

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
February 4, 2025**

Meeting Location:

Santa Clara Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address:

Balboa Park
Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Cindy Adams
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Cathie Jolley
Jeff Johnson
Ryan Karlsgodt
Steve Pinard
Julie Roland

Members Absent

Judith Munoz

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Cris Amezcua
Mayra Medel
Ryan Barbrick
Patrick Hadley
Karen Dennison
Karolynn Estrada

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – January 7, 2024

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by B. Butkiewicz to approve the January 7, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 8-0 with 2 abstentions (C. Jolley, J. Roland)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE - none

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS - none

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – none

CITY STAFF REPORT - none

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member)

101. none

Adoption (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to consent by action of the committee)

201. Fiscal Year 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager, City of San Diego, Parks and Recreation Department presented Proposed Fund Allocation Recommendations as follows:

Request the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to allocate \$12,015,533 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the following projects:

- Dusty Rhodes Playground, CIP# B19181, \$734,094
- Mission Beach Temporary Lifeguard Station, CIP# TBD, \$2,000,000
- Robb Field Comfort Station Improvements, CIP# B19174, \$384,000
- Robb Field Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19157, \$4,077,000
- Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement, CIP# B19133, \$316,586
- Rose Marie Starns South Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19163, \$1,674,295
- South De Anza Basketball Courts and Playground, CIP# B19173, \$2,354,673
- South De Anza Parking Lot, CIP# B19162, \$241,000
- Sunset Point Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19159, \$233,885

It was stated that funds cannot be allocated for wetlands projects until 2027 or until the completion of the MB PEIR

Ryan Karlsgodt asked about the SeaWorld \$8.5 M settlement. Ryan replied that it should be arriving anytime

Chuck Dunning stated that he is frustrated waiting for answers to his questions regarding Campland, LLC and Northeast MB, LLC lease agreements

Giovanni asked about funding for the Ocean Beach Gateway project which is now moving forward with 100% design

There were discussions regarding California Coastal Commission's review of the DeAnza Natural Plan, and a request for a hydrology report. DeAnza Natural Plan is still in the Planning phase and will require future funding to begin work

Ryan Karlsgodt commented about use of Improvement Funds for deferred maintenance projects as the priorities listed in Charter 55.2 are for wetlands restoration

Jeff Johnson stated that deferred maintenance projects for public safety can be done right now. He also expressed his concerns regarding overhead costs for park improvement projects managed by E&CP. He sees future funding going toward wetlands restoration, shoreline restoration and improved water quality projects

Kianna Monaco submitted an on-line comment requesting to designate funding for wetlands restoration and habitat improvement projects in this year's budget to help improve the City's quality of life

Andrew Meyer with SD Bird Alliance submitted an on-line comment requesting the use of MB Improvement Funds to fund wetlands restoration and habitat improvement projects as City Charter requires. The Committee should allocate \$1M of this year's budget to fund next steps of DeAnza Natural Plan

Karen Zirk with Friends of Rose Creek feels that Charter 55.2 is clear, wetlands restoration should take priority over deferred maintenance projects. We need to take action and start funding wetlands projects in the FY26 budget

Savannah Stallings with SD Bird Alliance recommends setting money aside to start funding wetlands restoration projects. Water quality improvements are needed now

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by C. Jolley and seconded by S. Pinard to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds allocations request as presented with staff recommendation. The motion carried 6-4, (with R. Karlsgodt, J. Roland, C, Dunning and B. Butkiewicz voting no)

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. none

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. none

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.
Notice of next regularly scheduled meeting: **TBD**. The March 4, 2025 MBPIFOC meeting has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues
District Manager, Mission Bay Park