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**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020**

“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”

Meeting Held by Teleconference:

This meeting was held remotely using the Microsoft Teams platform and livestreamed via the City of San Diego Public Meetings [YouTube channel](#):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-4gY2k1D1kzb25QM-O3eg>

NOTE: Both verbal and written communication were used by Board members, City staff, and presenters during the course of the meeting. Board members and City staff utilized the chat function in Microsoft Teams to share comments and web links which were visible to those who viewed the meeting. City staff also used the screen-share function to allow viewers to view content shared by the speaker which included PowerPoint presentations and websites.

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Katherine Johnston, Chair Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair David Baron Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell Ron Cho Rick Gulley Noli Zosa	Nick Anastasopoulos (excused) Bobby Hughes (not excused)	Andrew Field, Director Jonathan Avila Ryan Barbrick Rick Bollinger Karen Dennison Sarah Erazo Jesse Luke Bruce Martinez Steve Palle Shelly Stowell Heidi Vonblum

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Johnston at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed Board members, presenters, City staff, and viewers to the Board’s first virtual meeting after the Board not meeting since February 20, 2020 due to meeting cancellations related to the City’s response to COVID-19.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2020

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Gulley/Mr. Zosa

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Zosa to approve the February 20, 2020 Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley,

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Parks I Area Committee – Mr. Otsuji reported no meeting was held (due to County Public Health Order).

Community Parks II Area Committee – Representative not present

Balboa Park Committee –

- Chair Johnston reported that the Committee would resume their meeting this month (after meetings were canceled due to the County Public Health Order) and will also be hearing presentations on the Parks Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Department’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, and the new process for special events and how they will be accommodated in the future.

Mission Trails Regional Task Force – Mr. Cho reported that meetings were canceled (due to County Public Health Order).

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Chair Johnston had no report and indicated that the items she would have reported on would likely be covered as part of the Director’s Report.

BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS

- Mr. Zosa had entered the following into the Microsoft Teams chat box which was later read verbatim into the record by Director Field:

“Andy: During public comment, I would like to bring up the topic of joint use fields: I received the following question from Jay Wilson and Terry Cords: “Per our conversation, below is the text I sent to Andy Field on Saturday evening. The bottom line of all of this is when does the city’s plan to have the joint-use and park fields open? (we certainly realize this is a moving target) – 1) for team practices 2) for games to be played. Obviously this would be in compliance with all required sanitation measures. We have postponed our recreational spring season until such time as we know when fields/parks may be open and we can resume play, or when fields will be open for our competitive teams to resume practices, we cancel our spring program and concentrate on our recreational fall season along with our competitive teams for practices and games. The majority of our practice and/or games are played on the joint use fields within the Navajo Area (Grantville, Allied Gardens, Del Cerro and San Carlos) The joint use fields are Lewis Middle School with the Lower Lewis and Skunk Hollow fields, Marvin Elementary in Allied Gardens, Hearst Elementary in Del Cerro and Gage Elementary and Pershing Middle School and the Forward Field

adjacent to the San Carlos Recreation Center. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any question or even during the Park and Recreation's Board meeting on Monday."

- Director Field responded by saying that he had an update on joint-use fields and would be sharing it during the Director's Report. Chair Johnston decided to proceed to this item to continue discussion on the topic.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Field reported on the following topics:
 - o COVID-19 (the County Public Health Order, physical distancing and safety plan forms)
 - o Park Amenities (open and closed)
 - o Game On San Diego Initiative
 - o Joint-Use Fields
- Director Field shared the following links during his report:
 1. **County of San Diego – Coronavirus Disease 2019 Home Page, “Health Order” Section (links to latest public health order and forms to complete for safe reopening of businesses and organizations)**
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/health-order.html#:~:text=Everyone%20should%20stay%20home%20except,Avoid%20gatherings%20of%20any%20size.
 2. **San Diego County Public Health Order (“Order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations”)**
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/HealthOfficerOrderCOVID19.pdf>
 3. **Physical Distancing and Safety Plan for County of San Diego – Parks and Beaches (online form)**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ceb5b2a10fb841f4872f9c11a82c1ddf>
 4. **Physical Distancing and Safety Plan for County of San Diego – Golf Courses (online form)**
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/38b6f63ac77a4d218f27753345ce40d0>
 5. **Home Page of the Game On San Diego which provides resources on how to develop sport specific physical distancing and safety plans**
<https://gameonsandiego.com/>
- Links #1 - #5 relate to the County of San Diego's Public Health Order which outlines the latest public health order, along with the documentation that the City must submit with each of our parks and golf courses that have reopened.

