

**City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 17, 2022**

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

**Meeting Held by Teleconference:**

This meeting was held remotely using the Zoom Webinar platform and was streamed online. The public was invited to join the meeting by phone or computer, as well as invited to submit “Public Comments” in writing via a webform. The form was made available on the Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards>.

**NOTE:** Both verbal and written communication were used by Committee Members, City staff, and presenters during 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.

Before the meeting was called to order, City staff read instructions to the public regarding technical procedures for making live Public Comment during the Webinar.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>City Staff Present</b>
Nick Anastasopoulos Jon Becker Marcella Bothwell – Chair Molly Chase Rick Gulley Evelyn Smith Pita Verdin Noli Zosa	David Baron Ron Cho Dennis Otsuji – Vice Chair	Andy Field, Director Tom Tomlinson Louis Merlin Ryan Barbrick Michelle Abella-Shon Shannon Scoggins Scott Handel Becky Malone Sameera Rao Elvi Ricafort

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 2:05 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF February 17, 2022**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Gulley to approve the **February 17, 2022, Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**. The motion was approved 5-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley and Evelyn Smith. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: Molly Chase and Pita Verdin. Not present: David Baron, Ron Cho, Dennis Otsuji, and Noli Zosa.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

<b>Commenter Name:</b>	<b>Summary of Comment:</b>
Harry Eisner	Please allow the University City Racquet Club to operate as a tennis-only facility and allow its special use permit to be renewed. Co-stripping tennis courts with pickleball lines does not work, and tennis club members are opposed to having pickleball lines on tennis courts.
Daniele Laman	House of Ukraine (see <a href="https://houseofukraine.org/">https://houseofukraine.org/</a> ) celebrates Easter with its annual Pysanka Festival on March 19, 2022, at the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park. Admission is free, and attendees can discover the Ukrainian pysanka – Ukrainian Easter egg and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- witness magic of pysanka creation by skilled artists</li> <li>- learn the mysteries of pysanka symbols and designs</li> <li>- view pysanka exhibits</li> <li>- purchase pysanka, pysanka supplies, Ukrainian souvenirs</li> <li>- visit children’s pysanka activity corner</li> </ul> Spreckles Organ Society is hosting “A Music Tribute to Peace, Dignity & Democracy” on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. All donations received at the concert will be used to provide humanitarian relief for Ukraine through Operation USA.
Isabelle Kay	Ms. Kay was requesting information for applying to serve on the Mission Bay Park Committee. The constitution of that committee should change now that Council District boundaries are changing. Regional parks should have representation from all council districts.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Summary of Comment:</b>
Area Committee CP-1	Mr. Otsuji was absent, no update.
Area Committee CP-2	Mr. Baron was absent, no update.
Balboa Park Committee	Ms. Chase noted that conversations are underway for mobility improvements to the park, and the committee is exploring a design review committee.
Mission Trails CAC	Mr. Gulley reported that there was no meeting due to lack of agenda items.

**SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION (SDPF) UPDATE:**

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Update: (from Ms. Bothwell)</b>
Other	The San Diego Parks Foundation is conducting its annual retreat tomorrow. Ms. Bothwell will have more to share with the Board at next month’s meeting.

**CHAIR COMMENTS: None**

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None**

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Field noted the following updates for the Board:

