

**MISSION BEACH PRECISE PLANNING BOARD (“MBPPB”)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference
Minutes of Meeting**

Board Members Present:

Rebecca Abbott	Michelle Baron	Rob Brown	Josh Geller
Gloria Henson	Dennis Lynch	Brian McCarthy	Bob Semenson
Cindy Stratton	Gernot Trolf	Debbie Watkins	Jenine Whittecar

Absent: None.

OPENING FUNCTIONS

Meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Watkins at approximately 6:35 PM, and a quorum was confirmed.

Administrative Items

- **Revisions to Agenda**

Copies of the Agenda for the April 19, 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. No revisions.

- **Approval of Minutes** for March 2022 Meeting via Zoom Conference

Copies of the draft March 15, 2022 Minutes of Meeting via Zoom Conference were distributed and reviewed. There being no corrections, the March 15, 2022 Minutes were **APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Chair’s Report**

(1) Chair reported that since the Governor has not lifted his emergency order regarding COVID measures and with related cases still in the picture, the plan is to conduct the Board’s May 17th Meeting via Zoom. Board Member Bob Semenson stated he wanted to meet in person. Each MBPPB member was asked to weigh in. The count was 9 YES to conduct the April meeting via Zoom and 2 NO [B. Semenson; C. Stratton]. It was determined the May Meeting would be conducted via Zoom Conference.

(2) Chair Watkins reiterated that the 2022 Election of Area Representatives will be put on hold until the Board can meet in person. As the Board has done during COVID, it will wait to see when it can meet in person to hold the nominations and election.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

- **Khota Zaiser, Community Representative, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria: Update on police presence in Mission Beach and other matters.**

Khota reported that Belmont Park will have extra San Diego Police Department officers staff a command center van 24/7 located in the South parking lot and a beach team in Mission Beach. He pointed out there is a police shortage and steps are being taken by the Mayor in the budget to increase wages. Three (3) police academies are currently active with 50 recruits in each and those

who qualify will work with experienced police officers for one-year training; however, a police shortage will exist for a year or more.

Khota reported that the City is working to clear-up language in the Municipal Code regarding City fire rings and BBQ's on beach. Board Members and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Concerns expressed include vehicles driving on the Boardwalk, lighting along the Boardwalk needing repair, street vendors, drinking, dogs on the beach, and increase in homeless people. Board member Josh Geller suggested organizing civilian patrols to enforce laws and ticket infractions. Cindi Stratton suggested different regulations for beach fires on the bay side and ocean side.

- **Miki Holmes, District Representative, CA State Assemblymember Christopher Ward, 78th Assembly District**

Miki Holmes reported that 17 bills have been proposed this year, including AB 1816 Substance Social Workers to assist with arrests; AB 311 Control Ghost Guns; and AB 2120 Transportation funding for Mission Bay Bridge. The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

- **Seamus Kennedy, Community Representative for District 2 CM Jennifer Campbell**

Seamus commented that the street vending ordinance will be going to City Council on May 17th for a second reading. The Board and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

OTHER

Action Item

- **Emergency Safety Measure for Controlled Parking at Belmont Park's North and South Parking Lots** – Discussion and vote in light of recent shootings at Belmont Park

Presenter: Steve Thomas, Belmont Park's General Manager.

Steve commented that Belmont Park currently employs 30 security officers, two (2) armed guards, and uses 130 security cameras throughout the park. Belmont Park budgeted and spent \$2.1M for security this year. He showed five (5) video segments of the April 3, 2022 parking lot shooting showing four (4) men running into the North parking lot with a car chasing them; the 4 men opening fire on the car and passengers in the car returning shots by the roller coaster loaded with civilians, mostly kids strapped into coaster seats; kids escaping roller coaster seats and crawling down back stairs; shooters exiting Belmont Park into South parking lot and crowds fleeing Belmont Park; shooter being caught by Belmont Park security officer with a police helicopter overhead but police still not onsite. He noted it took 12 minutes for police to respond.

Steve recommends a pilot program for controlled parking at Belmont Park's North and South parking lots as an emergency safety measure, which can include paid parking and/or voucher system. He said Belmont Park will pay costs and maintain staff and equipment needed when a decision is made. He stated he is scheduled to meet with the Mayor and San Diego Police Department representatives to discuss this serious safety issue and would appreciate support from the MBPPB.

MBPPB members and public were given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. After further discussion, Board member Rebecca Abbott recommended that a letter from the MBPPB to the Mayor be sent expressing support for the emergency safety measure for controlled parking at Belmont Park's North and South parking lots. The following motion was duly made:

MOTION #1 was made by Rebecca Abbott and seconded by Josh Geller TO AUTHORIZE the Chair to send a letter of support from the MBPPB to the Mayor expressing support for the emergency safety measure for controlled parking at Belmont Park's North and South parking lots as a pilot program.

VOTE: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Passed.

It was determined that the letter would be sent to the Mayor, Councilmember Campbell (who Seamus Kennedy said would support the pilot program) and the Real Estate Assets Supervising Property Agent.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW – None

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT - One minute per speaker for issues **NOT** on the Agenda and within the purview of the MBPPB. None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- **Liaison Update (ANAC)** – Chair commented the Airport Noise Office will be conducting a Portable Noise Monitoring Pilot Program. This was one of the recommendations of the ANAC subcommittee and a recommendation in the Part 150 Study. The program includes an Application, Testing, and Reporting to residents participating in the pilot program. Chair stated that if anyone in the community is interested in participating in this pilot program to contact her and she will forward requests to the appropriate person in the Airport Noise Office or residents can contact the Airport Noise Office directly.

There being no further business, Chair noted the next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 via Zoom (Video) conference at 6:30 PM.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #2 was made by Gernot Trolf and seconded by Rob Brown TO ADJOURN the meeting via Zoom (Video) Conference at 8:48 PM.

VOTE: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Motion Passed.

Prepared by: Debbie Watkins, Secretary