

City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

Meeting Held by In Person and Teleconference:

This meeting was held at Balboa Park Club - Ballroom and 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.

Members Present	Members Absent	City Staff Present
Martin Armstrong Dr. Andrea Dooley Shaina Gross Rick Gulley Daniele Laman Dr. Judith Munoz Evelyn Smith Allison Soares Agatha Wein	Nick Anastasopoulos Marcella Bothwell	Michelle Abella-Shon Ryan Barbrick Kathleen Brand (Virtual) Benny Cartwright (Virtual) Gina Dulay (Virtual) Andy Field Louis Merlin Elvi Ricafort Scott Sandel (Virtual) Andre Smith Gabriela Verendia

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Rick Gulley at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

MOVED/SECONDED

Ms. Laman/Dr. Munoz

A motion was made by Ms. Laman and seconded by Dr. Munoz to approve the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Martin Armstrong, Dr. Andrea Dooley, Shaina Gross,

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Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr. Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, Allison Soares, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Marcella Bothwell.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – No non-adoption agenda public comment was submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA – No items were submitted for the consent agenda.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – No items were requested for continuance.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications were submitted.

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

101. Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF) Reallocation

Program Manager Ryan Barbrick indicated that project savings from the Balboa Park Botanical Building can be reallocated to other eligible Regional Park Improvement Fund projects. This action is to reallocate funding to multiple capital projects: Black Mountain Mine Remediation, Crystal Pier Improvements, El Cuervo Adobe Improvements, Golf Course Drive Improvements, and West Sycamore Staging Area.

MOTION/SECONDED:

Ms. Wein/Dr. Dooley

Ms. Wein moved to approve the staff recommendation and was seconded by Dr. Dooley. The motion was approved 7-2-0 and passed unanimously with the following vote: Yea: Dr. Andrea Dooley, Dr. Judith Munoz, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Evelyn Smith, Allison Soares, and Agatha Wein. Nay: Martin Armstrong, and Daniele Laman. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Marcella Bothwell

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Ms. Laman asked if these projects are nearing construction. Mr. Barbrick responded yes, and all projects are nearing completion.

Ms. Gross asked if any of these projects are in communities of concern. Director Field said that none of these projects in this particular request are within communities of concern, but future requests will include communities of concern. He added that the staff will soon be introducing projects for the upcoming budget development process that will be in communities of concern, and staff will present a more thorough capital projects overview projects at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Armstrong asked whether surplus funds should be set aside for emergency projects. Director Field responded that there are several factors to consider. We have to request the board to move the money around based on the recent information that we have for the projects being presented and per direction of Department of Finance (DoF) we need to spend

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our money in the projects that are already in the completion cycle and to get them off the books.

Dr. Munoz asked if it is accurate to say these surplus funds cannot be held in reserve. Director Field agreed with Dr. Munoz and that the funds must be allocated to projects and expended.

INFORMATION ITEMS None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: There were no workshop items.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Copies of the reports, attachments, PowerPoint presentations, and audio-video recordings can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/parkandrecboard/reports>.

Next Calendared Meeting: November 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Andy Field
Director
Parks and Recreation Department