- **Appointments to the P&R Board**
  - Welcome Chida Warren–Darby to her new role as Director of Boards and Commissions in the Office of Mayor Todd Gloria
  - Questions about need for a District 9 member have been forwarded to Ms. Warren–Darby for consideration and next steps
  - Mr. Field will keep you posted on news of reappointments and any other new appointments as several Board members are on expired terms
- **Additions to the Parks and Recreation Unclassified Leadership Team**
  - **Tom Tomlinson** – new Assistant Director who will oversee Community Parks 1, Community Parks 2, Administrative Services, and Recreation (Karen Dennison will oversee Developed Regional Parks, Golf Operations, and Open Space/Maintenance Assessment Districts)
  - **Michelle Abella-Shon** – new Asset Manager overseeing the Department’s capital improvement program, development project review, grants, and donations
  - **Michele Kelley** – new Financial Operations Manager overseeing the Department’s operating budget and implementation of Get It Done
  - **Michael Ruiz** – new Chief Park Ranger overseeing park ranger operations in Developed Regional Parks and Open Space
- **Directors Awards**
  - These are awards given at the Annual Department Meeting each February
  - Staff nominate other staff for recognition of hard work, going above and beyond the call of duty, and/or making a unique contribution to the park system
  - The awards are separated into individual and group awards. Here are the winners:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Brief Description/location</u>	<u>Names of Individual</u>
Outstanding Administrative Performance	Admin	Summer programming and events	Kimberly Carroll, Account Clerk
Outstanding Administrative Performance	CPI	Department Volunteer Coordinator	Ashley Balingit, Center Director I

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Brief Description/location</u></b>	<b><u>Names of Individual</u></b>
Outstanding Collaborative Performance	Admin	Beyer Park- Grant	Danielle Nourie-Burns, Associate Management Analyst
Outstanding Customer Service	OS	Chollas Lake- quick response saving a life	Carey Goldstein, Senior Park Ranger
Outstanding Hourly Employee	Golf	Golf Course- hard work, ethic, and dedication	Peter Nguyen, Recreation Aide
Outstanding Hourly Employee	Golf	Golf Course- Clean and pick of the driving range	Soksann Edwards, Recreation Aide
Outstanding Maintenance Performance	CPI	CPI Division- Irrigation aide	Nick Des Lauriers, Irrigation Specialist
Outstanding Maintenance Performance	Golf	Golf Course- 2021 US open outstanding job	Agustin Cisnero, Equipment Tech II
Outstanding Program/Project	Admin	Asset Management	Charlie Daniels, Parks Designer
Outstanding Program/Project	Admin	Joint use coordination	Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer
Outstanding Program/Project	CPII	Aquatics- internship program	Kathy Castello, Area Manager
Outstanding Recreation Performance	Golf	Balboa Park Golf Course- excellent customer service	Mark Brown, Golf Operations Assistant
Outstanding Collaborative Group Project	CPII	Variety of pool projects – Bud Kearns, City Heights, Standley Joint Use Pool, and Multiple Major Repairs	DM: Nicole McNeil; SRS: Tracy Simmons, Sinthya Carranza; ASSET MGMT: Shannon Scoggins, Michelle Abella-Shon, Charlie Daniels, Paul Jacob
Outstanding Collaborative Group Project	CPII	Park de la Cruz- Open House	DM: Kristi Fenick, Carlos Rios; AM: Raul Contreras; SRS: Marla Davis; STRS: Gerald Cunanan, Julie Gregg; TRS: Michael Rodriguez, Sharon Moninger, Nick Hurd, Juan Razo, Haley Marshall, Caitlin Weston; GMW2: Marcelino Reyes, Brian Lewis; ARCD: Robert Tamayo; RCD: Salvador Partida

