

MINUTES

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

March 4, 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
Judith Munoz
Steve Pinard
Julie Roland

Members Absent

Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt

Guests

Brandon Gillingham
Reuben Atkatz

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cris Amezcua
Brian Clark
Karolynn Estrada
Anna Lowe

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 4, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Gross to approve the February 4, 2025 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 8-0 with 1 abstention (J. Munoz)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS – none

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Jeff Johnson

Chair Johnson stated that he met with City officials regarding the South Shores GDP Amendment and shared his concerns about the old toxic landfill under that area. He recommended that a study be conducted to verify if the land is safe to develop as a park prior to moving forward with a GDP amendment. Perhaps a sub-committee will be needed to initiate the study?

CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

Council District 1 – no report

Council District 2 – no report

STAFF REPORTS

San Diego Lifeguard Service – Brian Clark reported that Lifeguards are preparing for Spring Break by onboarding seasonal lifeguards for weekends until summer. The boating safety unit will add staff as well

San Diego Police Department – no report

Parks and Recreation

Karolynn Estrada provided a brief update on the Park Ranger Program for coastal communities. Volunteer clean-ups occurred at Fiesta Island Youth Camp and Sunset Cliffs. Rangers are assisting to prepare sites for Last Tern breeding season. Lots of special events during the Spring months. Karolynn briefly described the BACC program to perform volunteer community service at the park in lieu of minor citation penalty

Note: Beach Area Community Court started in 2005 as a pilot project funded by a \$200,000 federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. It is now run by the \$40 fee received from the offenders for admin costs for this alternative court. Park Rangers work with the City Attorney's Office, Discover PB, SDPD, Scripps and the community. Restorative Justice Model emphasizes education and making amends, and is often credited with reducing recidivism and improving the quality of life of communities that embrace it

Mike Rodrigues reported that a contractor has been selected for Crown Point Shores improvement project, expect to start seeing activity at end of March. The Sunset Point and DeAnza Northwest parking lot projects are complete and open to the public

Cris Amezcua reported on upcoming turf aerification and tree trimming throughout Mission Bay Park

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. 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. Tsunami on the Bay – Free Music Event

Reuben Atkatz requested approval and support to conduct a live entertainment music event at Fiesta Island's beach area across from OTL fields on October 26, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No road closures or alcohol. There will be food vendors and art exhibitors. Estimated attendance is 275 through the day. Load in at 10:00 a.m., out by 8:00 p.m.

Staff recommendation is to approve the request with the following requirements. All park rules and regulations must be adhered to. No alcohol, glass containers or smoking at any time. Desired location must be secured in advance with signs and barricades. Fiesta Island Rd must remain clear at all times. Fencing and additional portable toilets required. All trash must be removed off site by the organizer. FIDO must be notified in advance. Citywide special event permit required for on-site vendor sales

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Johnson and seconded by J. Munoz to approve the request with staff recommendations and moving the event to the north away from the fenced dog area parking area or across the road at the OTL courts. The motion carried 9-0

302. RunThrough USA

Brandon Gillingham, head of US Operations RunThrough USA requested approval and support to conduct a 5K & 10K running event at Crown Point Shores on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., load in at 6:00 a.m., out by 1:00 p.m. Estimated attendance is 1500 participants, amplified music with announcements beginning at 7:30 a.m. No alcohol or vendors sales. No road closures, a portion of the Crown Point parking lot will be used

Staff does not recommend using Bayside Walk between Crown Point and El Carmel for a competitive run at 9:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning

This item failed to receive a motion. It was recommended for the organizer to revise the route with earlier start times and re-visit the Committee at a later date for consideration

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. 2025 SeaWorld Sundry List – Tyler Carter, President with SeaWorld San Diego shared the SeaWorld Sundry List for 2025

402. Public Electric Vehicle Charging Program Overview – Anna Lowe, Program Manager from Zero Emissions Vehicles, Sustainability and Mobility Department provided and overview of the new Public EV Charging Program with includes a 10-year service agreement for swap outs and additional charging stations

There were some questions about revenue and where it goes. Anna replied that a special account will be set up to bank the revenues generated during this agreement term and these revenues may be used for future upgrades after 10 years

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

501. Illegal RV/camper habitation in Mission Bay Park – Jeff Johnson gave a quick update on the RV habitation occurring along Mission Bay’s East Shore and DeAnza Cove North. He will provide a more detailed update next month

SUBCOMMITTEE

601. none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chuck Dunning will request a water quality report from Coastkeeper next month

Julie Roland requested to hold a park clean-up event with Rotary Club. Mike will put her in contact with the Volunteer Office

Bernadette Butkiewicz announced a SD Bird Alliance clean-up which will occur on March 15th @ Mariners Point

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson, J. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Next regular meeting will be held on April 1, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues

District Manager, Mission Bay Park