

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 4, 2024

Budget Update:

- Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End Financial Performance Report
 - October 9, 2024 – release report
 - October 16, 2024 – Budget and Government Efficiency Committee review
 - October 28, 2024 – City Council review
- Five-Year Financial Outlook (Fiscal Year 2026 through 2030): The Department is preparing its initial submission for this effort, which will be released publicly in late fall.
- Fiscal Year 2025 First Quarter Budget Monitoring: The reporting period ends on September 30, 2024, so the Department will prepare its submission in October for a report that will be released before the end of the calendar year.

Childcare Updates: No new updates since last month. The latest information on cultivating a care-friendly city can be found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/child-youth-success/early-learning>. Resources for initiating a childcare business can be found on this landing page.

Community Recreation Groups and Council Policy 700-42 Reform:

Preparations for an update to Council Policy 700-42 for Community Recreation Groups is still under development. Public input on the draft policy would include a workshop here at the Parks and Recreation Board and at the Area Committee, with the possibility of an ad-hoc committee for additional review and comment as needed.

Parks in the News:

- **Beyer Community Park Groundbreaking:** Construction of this new park in San Ysidro/Otay Mesa began the week of August 20, 2024. On Thursday,

September 5, 2024, the community will celebrate a groundbreaking at 8:00 a.m. Both Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Vivian Moreno will attend, along with guests from various agencies and nonprofits that have supported this park through several grant awards and partnerships. The project is anticipated to be completed in spring 2026.

Link: <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/after-50-years-city-to-begin-construction-on-beyer-park-in-san-ysidro/3602865/>

- **“Bubble Pirate” Cited for Littering:** A park ranger cited a performer for littering prohibited fluids at La Jolla Cove on August 24, 2024. The City values the rights of community members to engage in expressive activity in City parks, including artistic expression. This requires those engaging in these activities to do so in accordance with other City codes and regulations, including those related to littering and disposal of waste.

Link: <https://fox5sandiego.com/news/local-news/bubble-pirate-cited-for-littering-during-public-performance/>

- **Grape Street Park Renaming Ceremony on September 14, 2024:** Two San Diego police officers that died in the line of duty back in 1984 are being honored 40 years later. September 14, 2024, marks 40 years since San Diego Police Officers Kimberly Tonahill and Timothy Ruopp were both fatally shot by an armed suspect while issuing a citation at Grape Street Park. Grape Street Dog Park in San Diego’s South Park neighborhood at 28th and Grape Street will officially be renamed to “Tonahill – Ruopp Park” in a public ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024, according to the City of San Diego.

Link: <https://fox5sandiego.com/news/local-news/san-diego-park-to-be-renamed-in-honor-of-officers-killed-40-years-ago/>

- **Mira Mesa Community Park Phase 2 Expansion (Trees Removals):** An opinion piece from the Times of San Diego on August 29, 2024, noted a planned improvement project for Mira Mesa Community Park will remove numerous mature trees and questioned why the project design required so many tree removals. To accommodate the proposed improvements at the site, 68 trees will be removed, and four trees will be relocated to a different

area of the park. To offset the tree removals, 75 new trees will be planted throughout the park, increasing the total number of trees. There are also 81 trees that will remain in place, untouched.

Link: <https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2024/08/29/why-must-improving-mira-mesa-community-park-require-removal-of-mature-trees/>.

- **Ocean Beach Pier Will Not Reopen:** On Friday, August 23, 2024, the City indicated it will no longer work toward repairing the existing Ocean Beach Pier. The 58-year-old pier (built in 1966) has been closed since it was damaged by high surf in October 2023. The City has spent at least \$1.7 million on temporary fixes over the past five years, and the pier's been closed about 30% of the time since early 2019. Further damage occurred last December when a support bracket broke off and fell into the ocean. A report by Moffatt and Nichol provides a detailed analysis of the pier; it can be found at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-08/08-22-24-final-ob-pier-2024-stabilization-concepts-memo-3_r3-compiled.pdf.

Efforts are focused on replacement options. Information on the proposed replacement is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/cip/ocean-beach-pier-renewal>. A State grant in the amount of \$8.4 million is funding initial design work on the replacement pier.

Links: <https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/ocean-beach-pier-wont-reopen-replacement-repairs/3604980/> and <https://www.axios.com/local/sandiego/2024/08/23/ocean-beach-pier-closed-storm-damage-new-structure>.

- **World Design Capital Exchange Pavilion in Balboa Park Opens:** On August 14, 2024, the new Exchange Pavilion opened in the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park, next to the San Diego Museum of Art. Part of the World Design Capital designation shared by San Diego and Tijuana, the pavilion is a curving orange wall held by a white metal structure that mimics the border wall, with a gap at the bottom that lets people enter the pavilion. Lectures and other activations are planned through the fall, including “Envision Balboa Park” on Thursday October 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Exchange Pavilion will remain in place until around Thanksgiving.