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Outstanding Collaborative Group Project	OS	Nature Exploration- Videos Ranger Super Stars	Park Rangers: Erika Weikel, Melanie Fontana, Mansour Habis, Moises Vasquez, Najja Lyon, Allison Palmer; RCD2: Lauren Baker; Sr. PR: Tiffany Swiderski, Michael Cassidy, Carey Goldstein, Mika Shimada-Cicirelli; Asset Mgmt: Ilisa Goldman
Outstanding Collaborative Group Project		Beyer Community Park – Prop 68 Grant Approval and Visit by the Secretary of the Interior	P&R: Danielle Nourie-Burns, Ryan Barbrick, Erek Estrada, Enrique Duran; ECP: Jennifer Scott, Darren Genova, and Nursa Poomchongkho
Outstanding Group Maintenance Project	CPI	Bill Cleator Project Team	GMW2: Guadalupe Lupian Godinez, Alberto Cortez, Gerardo Saucedo, Narciso Valencia, Magdaleno Correa, David Figueroa
Outstanding Group Maintenance Project	CPII	Chollas Little League Cleanup Project	AM: Dave Lee; GMS: Anuar "Elvis" Martinez; GMW: Jose Mendez, Mark Pollan, Javier Sandoval, James Kotz, Earl Henry, Marcelino Reyes, Joe Flores, Linda Madrid, Lonnie Alexander, Daniel Blankevoort, Maria Corrales; RL: Isaac Carillo, DM: Carlos Rios; PUS: John Arce; EO: Jose Delgado, Thinh Huynh, Francisco Lizarraga, Raymond Ruiz; Mower Operator: Ricardo Villalpando, Randi Pecson, Daniel Jaimes; Mowing Supervisor: Ron Purvis; DM: Albert Sais
Outstanding Group Maintenance Project	CPII	District 43- Clean Project	DM: Kim Mathis, RCD3: Enrique Araiza, Angel Contreras; RL: Hobie Guzman, Richard Mange, Johana Castillo, Aaron Arce, Gabriel Anguiano, Greg Raby, Valeria Vazquez, Alex Barraza, Terrance Miller, Abel Martinez; RA: Trevion Blackman; AM: Gordon Bordson; RCD2: Andre Rhodes; AM: Juan Lizarraga; DM: Carlos Rios; GMW2: Alexis

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			Hermosillo-Garcia, ARCD: Luis Torres- Mayoral; GMS: Scott Chouinard; GMW2: Jose Corrales, Willie Spain
Outstanding Group Non- Maintenance Project/Program	Admin	Payroll	Payroll Specialist: Dana Brown-Turner, Evelyn Gozum, Anna Jackson, Ursula Riley, Ronnette Barrow
Outstanding Group Non- Maintenance Project/Program	CPI	Shigella Response Team	DM: Salome Martinez, Steve Palle; AM: Anna Sonnenberg, Dave Lee; GMW2: Susie Yanez, Joe Flores; SMA: Sharon Ferguson; AA2: Dianna Di Giulio
Outstanding Group Non- Maintenance Project/Program	OS	Fall 2021 Mayor's youth development program: Back to Work SD Internship and Mentorship Program	PM: Sara Erazo; RCD2: Ashley Balingit; AM: Kathy Castello; RCD1: Alissa Cordova; SPM: David Fullen; Biologist: Sara Alle; SPR: OS, Mika Shimada- Cicirelli

- **FY 2023 Budget Development and FY 2022 Budget Monitoring**
  - Recent/Upcoming Budget Reports:
    - FY 2023 Proposed Budget Release – on or before April 15, 2022
    - FY 2022 Third Quarter Budget Monitoring – May 2022
  - Budget hearings will begin in early May; Mr. Field will advise when the Department will have its meeting with the City Council
- **Come Play Outside**
  - As noted in last month’s presentation, Program Manager Sarah Erazo has begun planning for the Summer for All of Us 2022 in collaboration with the **San Diego Parks Foundation**
- **Job Opportunities in Parks and Recreation**
  - Virtual Job Fairs will continue in 2022

- We are hiring ... job openings are posted now at <https://www.sandiego.gov/jobs> for:
  - Equipment Technician III - T10555-202110
  - Golf Course Superintendent - T11015-202202
  - Golf Operations Assistant - T11439-202105
  - Grounds Maintenance Manager - T11505-202202
  - Grounds Maintenance Worker II - T11457-202203
  - Laborer - T11178-202109
  - Park Designer - T10768-202201
  - Pesticide Applicator - T11472-202111
  - Pool Guard I - T10996-202103
  - Pool Guard II - T10997-202103
  - Program Manager/ Sr. Golf Course Superintendent Parks and Recreation Department (Unclassified)
  - Recreation Aide - T11355-202107
  - Recreation Leader I - T10975-202105
  - Recreation Leader II - T11348-202105
  - Swimming Pool Manager I - T10998-202103
  - Swimming Pool Manager II - T10999-202103
  - Swimming Pool Manager III - T11000-202103
  - Therapeutic Recreation Leader - T11314-202105
- **Parks Master Plan (Parks for All of Us):**
  - Copy of the plan is available on City's webpage at <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-for-all-of-us>
  - At the January meeting, members of the Board and public commenters asked for a delineation of duties; here is an overview of planned roles:

