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## City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 18, 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 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.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>City Staff Present</b>
Dennis Otsuji, Vice-Chair Nick Anastasopoulos David Baron Jon Becker Ron Cho Rick Gulley Noli Zosa	Katherine Johnston, Chair (excused) Marcella Bothwell (excused) Bobby Hughes (not excused)	Andrew Field, Director Ryan Barbrick Rick Bollinger Karen Dennison Manuel Gonzalez Lisa Lind Scott Sandel Shelly Stowell

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Otsuji at 3:04 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2020**

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Baron/Mr. Becker**

A motion was made by Mr. Baron and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the June 1, 2020 Park and Recreation Board Meeting minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: David Baron, Dennis Otsuji, Jon Becker, Noli Zosa, Rick Gulley, and Ron Cho. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: Nick Anastasopoulos. Not Present: Katherine Johnston, Marcella Bothwell, and Bobby Hughes.

**NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board. (Comments relating to items on today's Agenda are shared at the time the item is heard.)

There was one Non-Adoption Agenda Public Comment submitted:

Daniele Laman (San Diego, California 92115):

*"When will RAGs start meeting virtually?"*

*"When will the city attorney approve the work of the ad hoc committee regarding council policy 700 - ?"*

*"When will a decision be made about Dec. Nights?"*

### **REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no public comments have been submitted in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation as reflected on the agenda and described in the Staff Report to the Park and Recreation Board, unless otherwise noted in the motion. At this time the Board may consider adoption of one or more items on the adoption agenda as "Consent" items.

Mr. Baron requested that Item 202 ("Rename the Skyline Hills Playground the "Robert Haynes Playground") be approved on consent. After input provided by Mr. Anastasopoulos, Mr. Zosa, and Mr. Cho, it was determined that it would be heard as part of "Action Items" for further discussion.

**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.

Community Parks II Area Committee – Representative not present

Balboa Park Committee – Director Field reported that a meeting was held in which the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget was presented, along with the Parks Master Plan using the same presentation given to the Park and Recreation Board in its last meeting.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – Mr. Zosa reported no meeting was held.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Vice-Chair Otsuji reported that the Parks Master Plan was heard at the meeting of the Planning Commission earlier that day and was approved unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Becker asked what the main comments the Planning Commissioners and members of the community had on the Parks Master Plan.

Vice-Chair Otsuji indicated there were comments made primarily about the Plan’s new point system versus acreage.

Director Field indicated that he would send members of the Board a list of items contained in the report to the Planning Commission’s requesting approval of the Plan.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Director Field reported on the following:

- Reopening of the Balboa Park Central Mesa
- Reopening of beaches and bays, including Mission Bay Park
- City staff are currently working on a strategy to reopen recreation centers and youth camps
- A pending announcement regarding the reopening of pools would be made
- Looking to receive more guidance from the State and County regarding youth sports
- Have heard concerns about recreation groups and their ability to meet virtually and do plan on providing guidance in time for July meetings; Shelly Stowell is working on this effort
- Fiesta Island remains closed

Mr. Zosa asked about the reasons why Fiesta Island was open, but parking lots were closed. Director Field responded by saying that it was for public safety reasons and was an approach developed jointly between Parks and Recreation, Lifeguards, and the San Diego Police Department. Director Field also indicated that Fiesta Island (along with its parking lots) would open no later than July 6, 2020.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** - None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**201. Kearny Mesa Community Plan Recreation Element**

Presenters: Lisa Lind, Senior Planner, Planning Department  
Scott Sandel, Park Designer, Planning Department

**NOTE:** No public comments were received for this item.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Anastasopoulos /Mr. Baron**

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to approve the Kearny Mesa Community Plan Recreation Element Update. The motion was approved 6-1-0 and

passed with the following vote: Yea: David Baron, Dennis Otsuji, Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Rick Gulley, and Ron Cho. Nay: Noli Zosa. Recused: (None). Abstained: (None). Not Present: Katherine Johnston, Marcella Bothwell, and Bobby Hughes.

**202. Rename the Skyline Hills Playground the “Robert Haynes Playground”**

Presenters: Andrew Field, Department Director, Parks and Recreation Department  
Manuel Gonzalez, District Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

**NOTE:** No public comments were received for this item.

Director Field referenced comments made earlier in the meeting, acknowledging that the Park and Recreation Board Naming Policy 1001 was undergoing revisions and would be presented to the Board in the following months for review and discussion. He also indicated that the reason why this item was being heard at today’s meeting was the following: the person in question and there has been no opposition from anyone in the community. Much of the issues raised with renaming efforts underway involve living persons. Another reason why the item was being heard was because the construction of the Skyline Hills Community Park is to be completed soon and the renaming of the playground would be timely.

Discussion between Board members and City staff occurred primarily regarding the public input and outreach efforts done to bring the proposed renaming forward. In addition, new requirements for the revised Naming Policy were discussed. Director Field indicated that all proposed renaming efforts would be on hold until the Naming Policy was updated. The renaming for the Skyline Hills Playground will be in the form of an aluminum sign.

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Anastasopoulos /Mr. Baron**

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Baron to rename the Skyline Hills Playground to the “Robert Haynes Playground” with these conditions:

The updated Park and Recreation Board Naming Policy 1001 include requirements for the following:

1. The impacted City Council member be made aware of the renaming effort underway.
2. Obtain letters of endorsement from three community organizations.

The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: David Baron, Dennis Otsuji, Nick Anastasopoulos, Noli Zosa, Rick Gulley, Ron Cho, and Jon Becker. Nay: (None). Recused: (None). Abstained: None. Not Present: Katherine Johnston, Marcella Bothwell, and Bobby Hughes.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - None

**WORKSHOP** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

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, October 15, 2020

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Field". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a distinct "F".

Andrew Field  
Director  
Parks and Recreation Department