Link: <https://www.kpbs.org/news/local/2024/08/14/pavilion-in-balboa-park-celebrates-san-diego-tijuana-as-world-design-capital>

Parks Master Plan and City Planning Updates:

- **Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park Master Plan Update:** No update. Information on the development of the master plan is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/chollas-creek-master-plan>.
- **Community Plan Updates:** The latest information can be found on the City Planning Department's webpage at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans/updates>.
 - **Mid-City Communities Plan Update:** No update.
 - **College Area Community Plan Update:** No update.
 - **Clairemont Community Plan Update:** No update.
- **Parks Master Plan:** As noted last month, Parks and Recreation Department staff is preparing a Status Update of Parks Master Plan Policies and Recommendations for Fall 2024. This update will provide the status of responding to the following 142 policies and recommendations (sorted by category):
 - Access: 6 recommendations
 - Activation: 7 recommendations
 - Arts and Culture: 14 recommendations
 - Co-Benefits: 9 recommendations
 - Community Building: 8 recommendations
 - Conservation, Sustainability, and Resilience: 31 recommendations
 - Equity: 11 recommendations
 - Funding: 16 recommendations
 - Mobility as Recreation: 4 recommendations
 - Operations and Maintenance: 11 recommendations
 - Parks and Programming: 14 recommendations

- Partnerships: 4 recommendations
- Regional Parks: 7 recommendations

The Parks Master Plan and related documents can be found at the Parks for All of Us webpage (<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-for-all-of-us>) or <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/parks-master-plan>.

- **Trails Master Plan:** No update. The latest information can be found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/citywide-trails-master-plan>.

Parks and Recreation Board Update:

The Board has several upcoming topics in fall and winter that might be of interest to attendees of the Area Committee meeting, including:

- Animal Services
- Aquatics
- Brush Management
- Chair's Award for Community Service
- Chollas Creek Flood Mitigation Modifications
- Council Policy 700-42 Community Recreation Group Reform
- Joint Use
- Communities Plan Updates
- Opportunity Fund
- Parks Master Plan

Recreation Programs, Activities, and Events: Summer programming ended with the completion of Parks After Dark and summer camps. School is now back in session for most locations.

Check the recreation center webpages (<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers>) for information on fall programming, including the Department's Fall Event List at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-08/2024-fall-events-flyer.pdf>. This includes events centered around the upcoming Halloween events around the City.

The event calendar can be found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/event-calendar>.

The Department's permit page (<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/permits>) contains information on permits, events, and special use permits.

Recruitment Update: The Department has a 21% vacancy rate and is hiring! Each department must submit a request to fill for each position hired, which has slowed hiring somewhat. Interviews are being conducted currently for several roles, including entry-level positions.

Here are some jobs currently open for application. Please pass this information along to interested parties/prospective applicants:

Position	Salary	Closing date
Aquatics Technician II	\$26.41 - \$31.46/hr	9/9/2024
Electrician	\$34.63 - \$41.57/hr	Continuous
Grounds Maintenance Worker II	\$22.28 - \$26.52/hr	Continuous
Heavy Truck Driver I	\$24.20 - \$28.85/hr	9/3/2024
Irrigation Specialist	\$25.92 - \$31.00/hr	9/16/2024
Management Trainee	\$26.14 - \$31.54/hr	9/9/2024
Pesticide Applicator	\$27.03 - \$32.24/hr	Continuous
Pool Guard I	\$18.51 - \$22.29/hr	Continuous
Pool Guard II	\$20.31 - \$24.47/hr	Continuous
Recreation Aide	\$18.70/ hr	Continuous
Recreation Center Director I	\$24.95 - \$30.05/hr	9/3/2024
Recreation Center Director II	\$26.82 - \$32.26/hr	9/3/2024
Recreation Leader I	\$17.64 - \$19.29/hr	Continuous
Recreation Leader II	\$18.47 - \$22.25/hr	Continuous
Senior Management Analyst	\$42.03 - \$50.82/hr	9/16/2024
Senior Planner	\$48.51 - \$58.66/hr	9/3/2024
Seven-Gang Mower Operator	\$25.19 - \$30.17/hr	9/16/2024
Supervising Aquatics Recreation Specialist	\$34.77 - \$42.13/hr	9/16/2024
Supervising Management Analyst	\$45.06 - \$54.59/hr	9/16/2024
Swimming Pool Manager I	\$23.34 - \$28.07/hr	Continuous
Swimming Pool Manager II	\$27.30 - \$32.98/hr	Continuous
Swimming Pool Manager III	\$30.06 - \$36.29/hr	Continuous
Water Safety Instructor	\$18.51 - \$22.29/hr	Continuous

Sidewalk Vending Ordinance (SVO): No update.