Action Item	Timeframe	Lead
<b>COMPLETED EFFORTS</b>		
Park Condition Index – results posted on Dept webpage	Complete	P&R
<b>UNDERWAY</b>		
Park Funding Prioritization Policy (new Council Policy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use of Citywide Park Development Impact Fee</li> </ul>	FY 2023	Joint
Council Policy 600-33 Update (Public Engagement)	FY 2023	P&R
Park Project Priority Implementation List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Balboa Park Pilot Project (Framework for the Future)</li> </ul>	FY 2023	P&R

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Park Design Review Board Feasibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balboa Park Pilot Project</li> </ul>	FY 2023	P&R
Parks Needs Index <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation Equity Audit</li> <li>Priority for needs assessment is in Communities of Concern</li> </ul>	FY 2023	Planning
Recreation Value Assessment	FY 2023	Planning
Principles of Equitable Engagement	FY 2023	Planning
Chollas Creek Master Plan	FY 2023	Planning
Citywide Trails Master Plan	FY 2023	Planning
<b>FUTURE ITEMS</b>		
Parks and Programming Communications Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comes after Needs Assessment is complete</li> <li>Focus on Communities of Concern first</li> </ul>	FY 2026	P&R
Consultant's Guide to Park Design and Development	FY 2026	P&R
Updates to Resource-Based & Historic Landmark Parks	FY 2026	TBD
Alternative Park Funding Mechanisms	FY 2026	TBD
Recreation Center and Aquatic Complex Equity Tool	FY 2026	TBD

- Council Policy 700-42 and Community Recreation Group Update**

- The Department continues to monitor the ongoing efforts to update the relationship between the City and the Community Planning Groups with a planned revision to Council Policy 600-24
- Land Use and Housing Committee received an update on this at its meeting of March 10, 2022
- After the relationship is settled and Council Policy 600-24 revised, the Department will use the same guiding principles for a revision to Council Policy 700-42 on Community Recreation Groups



- When the time is right, we will bring this matter back to the Board for additional public input and guidance
- Interim Standard Operating Procedures remain in effect for the time being
- **Play All Day/Joint Use:**
  - SDUSD Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Use Council Policy 700-35 was approved by City Council on November 2, 2021
  - Standley Pool on track to open in April 2022
  - Continuing to examine potential joint use locations in underserved communities
- **New Facilities/Groundbreaking and Grand Opening**
  - City Heights Pool – in final stages of construction with grand opening planned in April
  - Bud Kearns Pool – reopening with a free swim event on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with a ceremony featuring Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Stephen Whitburn
- **Street Vending/SB 946:**
  - City Council modified and approved the implementing ordinance for street vendors on 3/1/22; the second reading of the ordinance was 3/15/22
- **Pickleball**
  - The Department has created a resource page that outlines locations available to play pickleball:  
<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/pballlocations.pdf>
  - Our focus is to add pickleball onto existing hard courts where possible to maximize court utility
  - There is interest to create a larger pickleball venue somewhere in the City; some pickleball advocates are meeting with various community recreation groups and advisory committees to vet potential locations
  - Area Committee (combined) will hear an informational item on pickleball at its meeting of March 24, 2022
  - Mission Bay Park Committee will hear an informational item about a proposal to modify use at Peninsula Tennis Club from tennis to pickleball at its meeting of April 5, 2022
- **DeAnza Special Study Area**
  - On January 11, 2022, the City issued a Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and Scoping Meeting that includes study of the preferred De Anza Natural option
  - On January 24, 2022, the City held a public scoping meeting

