

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions  
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE  
November 1, 2022**

**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**

Ron Anderson  
Josh Coyne  
Jim Gross  
James Hauser  
Giovanni Ingolia  
Jeff Johnson  
Stephanie Smith  
Darlene Walter

**Members Absent**

Marshall Anderson-excused  
Judith Munoz-excused

**Guests**

Jim Lake  
Kim Short  
Marcella Bothwell

**City Staff Present**

Mike Rodrigues  
Lt. Rick Aguilar  
Officer Jessica Thrift  
Carrie Munson  
Ryan Barbrick

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair, Ron Anderson, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – October 4, 2022

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Johnson to approve the October 4, 2022 Mission Bay Park Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0 with 4 abstentions (R. Anderson, J. Hauser, J. Coyne, J. Gross)

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS**

Kathy Parrish with Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) group announced that they will be presenting a proposal for a rock garden memorial at the fenced dog area on Fiesta Island at a future Mission Bay Park Committee meeting for consideration.

Nate commented about illegal boating activities on Mission Bay with unauthorized watercraft rentals.

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT** – no report

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 OFFICE** – Carrie Munson reported that Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Recommendations are currently under way. A survey was conducted for D2 residents and results were incorporated into CD2's budget memo. Visit the CD2

webpage to review the memo and let Carrie know if any priorities are missing. Councilmember Campbell is co-chair of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Committee. Councilmember Campbell created a resolution in support of Prop 1 and Reproductive Rights. The Councilmember and her staff had a booth at the Clairemont Family Days event last month. It was great to get back to events that were cancelled over the last 2 years due to COVID. It was a great opportunity to hear from the community. Councilmember Campbell will attend the ribbon cutting event for the grand opening of the Tecolote North comfort station, playground and parking lot improvements. CD2 office has received several complaints from Bay Park residents that they can no longer park at the Mission Bay Beach Club. CD2 confirmed with the Department of Real Estate Management that lessee does have exclusive rights to the parking around the building as part of their lease. There are parking lots for the public north and south of that location. Don't forget to sign up for our Campbell Chronicles monthly newsletter.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**San Diego Lifeguard Service** – no report

**San Diego Police Department** – Lt. Aguilar commented about Police efforts at El Carmel Point. He and his team are working with CD2 and Mayor's Office for additional staffing to clear out the areas of illegal activities. He reported an increase in vehicle impounds and GetItDone complaints. Northern Division is working with Neighborhood Policing for tent enforcement to clean things up in the coastal communities.

**Parks and Recreation** - Mission Bay Park District Manager, announced that the sidewalk vendor ordinance for coastal areas will go to City Council on 11/14. SDMC changes to MBPC membership due to City Council redistricting will be going to City Council. Mission Bay Holiday Parade of Lights will be held December 10<sup>th</sup>. Sand replenishment is complete at Paradise Point's Tidal Beach and North Cove. Parks and Recreation is conducting a job fair on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Balboa Park. Park staff has been working hard to fill potholes and restripe parking lots at El Carmel and Dana Landing. Beginning in November, Mission Bay Park Rangers will report to Chief Ranger Michael Ruiz. Work continues at the Santa Clara playground/restroom project. The North Tecolote playground/restroom project is expected to open mid-November with a ribbon cutting/dedication. Upcoming events include Susan B. Komen 3-Day Walk at Crown Point, loading in 11/14 and out on 11/21.

It was requested to have Chief Park Ranger Michael Ruiz provide staff reports at future Mission Bay Park Committee meetings.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE** – none

### **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. Sea World Master Plan – Jim Lake, Park President, provided an overview of the Sea World Master Plan and requested support/approval from the Committee. The goal of the Master Plan was to mitigate impacts to the surrounding area.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by J. Johnson to approve Sea World’s proposed Master Plan as presented. The motion carried 7-0 with D. Walter abstaining

202. Stefan Boyland and Michael Shinzaki with the Pickleball Association of San Diego, newly formed non-profit, provided an overview of three separate conceptual options to add Pickleball courts to the Robb Field Athletic Area:

Option 1 – Updating their former proposal to repurpose some of the Peninsula Tennis Club’s tennis courts at Robb Field to Pickleball courts. Add seating, a restroom facility, additional parking and a clubhouse.

Option 2 – Construct up to 20 new Pickleball courts at a vacant location within Robb Field Athletic Area with a shared cost with the City of San Diego adding a restroom facility.

Option 3 – Add 4-6 new tennis courts and repurpose the existing Peninsula Tennis Club tennis courts to Pickleball courts.

Mr. Boyland requested Mission Bay Park Committee’s support. Their goal it to provide a well-managed Pickleball facility. No handouts were provided.

Andrea Schlageter, Chair of the Ocean Beach Planning Group stated that OB Planning Group approved to write a letter to recommend that 4 tennis courts be set aside for Pickleball courts for a trial period of one year with a 7-5 vote with her voting against it.

David Coppa supports the Pickleball conversion at Robb Field due to underutilization of the existing tennis courts.

Mark Zickel is a resident that enjoys playing both Pickleball and tennis.

Susan DeBoer is a resident that supports Pickleball and would like to see a shared recreation space.

Debby Merickel is a resident that loves tennis and supports Pickleball.

Weston Quick went on record supporting Pickleball.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by J. Johnson and seconded by J. Coyne to support the inclusion of Pickleball courts within Mission Bay Park with the request that Parks and Recreation management provide the Committee with the process and steps needed to add courts at a future meeting. The motion carried 8-0

**SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW:** Special Events that require road closures or will potentially impact park and/or commercial operation are brought to the Committee for a formal recommendation. They can be moved to Consent by action of the Committee.

301. none

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

401. Unfunded Park Improvements – Mike Rodrigues went through the list for unfunded park improvements in Mission Bay Park and updated it to include: Playa III comfort station and playground, Mission Point comfort station and playground, adding a bridge over the Fiesta Island’s entrance to allow for water flow to enhance water quality, North Ski Beach playground, Add lights to Crown Point basketball courts, improve Ski beach boat launch ramp, playground at Vacation Island, Gleason Road restroom at Bahia Point, and add Pickleball courts within Mission Bay Park. This list will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Asset Management Team.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. none

**SUB-COMMITTEE** – none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**Notice of Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mike Rodrigues*

District Manager, Mission Bay Park