

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
August 6, 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
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Cathie Jolley – arrived 6:05pm
Ryan Karlsgodt
Judith Munoz
Steve Pinard
Julie Roland

Members Absent

Bernadette Butkiewicz
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson

Guests

Darlene Walter
Josh Coyne
Michelle May

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cris Amezcua
Jason Grani
Mayra Medel
Carrie Munson

CALL TO ORDER – Judith Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed Steve Pinard as the newest Committee member, replacing Darlene Walter as the non-hotel lessee representative

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 2, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by C. Dunning and seconded by J. Gross to approve the July 2, 2024 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0 with 3 abstentions (R. Karlsgodt, S. Pinard, J. Roland)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Meyer with San Diego Audubon Society provided a brief overview of negative impacts that fireworks have on birds in Mission Bay. He also shared concerns about the BayFair boating event that will be held during the last weekend of bird breeding season in September

Cristina Santa Maria with San Diego Audubon Society provided an update on bird nesting sites in Mission Bay and shared negative effects by human disturbance. She thanked Park Rangers for their efforts to preserve nesting sites

Lesley Handa with San Diego Audubon Society opposes fireworks in Mission Bay Park,

they have a negative impact on birds

Vi Nguyen MD with San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air shared that fireworks are harmful to human health and wildlife

Charlie Nieto representing Pacific Beach Town Council, invited everyone to the annual PAESAN community BBQ event scheduled for September 25th at 6:30 pm. This year they will be honoring the SDPD Beach Team and funding storefront improvements

Kathy Parrish with FIDO was pleased to announce that Fiesta Island was voted #1 Dog Park in America. FIDO will be displaying a banner at the fenced dog area to commemorate this award

Nicki Zimmerman with Mission Beach Town Council passionately shared health hazards that beach fires cause to humans. Fires are toxic and she proposes solutions to more fire rings farther away from residences or mandate propane only fires at beaches

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – no report

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Council District 1– no report

Council District 2 – Carrie Munson with Councilmember Campbell's Office reported that CM Campbell attended the city's back to school program held at North Clairemont Recreation Center. CM Campbell will have a booth at the Clairemont Family Day event on 9/17 and will make opening comments at 9:30am. CM & CD2 staff will participate in I Love a Clean SD clean-up event on 9/21. The city is currently accepting applications for CPPS non-profit grants through 8/9. An update on Short Term Rentals was presented at the last Community and Neighborhood Services Committee. The ordinance has proven to be a success. On 7/16, City Council voted to maintain the annual sidewalk vending permit fee. On 7/22, City Council voted to place an initiative on the November ballot for a one cent sales tax increase to help fund infrastructure upgrades

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – on behalf of Brian Clark, conducting Lifeguard relay races, Mike Rodrigues reported the following update:

- Lifeguard statistics show more rescues on the oceanfront over the last several summers, likely due to the warmer weather and water up until this week
- LGs are starting to catch up on getting rid of abandoned vessels, they have removed more over the past year thanks to the SAVE Grant
- This summer lifeguards continued to work with SDPD to cite and impound vessels operating illegally. This has shown a statistical decrease in vessel accidents over the past several years

- LGs will continue to have seasonal staff at the Mission Bay lifeguard stations every day until Labor Day, however, the number of lifeguards will decrease with schools starting and the decreasing demand to have as much staff

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation

Cris Amezcua, Mission Bay Park Maintenance Manager, provided updates on park maintenance

Mission Bay Park District Manager, Mike Rodrigues welcomed Steve Pinard from Dana Landing as a new member and announced that Jeff Johnson will begin the role as Chairperson at the September meeting. He thanked Judith Munoz for her many years serving as Chair. Mike thanked Darlene Walter and Josh Coyne for the dedicated service with the Mission Bay Park Committee (both have termed out), and awarded both with an appreciation plaque for their commitment to volunteer service. All construction projects are currently on hold and will resume after the summer moratorium. Upcoming special events include, BayFair 9/13-15, Pacific Islander Festival 9/21 & 22 and MB Music Festival 9/27-29. RV habitation continues and major concern at Mission Bay Park. Illegal fire signs will be going up at Crown Point Shores next week.

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. Appointment of Vice Chairperson

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by C. Dunning and seconded by J. Gross to re-appoint Giovanni Ingolia as the Vice Chair for the Mission Bay Park Committee, 1 year term. The motion carried 8-0

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. Boo by the Bay – Michelle May, Director, Vegan Food Events requested approval to host a free family-friendly Halloween Festival at Ski Beach Park on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12-6pm. Estimated attendance is 1000 participants with live DJ and vendors, No alcohol or road closures

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by C. Jolley to approve the Boo by the Bay event as presented. The motion carried 8-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. none

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 an action item in September

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Munoz adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at Paradise Point Resort

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues, District Manager, Mission Bay Park