Webpage Updates: No update. See <https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation> for all the latest information on the Department.

Employees of the Quarter: No update. For a complete list of recent employees of the quarter and employees of the year, see <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/employee-of-the-quarter>. The Department is considering a recommendation from the August meeting to create an application process for members of the community to nominate a City employee for employee of the quarter.

An announcement for employees of the year is forthcoming later this fall.

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Staff Reports

Community Parks I – reported by Salome Martinez

- Selection of the District Manager for District 40 should occur within the next week
- Department-wide interviews for the Area Manager, Recreation Center Directors, Assistant Recreation Center Director, GMW II and III classifications are expected to take place from mid-September to early October.
- CPI had a successful Summer programming wise. We offered day camps at more sites than we have in the past; hosted Parks After Darks and Teen Nite at Linda Vista; youth sports leagues and camps throughout the division; hosted 34 Movies in the Park events
- For the Fall, CPI will be hosting 11 more movies and several Halloween themed events.

Community Parks II – reported by Nicole McNeil

- Beyer Park Groundbreaking Ceremony – Thursday September 5, 2024 @ 8am
- Open house style event will be held at Emerson Joint Use field on Friday September 13th. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. This family friendly event will include a jumper, arts and crafts, light refreshments and registrations for fall programs, including flag football program which will be hosted at this site.
- Gearing up for the annual Haunted Trails field trip which will entail transporting by bus 500 Teens from our rec centers and pools for free. Bus transportation and entries sponsored by the Haunted Trail owner Greg DeFatta.
- Cheer and Drone Soccer coming soon to our 2024-2025 season.
- Annual pool maintenance schedule has been published. It is currently posted online.

- Carmel Mountain Pool is operating at full swing. We are still working to solidify a grand opening date and time, and in working with our communications team we intend to share that information via media release.
- Offers have been made for WSIs. New classification in Aquatics District.
- NTC- We'd like to invite you attend and spread the word. The first workshop to discuss the NTC Aquatic Center Project. The project is to build an aquatic center at NTC Park, which is in the NTC Liberty Station General Development Plan. The project scope may include constructing a competition pool, recreational pool and leisure pool with water and playground features, spectator seating, and a facility with locker rooms within the currently vacant Building 619. This workshop will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Point Loma Library Conference Room.

Balboa Park Stakeholder Updates – September 2024

Reported by Jon Richards

State of Balboa Park – On August 8, 2024, Mayor Gloria presented his State of Balboa Park Address at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Click on the following link for more info and a video:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/insidesd/mayor-gloria-highlights-power-partnerships-second-annual-state-balboa-park-address> .

Balboa Park Committee – The next scheduled meeting will occur on **Thursday, October 3, 2024**, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. There was no meeting in August. Find more information here:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/boards/bpc>

Pershing Bikeway along Balboa Park - The Pershing Bikeway project is complete and now open to the public for use. Find more information here: <https://www.sandag.org/news/sandag-celebrates-opening-of-pershing-bikeway-2024-07-27>

Starlight Bowl Request for Proposal – The City of San Diego is looking for organizations or individuals interested in bringing the historic and famed Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park back to life. The request for proposal can be accessed through the City’s website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/insidesd/city-san-diego-seeking-rehabilitate-and-reopen-starlight-bowl> Proposals must be submitted by 4 p.m. on November 14, 2024.

Upcoming Events (not an exhaustive list)

Balboa Park Events Calendar coming soon –City of San Diego staff will be adding a link to Balboa Park’s webpage to display a calendar of events that are permitted in the park. The calendar will not be for every activity in the park; however, it will display larger activities/events with 100 or more people in attendance. Look for this addition in October.

Renaming of Grape St. Park – On September 14th at 10:00 a.m., the City of San Diego will be holding a dedication ceremony for the renaming of Grape St. Park to “Officer Tonahill and Officer Ruopp Memorial Park”.

San Diego Heart and Stroke Walk – The event will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2024, starting at 6:30 a.m. Please note that the event temporarily closes SR 163 Northbound, from Park Blvd. to Robinson Ave. The route map and more information can be found here:

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=10698&pg=informational&type=fr_informational&sid=1020

World Design Capital Pavilion in Balboa Park– [World Design Experience Opening Celebration](#), is happening at the Exchange Pavilion on September 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Haunted Trails Coming soon to the West Mesa – Opening from September 27th – November 2nd, 2024. Find more information here: <https://hauntedtrail.net/>