- In response to Ms. Bothwell's question about Fiesta Island, Director Field said that a new plan to open Mission Bay would be coming this week and would take place over the course of the month.
- In response to Ms. Bothwell's question about whether it was possible for City staff to comply with the requirement to clean restrooms every two hours, Director Field said that it was not and that the requirement is now "every two hours or as needed".
- In response to Mr. Gulley's question about when pickle ball courts would reopen, Director Field indicated that when multi-purpose outdoor courts for basketball and tennis courts are reopened, pickle ball courts, skate parks, and ballfields would be included, but everyone would have to practice physical distancing as required by County Public Health.
- In response to Ms. Bothwell's question about the state of the Department's budget, resource allocation, and whether or not monitoring of parks could be sustained, Director Field said that the current monitoring was being done by recreation staff while rec centers have been closed and that they were using the Department's operating budget and federal money (CARES Act) to pay for it. Director Field indicated that use of recreation center staff and CARES Act funds were not infinite resources so they could only be used for a certain limited time. Once rec centers open, the Department will have to figure out a new model for park monitoring.
- Director Field presented the Game On initiative which is a plan developed a coalition of youth sports organizations in consultation with the County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of bringing back sports for all San Diego youth. Two weeks ago, the Board of Supervisors voted to submit this plan to the State and have the State review it. Supervisor Gaspar has been the leader of this effort. An answer from the State is expected this week on when youth sports can resume. Once the County plan has been approved, then the City would coordinate with all permittees to have them complete their physical distancing plan and have that plan submitted both to the County and to the person/organization that the youth league works with.
- Mr. Baron expressed concern about Little League and the challenges it would face in resuming play, especially since the national Little League organization has canceled this year's Little League World Series.
- Director Field stated that the City is awaiting State guidance on pools which remain closed until further notice.
- Director Field reported on demonstrations that occurred downtown and in some of the parks, including Horton Plaza park and the vicinity of the Embarcadero.
- Director Field informed the Board that the Recreation Center Funds budget is being sent to Council in mid-June and reminded members that the Staff Report was in their meeting materials.
- In response to Mr. Zosa's question about joint fields, Director Field informed the Board that the City reopened the first joint-use field last week (Bird Rock

Elementary), then Adams would be next, and followed by a staggered reopening over the next two weeks which would need to be coordinated with the School District.

- In response to Chair Johnston's quest about guidance and timeline for playgrounds, Director Field responded by saying that the County Public Health Order does not specifically call them out, but Section E of the Distancing Plan ("Physical Distancing and Safety Plan for County of San Diego – Parks and Beaches") states that playgrounds are not available for use at this time. Chair Johnston emphasized the strong interest by the public regarding playground use.

INFORMATION ITEMS

101. Status of the Parks and Recreation Department's Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget

Presenter: Andrew Field, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

- The presentation outlined the following:
 - o Department Highlights
 - o Department Impacts from COVID-19
 - o Summary of General Fund Expenditures
 - o Summary of Non-General Fund Expenditures
 - o General Fund Budget Reduction Proposals
 - o Critical Expenditures by Fund
- Director Field shared the following link to the City of San Diego Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget:
 - o <https://www.sandiego.gov/finance/proposed>

ACTION ITEMS

201. Parks Master Plan

Presenters: Heidi Vonblum, Program Manager
Planning Department
Jonathan Avila, Park Designer
Planning Department

- There were nine (9) public comments on this item (see attached).
- The Board proceeded to ask questions and make comments about the item.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Baron /Mr. Otsuji

A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Vice-Chair Otsuji. The motion was approved 8-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Bobby Hughes.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the following items were by consent. A motion to approve Items 202 and 203 was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Gulley. It passed 8-0 with the following vote: Yea: David Baron, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Ron Cho, Rick Gulley, Katherine Johnston, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos and Bobby Hughes.

202. Proposed General Development Plan Amendment for Rancho Bernardo Community Park

Presenter: Sarah Erazo, District Manager
Parks and Recreation Department

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Baron /Mr. Gulley

203. Proposed Reuse of Building 191 at Naval Training Center Park as a Bicycle Center

Presenters: Bruce Martinez, Deputy Director
Parks and Recreation Department
Steve Palle, District Manager
Parks and Recreation Department
Richard Opper, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Baron /Mr. Otsuji

WORKSHOP – None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Copies of the reports, attachments, and PowerPoint presentations can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>.

The meeting can be viewed via the City's Public Meetings [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-4gY2k1D1ikzb25QM-O3eg) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-4gY2k1D1ikzb25QM-O3eg>).

Next Calendared Meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Submitted by,

Andrew Field
Director
Parks and Recreation Department