

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions  
Parks and Recreation Department  
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE**

**January 7, 2025**

**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  
Chuck Dunning  
Jim Gross  
Giovanni Ingolia  
Jeff Johnson  
Ryan Karlsgodt  
Steve Pinard

**Members Absent**

Cathie Jolley  
Judith Munoz  
Julie Roland

**Guests**

Joe Furfaro  
Mike Beltran

**City Staff Present**

Cris Amezcua  
Mayra Medel  
Ryan Barbrick  
Carrie Munson  
Cambria Head  
Brian Clark  
Matt Helm  
Kyle Elser  
Andy Horita  
Gina Rouza

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – December 3, 2024

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by C. Adams to approve the December 3, 2024 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 6-2

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Denise Friedman with the PB Town Council announced that 2024 PAESAN event donated \$50,000 toward SDPD Community Service Center renovations and announced the Board Installation Dinner is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Catamaran Resort.

Cristina Santa Maria with SD Bird Alliance announced a volunteer event called Love Your Wetlands Day and invited people to attend.

Mike Beltran complimented maintenance staff for keeping East Mission Bay looking good and sated he loved visiting Mission Bay.

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Jeff provided appreciation to law enforcement of the illegal camping ordinance around Mission Bay Park

### **CITY COUNCIL OFFICES**

Council District 1 – Cambria Head with Council President LaCava’s Office reported on City Council resuming meetings on 1/13/25. Cambria stated Council President LaCava agrees with the requested fireworks ban request and recognizes potential impacts to the environment. LaCava agrees working with SeaWorld is a good option.

Council District 2 – Carrie Munson highlighted calendar year 2024 accomplishments, including street light repairs. Carrie stated Councilmember Campbell is displeased with the results of the Hotline Report of Boat Storage permits and will be seeking opportunities to expedite implementation of the recommendations like fee increases.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – Brian Clark reported that Lifeguards have been busy with high surf. Brian reported that Lifeguards had to close the mouth of Mission Bay due to high risk of vessel grounding and/or capsizing. This occurs primarily during the winter months due to extreme high and low tides and high surf. Surfers also tend to want to surf the mouth of Mission Bay when surf is high, so it causes conflicts between vessels and surfers. Brian also reported that Lifeguards are completing an inventory of all safety and navigational buoys and will be working with Parks and Recreation to address any maintenance or repair issues to the buoys. Lastly, Brian stated that cameras will be installed in Mission Bay around spring to help monitor illegal activity, such as smuggling. Lifeguards will have access to view the camera footage.

**San Diego Police Department** – no report

### **Parks and Recreation**

Cris Amezcua, Mission Bay Park Grounds Maintenance Manager announced that the annual Christmas tree recycling program is currently underway at Sunrunner lot through January 16<sup>th</sup>. Giovanni has been reappointed to Mission Bay Committee, pending City Council approval. SD TET Festival will be using Sunrunner lot for off-site shuttle parking 1/31-2/3. Upcoming events: Hanahono @ Bonita Cove 1/25, Tritonman @ Fiesta Island 1/25 & 1/26. Park Improvement Projects: Work continues at Sunset Point, Ventura Cove, Hospitality Point, El Carmel and DeAnza NE Lot. New spring toys will be installed at Fanuel St. Park playground next week. The North DeAnza Cove restroom is ready to open back up after fire damage repairs were made. Playa II restroom remains closed after it was damaged by a vehicle and a portion of Mission Point parking lot and sidewalk is closed damage from recent high tides, clean up is underway.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent** (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption

101. Mustache Bash 2025 - Michael Beltran with San Diego Bayfest and Joe Furfaro with Mustache Bash requested approval and support to conduct a one-day 70s disco/funk music festival on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Mariner's Point/East Bonita Cove and portion of Ventura Cove parking lot from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with under 9000 attendees, featuring live music entertainment, alcohol sales, food and merchandise sales. Partial East Bonita Cove parking lot closure as a venue with off-site shuttle plan in place. Load in on March 19 at 4:00 a.m. and load out on March 24 at 10:00 a.m.

**STAFF RECOMENDATION:** Approve the request as proposed. This proposed event, formerly called Spring Fling, was approved as a two-day festival in 2023 as a one-time event for 2024, that never occurred. Any future event requests must be reviewed by staff and Committee prior to extending to additional years. Parking lot closure must be limited to actual venue space used, no reserved/paid parking or road closures. An off-site shuttle plan must be used. Amplified music must end at 10:00 p.m. with alcohol service ending at 9:30 p.m. Citywide Special Event permit required

Chuck asked whether this event has resulted in noise complaints from nearby residents or lessees during sounds checks or the event itself. Mr. Beltran stated he has not received any complaints, he makes it a practice to contact stakeholders prior to the event, and he is in direct communication with the Hyatt regarding sound concerns.

Mayra Medel stated that P&R is working with Stephanie Mission Bay Lessees Association to develop a list of stakeholders for special event notifications.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by S. Pinard and seconded by B. Butkiewicz to approve the Consent Item as presented with staff recommendation. The motion carried 7-0.

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

201. none

**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 BayFest 2025 - Michael Beltran, San Diego BayFest requested approval and support to increase daily capacity from 12,000 to 15,000 attendees, use of Ventura Cove Park and adjacent parking lot, extra day for load in, potential pyrotechnics on stage and use of sand area at Mariner's Cove for additional bar set up. Event is scheduled for October 2025, at Mariner's Cove/East Bonita Park

Due to incorrect dates listed on agenda and narrative, this item was tabled until the February meeting. No Action taken.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

401. none

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

501. Illegal RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park – pushed until next meeting

**SUBCOMMITTEE**

601. none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Chuck Dunning asked to consider sending the letter regarding the proposed Mission Bay fireworks ban to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Chairperson Jeff Johnson suggested that Chuck could request his Council District Representative forward the letter to the Regional Board. Alternatively, this can be added as an agenda item for the February meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Next regular meeting will be held on February 4, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cris Amezcua*

“Acting” District Manager, Mission Bay Park