

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
July 2, 2024**

Meeting Location

Paradise Point Resort
Mission Bay Room
1404 Vacation Rd.
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Cindy Adams
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia – arrived 6:10pm
Jeff Johnson
Judith Munoz
Darlene Walter

Members Absent

Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt
Julie Roland

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cris Amezcua
Michael Ruiz
Brian Clark

Guests

Stephanie Saathoff
Steve Pinard

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – June 4, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by D. Walter and seconded by C. Adams to approve the June 4, 2024 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0 with 3 abstentions (J. Johnson, C. Dunning, J. Gross)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Denis Friedman, representing Pacific Beach Town Council, announced the annual PAESAN event scheduled for September 25th. This year they will be honoring the SDPD Beach Team and funding storefront improvements. Also, be sure to visit one of Kate Sessions Concerts in the Park

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Chairperson Judith Munoz shared that the Auditor’s Office stated that any past due money received from SeaWorld will not be retro-active. She reminded members to look for re-appointment memos from Office of Boards and Commissions with new terms. Be sure everyone is up to date on ethics trainings

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES – No reports

Note: Cambria Head will be the new representative from Council District 1, LaCava's Office

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service

Brian Clark announced full staffing and increased staff hours for the long 4th of July weekend. Lifeguards are preparing to the large crowds expected. Enforcement laws are in the works, including boater cards and unauthorized commercial watercraft vendors. Watercraft impounds have increased recently. Lifeguards are working with Parks to enforce beach bars and mooring permits to ensure compliance and current registration

San Diego Police Department – No report

Parks and Recreation

Cris Amezcua, Mission Bay Park Maintenance Manager, provided a few maintenance projects that park staff are working on to prepare for the upcoming holiday weekend

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues reported all construction projects are currently on hold during the summer moratorium. Upcoming special events include OTL World Championships on July 13/14 & 20/21, with PIFA, BayFair and MB Music Festival in September. Mike welcomed Steve Pinard as the newly appointed member, replacing Darlene Walter at the August meeting as the non-hotel Lessee rep. Mike announced that Deputy Director Christina Chadwick as accepted the position of Executive Director for Special Events, beginning her new role on July 8th, Mayra Medel will be the Interim Deputy Director for Mission Bay/Shoreline Parks Division. Special Fireworks shows will occur on July 3rd and July 4th launching from Fiesta Island. Look for new illegal fire signs at Crown Point Shores and some beach areas

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. Election for Vice Chairperson – The Committee shall elect a vice-chairperson during the July meeting of each year, who shall act as the chairperson only when chairperson is absent. Jeff Johnson and Giovanni Ingolia are the two nominees

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Gross to appoint Jeff Johnson as the Vice Chair for the Mission Bay Park Committee, 1 year term. The motion carried 7-0 with 1 abstention (J. Johnson)

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. none

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Park Ranger Program 2024 Update - Chief Park Ranger, Michael Ruiz with Parks and Recreation Department provided a very comprehensive overview of the current City of San Diego Park Ranger Program. Karolynn Estrada-Sparlin has been appointed as the Supervising Park Ranger for the beach and bay communities. Primary duties of Park Rangers are education/interpretation, community outreach, natural resource management/protection, and as first responders. They assist with community volunteer clean up events and education/enforce laws during other special events

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

501. none

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chuck Dunning would like to re-visit fireworks shows in Mission Bay Park at a future meeting

Jeff Johnson would like the committee to address public safety in regard to RV habitation and illegal camping at a future meeting – enforcement is needed

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Munoz adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at Paradise Point Resort

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park