- On March 1, 2022, the Mission Bay Park Committee will have an informational update on the De Anza Natural preferred option
- Today (on March 17, 2022), staff has an informational item for the Board
- **City Council Items:**
  - **Proposed curfew at 3 Pacific Beach-area parks (PB Library Grounds, Fanuel Street Park, and Bob McEvoy Fields)** approved by City Council on June 8, 2021; Coastal Commission review pending
  - Proposed modifications to **on-leash dog approved hours for Mission Bay Park** was approved by the Environment Committee on January 20, 2022, and it is pending City Council consideration
  - **Proposed Overnight Gated Closure of Certain Coastal and Bay Parking Areas package** is being developed for Coastal Commission to receive in April 2022
- **Employees of the Quarter** – none this month
- **Future Park and Recreation Board Agenda Items:**
  - Animal Services/Off-Leash Dogs/San Diego Humane Society Update
  - Hiring/Vacancies Update
- **Vacancies**
  - Mr. Field advised the Board that the Department currently has around 110 permanent, full-time vacant positions. These include grounds maintenance workers, mid-level supervisors, and a variety of office and administrative staff.
  - However, there are several hundred hourly vacancies that have been listed in reports issued by the Personnel Department. Hourly positions include recreation aide, recreation leader, pool guard, swimming pool manager-hourly, and golf operations assistant.
  - Each hourly employee can work anywhere from a couple hours per week to 20 hours per week.
  - Each recreation center is allocated a certain number of recreation leader/aide hours to ensure the building can be kept open for its scheduled hours. Sometimes a recreation center or pool can fulfill its hours with three or four hourly staff if assigned staff work more hours; other times, a recreation center will need seven or eight staff to reach its required hours if some staff only work a few hours per week.
  - This means the Department may have more seats for hourly employees than it needs, especially if more hourly positions are filled with staff able to work more hours.
  - More hourly positions are hired in the summer months when the Department ramps up for summer programming and extended activities while school is on summer break.

- The Department continues to do what it can to fill all vacant positions and ensure each recreation center and pool has sufficient staff to allow for regular operations.
- **Board Member Questions of Parks and Recreation Director**
  - Mr. Zosa – thanks for the pickleball update; glad this is recognized as a need and is part of the department’s efforts
  - Ms. Bothwell asked:
    - What is the process for the Street Vendor Ordinance (SVO) to be considered by the California Coastal Commission (CCC); when will this go to CCC? Mr. Field responded that the ordinance would take effect in inland areas first and that the CCC approval process is to be determined; Mr. Field will follow up to determine the next steps.
    - What is the process for education and enforcement of the vendors? Mr. Field responded that the park ranger staff may increase via the Proposed Annual Budget. Park ranger staff will focus on education and separation of uses, including provisions to ensure free speech areas are preserved. Development Services is also looking to boost its staff of Code Compliance officers to help with education and enforcement of the SVO.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**101. – Normal Heights Elementary School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan**

Presenter: Shannon Scoggins, Park Designer, Parks and Recreation

MOTION: Approve Staff Recommendation

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Becker/Mr. Gulley

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Gulley to approve the **Normal Heights Elementary School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan**. The motion was approved, 8-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Molly Chase, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, Pita Verdin and Noli Zosa. Nay: None. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not present: David Baron, Ron Cho, and Dennis Otsuji.

Public Comment:

