Board Member Name:	Summary of Comment:
Dennis Otsuji	Have you spoken with California Coastal Commission (CCC)? Mike Tully: Yes, they came to us telling us the CDP has expired and needs to be reupped. Did CCC have any other locations they recommended? Mike Tully: No, we supplied the locations based on existing signage, gates, and local interest. Anything that limits beach access must be approved by the CCC. Please keep working with SDPD to help reduce costs for security.
Jon Becker	Does this proposal vary by locations? Do they all have the same closure periods? Mike Tully: No, they vary based on the beach use for the adjacent lot, since some of the locations have fire rings, etc. that result in later usage hours.
Nick Anastasopoulos	Can we do the beach parking fee as Mr. Stump mentioned? Andy Field: It is a policy call, and it is good to have this suggestion on the record. Is SDPD involved in locking parking lots? Mike Tully: In certain cases, yes, but in many locations, we rely on security services. Without SDPD help, security can be very expensive.
Marcella Bothwell	Attachment 2 – closure of gates nightly. Is that so Mike Tully can work with actual times the lot can be closed?
Nick Anastasopoulos	Likes idea of parking meters at beach
Marcella Bothwell	Need to help gather info and get this to CCC
Jon Becker	Timeframe to get this info to CCC

Ron Cho	Added costs of installed gates and security services – is there a way to use parking meters as a solution? Are these gates going to curb criminal activity?
Marcella Bothwell	What is cost of installing and closing/opening gates?
Dennis Otsuji	Working with CCC can be arduous, but parking meters are a separate matter independent of the parking lot gate install and closure. (Making the motion.)
Jon Becker	Thanks to staff for seeking community input.
Nick Anastasopoulos	If there are ways to eliminate costs by adding parking meters, that would be great.

Information Items –

Item #201 – Park Social – A Temporary Art Initiative

Presenter: Christine Jones, Chief of Civic Arts Strategies, Commission for Arts and Culture.

Public Comment on Item #201 - None

Board Member Comment on Item #201

Board Member Name:	Summary of Comment:
Marcella Bothwell	<p>This is a great partnership opportunity with San Diego Parks Foundation. How were the artists chosen?</p> <p>Christine Jones: It was a competitive process, and Rick Gulley and Katherine Jones served on the panel.</p>
Dennis Otsuji	<p>Where is funding coming from?</p> <p>Christine Jones: It comes from the Public Art Fund – anonymous behests and fees. This overall program is estimated to cost around \$500k, with 18 artist teams involved.</p> <p>Will you get more artists involved?</p> <p>Christine Jones: This was intended to help get artists to work post-COVID-19. Looking at ways to iterate this in the future.</p>

Information Items –

Item #202 Pure Water –

Presenter John Stufflebean, Pure Water and Technical Services Assistant Director

(During this item, Molly Chase had to leave the Board meeting at 3:27 p.m.)

Public Comment on Item #202 - None

Board Member Comment on Item #202

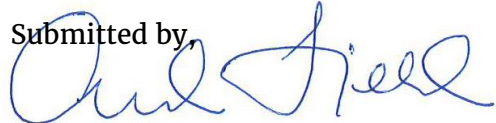
Board Member Name:	Summary of Comment:
Marcella Bothwell	That presentation made a lot of sense is one of the best I've seen on Pure Water.
Dennis Otsuji	Thanks, John. He also appreciated the presentation to the Planning Commission too. I hope you go out and do the same presentation to the community so that they can learn more about the future of water supply. John Stufflebean: I do a presentation each week on Pure Water.
Marcella Bothwell	Funding sources? John Stufflebean: Phase 1 is funded largely from low interest rate loans and grants. There is talk of a \$5B pipeline from the Colorado River. Is that necessary? John Stufflebean: City is not in favor of the pipeline. Is there a limit to the number of times you can recycle water? John Stufflebean: You can send the water around and around, but you will need some water added since some of the solids (residuals) leaving the cycle carry water out.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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:

October 21, 2021

Submitted by,

 Andy Field
 Director
 Parks and Recreation Department