

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions  
Parks and Recreation Department  
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE  
May 7, 2024**

**Meeting Location**

Santa Clara Recreation Center  
1008 Santa Clara Place  
San Diego, CA 92109

**Mailing Address:**

Balboa Park  
Administration Building  
2125 Park Boulevard  
San Diego, CA 92101

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**

Cindy Adams  
Chuck Dunning  
Jim Gross  
Giovanni Ingolia  
Cathie Jolley  
Judith Munoz

**Members Absent**

Josh Coyne  
Jeff Johnson  
Ryan Karlsgodt  
Julie Roland  
Darlene Walter

**City Staff Present**

Mike Rodrigues  
Karla Tirado  
Carrie Munson  
Ryan Barbrick

**Guests**

Leticia Smith  
Cristy Carreño  
Heidi Wiggins  
Michael Beltran

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Judith Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – March 5, 2024

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by C. Jolley and seconded by C. Dunning to approve the March 5, 2024 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 5-0 with 1 abstention (C. Adams)

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Aiko Connelly supports the Re-Wild plan for DeAnza Cove. Wetlands provide great benefits

Cassandra Gonzalez with SD Audubon Society reported on volunteer clean up events for Kendall-Frost Reserve and return of the Tern Wachter program. Least Terns are back

Kathy Parrish stated that the FIDO memorial rock garden is a success, thanking Mission Bay Park Committee and P&R for their efforts to make it happen through a Right of Entry Permit process

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** – Chairperson Judith Munoz asked about mowing of the Fiesta Island fenced dog area. Mike Rodrigues stated that the seasonal mowing was completed the second week of April. Judith petitioned the City to prioritize measures for cleaner water in Mission Bay

### **CITY COUNCIL OFFICES**

Carrie Munson with CD2 reported that work continues for underground utilities with Council District 2. Bulky Items pick up events, supported by Environmental Services, will be held in Bay Ho and Mission Beach. FY25 Budget hearings continue, City Council is requesting public input. IBA analysis will be presented at June's Clairemont Town Council meeting. The new vendor ordinance is in effect. Amended dog hours for Mission Bay Park was scheduled for Council Committee is now being reviewed by Parks and Recreation

Karla Tirado with CD1 announced the selection of Scott Wahl as San Diego's new Police Chief. Mission Bay Master Plan amendment to DeAnza Cove will visit City Council for action on May 14<sup>th</sup>. FY25 Budget season continues, make your voice heard. CD1 is looking to fill Boards and Commissions vacancies, please apply OnBoard.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – no report

**San Diego Police Department** – Mike Rodrigues provided an update on Vehicle Habitation Ordinance enforcement

### **Parks and Recreation**

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues reported that DeAnza Natural Plan will be heard at City Council on May 14<sup>th</sup>. City Council FY25 Budget hearings continue. Bernadette Butkiewicz will be appointed to Mission Bay Park Committee at May 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Work continues at Hospitality Point parking lots (near Lifeguard headquarters) and at North DeAnza East parking lot. Crown Point improvements scheduled to begin this summer with the Ventura Cove and El Carmel comfort station replacements to follow. Upcoming events include, Outrigger Canoe races on 5/11, Time Trials at Fiesta Island on 5/12, OMBAC OTL/Beerfest on 5/18 and Dragon Boats on 5/18

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent** (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member)

#### **101. Community Challenge – San Diego Triathlon Challenge**

Rudy Garcia-Tolson, CAF Programs Coordinator, requested consent approval for revised existing triathlon event with estimated 1300 attendees to be held on

November 3, 2024 at Bonita Cove/Mariner's Point. Event includes parking lot and road closures, amplified music with no alcohol. Proposed modification is to switch out the previous 10 mile run course with a closed course run route for challenged athletes

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by C. Jolley to approve and support Consent Item 101. Carried 6-0.

**Adoption** (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the committee)

201. **Verizon Wireless Facility** - Verizon Wireless requested written recommendation from Mission Bay Park Committee for the continued operation of the existing wireless facility located at 2639 Grand Avenue (Mission Bay Youth Fields)

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by C. Adams and seconded by G. Ingolia to approve continued operation of the existing Verizon wireless facility at Mission Bay Youth Fields for a period of 10 years. Carried 6-0.

**Special Events** (Special Events that require road or plaza closures or will potentially impact park and/or institution operation, are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.

**301. Mission Bay Spring Fling 2025**

Michael Beltran with San Diego/Mission Bayfest requested support and approval for a 3- day Food and Music Festival on March 21, 22 & 23, 2025 at Mariner's Cove/East Bonita Cove. Requested estimated attendance is 12,000 with amplified music, food, merchandise vendor and alcohol sales. There will be road and parking lot closures at Mariners Way and Bonita Cove East lot. Off-site parking with shuttle service will be offered from Hospitality Point

Denise Freidman shared her concerns that a 3-day music festival with 12,000 people, alcohol and lot closures will have impacts to the community

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Gross and seconded by C. Jolley to support and approve expanding the event request from two days to three days and increase attendance from 9,000 to 12,000. Carried 4-2 (J. Gross, C. Jolley, G. Ingolia, C. Adams voting YES with C. Dunning and J. Munoz voting NO)

**302. San Diego Beach + Bay Half Marathon**

Christy Carreño with Go Beyond Events requesting support and approval to revise existing event to include use of golf cart shuttles to transport participants and spectators from parking lots to race start area and to utilize the road and parking area around the Mission Bay Beach Club as a closed course “runner’s expo”

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Gross to support use of street legal golf carts to shuttle participants from parking areas along East and North Mission Bay Drive to starting area at DeAnza Cove. Approval must be given by San Diego Police Department and Citywide Special Events Office. Carried 6-0

No action was taken regarding use of the area surrounding Mission Bay Beach Club for “runners expo”. Mission Bay Beach Club holds a lease agreement with City of San Diego and this area is not a permissible space for Parks and Recreation

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

401. none

**WORKSHOP ITEMS** (No actions taken; discussed by the committee and staff)

501. none

**SUBCOMMITTEE**

601. none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS** –

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson, J. Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mike Rodrigues,*

District Manager, Mission Bay Park