<b>Commenter Name:</b>	<b>Summary of Comment:</b>
Ray Kauf	Mr. Kauf thinks it is totally absurd that anyone would think it is acceptable to leave this property unlocked overnight. There have been many issues on this campus and these children are in elementary school. They should NOT be exposed to harmful and inappropriate materials or behavior. Please vote yes to protecting the children in this community.
Estefania Garcia	Ms. Garcia is a parent at Normal Heights Elementary School and travels from Lomita Village just so both of her children could attend this school with great teachers. The only thing that has given her concerns would be the different items that people without shelter have left behind like needles. Kids being around these items, along with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, that many diseases and infection can be caught by kids just touching stuff. If gates remained closed, our kids would be safe from any of those things. Needles could hurt our kids severely. For the safety of our children, the school should be able to lock gates just to maintain this very peaceful and kid friendly environment. Teachers at this school work so hard to help students grow. We just want to keep this school safe so that every day we drop our kids off school we go feeling good knowing our kids are safe.
Margaret Ramos	Ms. Ramos is a concerned neighbor and parent of a child who attends Normal Heights Elementary. The school campus should be closed to the public. Years of neglect have led to the unsafe climate at the school. Our children should not pay the price! School campuses should always look and feel safe.
Michael Renner	<p>As a teacher at Normal Heights Elementary for the past 13 years, Mr. Renner has experienced firsthand the negative impacts to my school community due to the joint use agreement which opens the school grounds to the public after hours.</p> <p>The issues that have had the most significant negative impacts are: student/staff safety concerns as a result of public on campus; lewd acts committed towards students by public on campus; unsanitary conditions in lunch areas due to human waste and sexual activity occurring on top of lunch tables, drugs, drug paraphernalia, and broken bottles on the playground; homeless sleeping, camping, and defecating on campus; homeless washing clothing and bodies in drinking fountains; and dog feces on the playground.</p> <p>It is beyond time to amend the joint use agreement for the safety of our school community. Please amend the agreement to limit joint use to the upper soccer field area only and keep our school site closed to the public and safe for students and staff.</p>

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
Edward Bixler	Please consider closing off the campus for the safety of our children. The students do not need to be exposed to vandalism, homeless encampments, and inappropriate and unsafe materials left on campus. The purpose of the campus is to educate children. Since the closure of the campus, the main campus has been protected. Please do not make it worse again.
Laura Morales	Ms. Morales's daughter and friends encountered a homeless person on campus who was masturbating and exposed himself. Ms. Morales asked the Board to keep the campus safe and keep the public off the campus.
Elizabeth Chennamchetty	Kids have gone to school at Normal Heights for several years. The unique design creates a threat to the students when public use overlaps. No one should have to escort people away from the school campus at the same time kids arrive for the school day. Student safety is paramount. Hundreds of signatures confirm that the central campus should remain closed to the general public. No student should see semen on the mirror in the bathroom or find people exposing themselves. Having the gates locked recently has really helped.
John Aguilar	Mr. Aguilar is the principal of Normal Heights Elementary School. Supports keeping the campus closed to the public. The gate closures work, and the public stays out when they are locked.
Kim Emerson	Ms. Emerson is concerned about joint use issue between Normal Heights Elementary School and neighboring Ward Canyon Park. Please put the safety and health concerns of the children first.
Kim Hanson	How can Linda Vista residents gain joint use access to the unused portions of the Revere School campus off Comstock Street? It is unused for more than 20 years. The school district does not recognize it as their property to maintain it (Get It Done). It is a great place for a community garden.

Board Member Comment:

Ms. Verdin shared that no one from the other side was speaking for the residents using the joint use facility. Usually, joint use is a benefit to the community and neighborhood. But this does seem like quite a bit bad activity on this site.

Mr. Becker asked if the campus currently closed. Ms. Scoggins stated that the campus is closed; the City and school district agreed to a side letter to allow the central campus to be closed due to the ongoing security concerns caused by inappropriate use by the general public. It has been locked since 2019.

Mr. Becker also asked if the vagrancy issue moved to the adjacent park (Ward Canyon). Ms. Scoggins responded that she has not heard that to be the case, since the park does not have the same appurtenances (lunch shelter, electricity, etc.) as the

school. Principal Aguilar noted that the side letter was created in late 2019, and it stemmed from two particular issues with adult males on the campus. The real issue is that is such a unique layout where the public can walk through the central campus, but there are too many places for people to hide with limited lighting and visibility. Fencing would not work to fix the access problem.

Mr. Becker asked if these issues would impact the general development plan coming forward for Ward Canyon Park. Ms. Scoggins responded no. It should not change the Ward Canyon Park development process which is currently underway.

