

**PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENDA**

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, July 11, 2024
4:00 P.M.**

**BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT
BALBOA PARK CLUB
SANTA FE ROOM
2150 Pan American Road West
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

Chair: Allison Soares

Board Members: Molly Chase, Howard Blackson, Chris Eddy, Kathy Vandenheuvel, Makeda Cheatom, Dang Nguyen, Mary McKenzie, Timothy Shields, Michael Robinson

Deputy Director: Jon Richards

Public Comment:

Each speaker must file a written request (speaker slip) at the meeting at which the speaker wishes to speak indicating which item they wish to speak on. Each speaker may speak up to three minutes, subject to the Chair's determination of the time available for meeting management purposes.

Written Comment through Webform:

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments using the [Webform](https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment) <https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment>. If using the webform, indicate the agenda item number you wish to submit a comment for. Instructions for word limitations and deadlines are noted on the webform. On the webform, members of the public should select Balboa Park Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2024 MEETING

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

City Council District 3 - Emily Bonner
Assemlbmember 78th District – Michael Bravo
Deputy Director - Jon Richards

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES (Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair; however, comments are limited to no more than three minutes.)

Forever Balboa Park – Jacqueline Higgins
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership - Peter Comiskey
Committee of 100 - Ross Porter
Save Starlight - Steve Stopper
Village Arts & Education Foundation- Frank Casciani

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

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 [webforms](#) have been submitted or there is no live (in-person) Public Comment in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on Consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation in the staff report, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

DISCUSSION AGENDA

- Item 1: World Athletics Road Running Championships-San Diego 2025 presenter Tracy Sundlun, WARRC requesting to host the 2025 World Athletics Road Running Championships in Balboa Park. The event will consist of 3 different races dates with multiple races on the first two days. The event will set up on the lawns along 6th Avenue from Laurel South Lawn up to Upas Street beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. through Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The first race will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025 for the 1 Mile Championships with the first race starting at 1:30 p.m. The 1 Mile Championships will have 16 races every 20-25 minutes with the last race starting at 4:35 p.m. No bridge closure of Friday, September 26, 2025. The second race will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 for the 5K Championships with the first race starting at 7:00 a.m. The 5K Championships will have 11 races every 25-30 minutes with the last race starting at 10:45 a.m. The bridge will reopen by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The third race will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025 for the half Marathon Championship. The half Marathon race will start at 6:30 a.m. and the bridge will reopen by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The event will load out on Monday, September 29, 2025 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Staff Recommendation: Parks and Recreation staff recommendation is to approve the event for 2025, with the condition they collaborate with The Haunted Trail and accommodate the reopening of Balboa Drive to vehicular traffic on Friday, September 26, 2025 through Sunday, September 28, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. each day.

- Item 2: Pershing Bikeway Grand Opening and Community Event. Presenter: Chris Carterette, Sandag, Brandy Sweitzer, Sandag, Event will celebrate the new bikeway and walkway along Pershing Drive. Participants will conduct a self-guided bike ride or walk along Pershing Drive towards B. Street (Pedestrian Bridge). Participants will turn around and bike ride or walk back-up Pershing Drive returning to Bird Park. Participants will be privy to a brief speaking program by an elected official, costume contact, interpretive presentation, and food trucks.

The event will set up at Bird Park between 28th Street and Pershing Drive. Event set-up: Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Event time: Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Event breakdown: Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. No bridge, parking lot, or road closures. Amplified sound will start at 9:30 a.m.

Staff Recommendation: Parks and Recreation staff recommendation is to approve the event as presented.

Item 3: Grape Street. Park: Renaming. Presenter: Sarita Flaming

Staff Recommendation: Parks and Recreation staff recommendation is to approve the renaming event as presented.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

None

INFORMATION AGENDA

Item 4: 6th and Juniper Roundabout. Presenter: Louis Schultz, Senior Civil Engineer, Heidi Leon, Associate Engineer.

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

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