

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
June 4, 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
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Cathie Jolley – arrived 6:15pm
Ryan Karlsgodt
Judith Munoz
Julie Roland
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cris Amezcua
Karla Tirado
Carrie Munson

Guests

Makalani” Kuliha'apai
Jack Madeli
Jordan Martin
Stephanie Saathoff
Tobias Panek

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Judith Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed Bernadette Butkiewicz as the newest member to join the Mission Bay Park Committee, replacing Josh Coyne as the D2 representative

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May 7, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by C. Jolley and seconded by C. Adams to approve the May 7, 2024 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 2-0 with 5 abstentions (B. Butkiewicz, R. Karlsgodt, D. Walter, J. Munoz, J. Roland)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS –_none

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Chairperson Judith Munoz
No report

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Karla Tirado with CD1 reported that Riviera Drive has been re-paved, striping is next. EV Charging stations will be coming to parks and beaches. Crystal Pier will undergo needed repairs, CD1 is looking for funding

Carrie Munson with CD2 reported that on May 21st, CM La Cava joined the Mayor in proclaiming May as Jewish American Heritage month. Also on May 21st, City Council voted to approve an amendment to establish buffer zones around health care facilities, places of worship and school. Buffer zones will help protect people from harassment and intimidation. Mission Beach has increased street sweeping routes. Enhanced street sweeping will help prevent pollution from entering waterways. On May 21st Environmental Services conducted a successful trash pick up event in Bay Ho and Mission Beach with a total of 8.4 tons for waste collected. FY25 Budget preparations continue. IBA will present at Clairemont Town Hall meeting on June 6th at Cathy Hopper Senior Center. There will be opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed budget

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – no report

San Diego Police Department – Officer Jessica Thrift was unable to attend due to another meeting, however, Mike Rodrigues reported that he has seen a lot homeless outreach from SDPD and clearing encampments throughout Mission Bay Park recently

Parks and Recreation

Cris Amezcua, Mission Bay Park Maintenance Manager provided a quick overview of how he and his staff are preparing Mission Bay Park for the upcoming summer months

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues reported parking lot re-striping at both Ski Beach and Dana Landing parking lots. P&R continues to work with Lifeguards to clean up the beach bars, moorings and navigational buoys. Upcoming park improvement projects include DeAnza South parking lot, courts and playground, new restrooms at Ventura Cove, Sunset Point, El Carmel and Hospitality Point. Crown Point playground and parking lot should begin after summer. The North DeAnza parking lot is complete. Upcoming special events include OTL in July, PIFA, BayFair and MBFest in September

ACTION ITEMS

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

101. none

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

201. Nominations for Vice Chair FY25 – The Committee nominated Giovanni Ingolia and Jeff Johnson. There will be opportunity to add additional nominees at the July meeting, prior to the election

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. San Diego Ho'olaule'a - Suzanne Makalani" Kuliha'apai requested support and approval to conduct two-day Hawaiian Cultural Festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th, 2025 at DeAnza Cove from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Estimated attendance is 1500 per day with no alcohol, road or parking lot closures. Vendor sales, food and entertainment. This is a free family event

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the event proposal as presented. Volleyball courts and playground to remain open to the public, all parking will be first come, first serve. No sound checks prior to 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by D. Walter and seconded by J. Roland to support and approve the event as presented with staff recommendations. Carried 7-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. 24th annual Spring Sprint Triathlon 2025 - Tobias Panek with KOZ Events provided a comprehensive overview showing efforts to minimize impacts to MBP Stakeholders for this annual event

402. July 3rd Mission Bay Fireworks Display – Stephanie Saathoff with Mission Bay Lessees Association (Discover Mission Bay) provided a history and overview of the fireworks display that will be launch off Fiesta Island on July 3, 2024 at 9:00 p.m.

Member Cathie Jolley supports lessees working together for this public event

Member Chuck Dunning provided a written statement taking issue with the entire idea of firework displays over Mission Bay. Fireworks are not good for people, pets or endangered California Least Terns. He supports drone shows instead of fireworks

Public Comment

Muriel Spooner supports alternatives to fireworks displays such as light shows. Fireworks can be disturbing to wildlife and pets, not to mention the noise and toxic fallout

Leslie Handa with SD Audubon opposes fireworks in Mission Bay that impact natural resources such as bird breeding/nesting due to loud sounds

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 6:51 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at Paradise Point Resort

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues,

District Manager, Mission Bay Park