Ms. Bothwell pointed out while the joint use program is a success, this is an example where caution is needed to help protect children when attending school. Safety is very important.

**INFORMATION ITEM:**

**201. De Anza Natural and The De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan**

Presenters: Scott Sandel, Parks Planner, Planning Department  
 Becky Malone, Program Manager, Planning Department  
 Sameera Rao, Acting Program Manager, Planning Department

**Public Comment:**

<b>Commenter Name:</b>	<b>Summary of Comment:</b>
Joanna Hirst	<p>The planning process is first focused on the De Anza Cove Environmental Review, and those of us potentially in the area where ReWild is seeking to vastly expand marshland are extremely concerned. Pacific Beach Tennis Club is working with the youth ball teams who play adjacent to us at McEvoy Field, as well as the Mission Bay Golf Course and driving range, want to emphasize that each of these popular recreational activities are already having difficulty meeting the growing local demand.</p> <p>In Figure 3 of the De Anza Natural document (Jan. 11, 2022), only 45 acres is designated for “Active Recreation”. Planner Scott Sandel could not delineate how that “bubble diagram” compares to the land currently devoted to all the recreation facilities currently located in that corner. Ms. Hirst determined that over 2 million total hours of individual time is being spent annually at these De Anza Cove facilities.</p> <p>Ms. Hirst is hopeful that your Department can recognize that any reduction in recreational facilities would be a huge loss, and that San Diego’s constituents will expect that if there were to be recreational land use reduction, that alternate locations would be needed and expected before any changes are made.</p>

<b>Commenter Name:</b>	<b>Summary of Comment:</b>
Scott Chipman	<p>Parks and recreation are critically important to a healthy citizenry. This area of Mission Bay Park is by far the most utilized for recreation. There are over 2.3 million recreational hours utilizing the formal facilities in this area such as the golf course, youth fields, tennis club, etc. There are millions more hours of recreational camping each year. There are millions more hours occurring casually in playgrounds, grassy areas, beaches, pedestrian paths, and more. There are even more opportunities for adding needed recreation in this area such as demonstrated in the Mission Bay Gateway Plan. We need a sizable aquatic center, amphitheater, soccer field, skate park, adventure play, pickleball, and sand volleyball courts. We don't need less recreation, we need more.</p> <p>The expansion of Kendall Frost Marsh is great and there are other areas for additional marsh/habitat that don't restrict or reduce recreation such as at the mouth of Tecolote Creek. Let's implement a balanced plan that increases recreation and marshland and does not sacrifice much-needed recreation.</p> <p>In addition, the rezoning of the Mission Bay Drive transportation corridor will increase the population by about 8,000 individuals. This area of Mission Bay Park is essential for their recreation.</p>
Isabelle Kay	<p>Natural ecosystems in Mission Bay and the riches and ecosystem services of 4000 wetland acres have been reduced to 1%. Any calls for a "balanced plan" in the NE corner of Mission Bay in order to accommodate every recreational and business interest is misleading: the current uses of state tidelands in Mission Bay so greatly favor development and recreation that maximal wetland restoration in DeAnza Natural (DAN) would barely bring the total acreage back to 10% of its former extent, far short of the 30% that the Mission Bay Park Master Plan (MBPMP) envisions. DAN does not reflect the requirements of the SEP the State Water Board agreed to in lieu of \$2.5M in fines imposed for the Tecolote spill, including studies of greater wetlands restoration, closer to the Wildest option in the ReWild Mission Bay Study. To accomplish the legal and moral commitments detailed in its Parks Master Plan, Climate Action Plan, Multiple Species Conservation Plan, etc. and its responsibility to all its residents and visitors, particularly in future generations, the City will need to prioritize wetland restoration and all its benefits, including improved water quality, endangered species conservation, shoreline protection, public health and education, cultural healing, carbon sequestration, etc. These comments – especially those of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Chipman – demonstrate the need to plan Mission Bay Park as a whole, not piecemeal – so that non-water, non-coastally dependent</p>

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	leases are located more appropriately, and allow them to have more flexibility than the constraints that being adjacent to wetlands could allow (no night lighting, no noise, limited structures, fences to protect wildlife, etc.)
Mark Sullivan	Calling in on behalf of Mission Bay Youth Field Association, which includes Mission Bay Boys Baseball, Coastal Bay Youth Baseball, and Youth Soccer with use at Bob McEvoy Fields at DeAnza. The athletic fields were built with private donations in the 1950s and dedicated for the benefit of our youth in accordance with a 99-year lease agreement with the City that no one can find anymore. We are very concerned that the Notice of Preparation (NOP) would turn two fields into marsh and habitat and reduce the athletic area that would be determined in a future general development plan process. Golf, tennis, and athletic fields share this limited space. It will be difficult if not impossible to replace these youth fields within this reduced acreage. None of the other plans impact these fields, but this NOP has the most impactful. We would like to see the City reconsider this NOP and disagree that sea level rise will negatively impact the fields since there is at least ten feet from the current water level to the fields. The 44-acre GDP athletic area shown on the City's NOP covers the current footprint of the Mission Bay Golf Course. A \$6.8 million renovation of the golf course is underway currently. It is hard to understand how the athletic fields will be replaced if the City's NOP is implemented.
Jim Peugh	Mr. Sandel's plan did not show the Audubon Society plan "Wildest" option (Re-Wild Mission Bay). Audubon should have been invited to share the Wildest option. The DeAnza Natural plan does not have enough room for wetlands. Wildest option implements the Mission Bay Master Plan better than the DeAnza Natural plan. The Wildest option is needed to improve water quality from Rose Creek. Creating Wildest option would help with eco-tourism especially in the winter. Encourages the Board to have a presentation on the Wildest option from Audubon Society.
Christie D.	Ms. D. is a frequent swimmer in Mission Bay and volunteer for San Diego Audubon Society. Mission Bay water quality needs to improve. It is important to focus on water quality and wildlife on a level equivalent with the impacted recreation programs.
Chuck Dunn	Mr. Dunn is a volunteer for Re-Wild Mission Bay. Swims regularly in Mission Bay. Affordable lodging is a priority for the California Coastal Commission. It is important the request for proposals for affordable lodging be public and transparent. Placing another resort into De Anza Natural does not make sense and is inconsistent with the surrounding restoration.
Muriel Spooner	Ms. Spooner is a member of San Diego Audubon who supports the Re-Wild Wildest plan. This will help reduce the impacts of



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	climate change and sea level rise. We need more areas of nature for the well-being of the planet.
Marshall Anderson	Mr. Anderson had intended to speak but had left the meeting before his opportunity arrived.

Board Member Comment:

Mr. Gulley asked if any progress has been made with the removal of mobile homes at De Anza. Mr. Sandel noted that efforts via the Department of Real Estate and Airports Management continue to help remove the units which have hazardous waste. Mr. Gulley asked also where the commercial Campland facilities would move to. Mr. Sandel showed a graphic that showed the current location of Campland and possible new location for a camping experience (pink area on the map). Mr. Gulley asked if the golf course will remain. Mr. Sandel noted the golf course is the green/dark green area; a future general development plan could identify if golf remains intact or if new recreation facilities are placed in that area. Along Rose Creek, many uses are right along the creek, and sea level rise will not be allowed those uses to remain so close to the water. So, the recreation elements would move further east.

Mr. Becker asked what the hydrology and water quality impacts were being studied in the programmatic environmental impact report (PEIR). Ms. Malone responded that she was not certain of the level of detail in the analysis. This is a planning document that will begin the discussion with additional studies to follow for more details during the design phase of specific projects. Mr. Becker also asked what can be done to move different uses. Ms. Malone indicated the PEIR will look impacts of changing land use designations in this area of Mission Bay Park, but it won't look at higher level of detail, such as a new Boat and Ski Club.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

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**Next Calendared Meeting:** April 21, 2022

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