

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions  
San Diego Parks and Recreation Department  
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
January 7, 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  
Jeff Johnson  
Ryan Karlsgodt  
Steve Pinard

**Members Absent**

Cathie Jolley  
Judith Munoz  
Julie Roland

**Guests**

Joe Furfaro  
Mike Beltran

**City Staff Present**

Cris Amezcua  
Mayra Medel  
Ryan Barbrick  
Carrie Munson  
Cambria Head  
Brian Clark  
Matt Helm  
Kyle Elser  
Andy Horita  
Gina Rouza

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – December 3, 2024

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by C. Adams and seconded by R. Karlsgodt to approve the December 3, 2024 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0 with 2 abstentions (B. Butkiewicz, G. Ingolia)

**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 2025 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager with Parks and Recreation Department provided proposed Reallocation Recommendations for approval. Projects that are in construction or near construction are funded to move forward. Ryan responded to Jeff’s question confirming there are no delays with the Dusty Rhodes project. Chuck asked by additional funds are needed for comfort station projects in construction. Ryan explained that change orders are received during construction that require additional funds.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by C. Dunning and seconded by R. Karlsgodt to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds reallocations request as presented with staff recommendation. The motion carried 7-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

301. Fiscal Year 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department provided proposed allocation of funds recommendations. City staff is projecting \$12,015,533.00 of MBPIF available to allocate in Fiscal Year 2026. The allocation is based on historical data and audited revenue funds

The Department’s initial recommendations are as follows: Dusty Rhodes Playground, CIP# B19181, \$734,094.00; Robb Field Comfort Station Improvements, CIP# B19174, \$384,000.00; Robb Field Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19157, \$4,077,000.00; Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement, CIP# B19133, \$2,316,586.00; Rose Marie Starns South Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19163, \$1,674,295.00; South De Anza Basketball Courts and Playground, CIP# B22004, \$2,354,673.00; South De Anza Parking Lot, CIP# B19162, \$241,000.00; Sunset Point Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19159, \$233,885.00

Steve asked how Rose Marine Starns parking lot was selected for funding. He questioned spending money on Rose Marie Starns parking lot since South Shores is currently under a GDP Amendment process. Ryan explained the Rose Marie Starns parking lot is in need of repaving, and the timeline to implement projects from South Shores GDP Amendment is unknown.

Jeff commented about SeaWorld payment and how that money will be allocated. Ryan said that money has not been received or allocated.

Bernadette requested a change order showing detailed line-item breakout and rates. Ryan will provide next meeting.

Chuck asked if Rose Creek is back on the project list. Mayra Medel referred Chuck to the FY26 MBIF memorandum before the committee. The memo explains that the portion of Rose Creek north of the boundaries of De Anza Natural Amendment and south of In-N-Out is planned to be incorporated in the to General Development Plan process that would follow certification of the De Anza Natural Amendment by the California Coastal Commission and City Council.

Karen Zirk with Friends of Rose Creek questioned following priorities for use of Improvement Funds with priority one as wetlands restoration.

302. Performance Audit of the Mission Bay and the San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Funds' Financial Activity in Fiscal Year 2023 - Kyle Elser, Principal Investigator with Office of the City Auditor provided a presentation on the Improvement Funds FY 23 performance audit results with recommendations

Bernadette requested to know what the two FY21 recommendations were. Kyle will provide the information.

Ryan asked whether the audit assesses for compliance with Charter priorities for park improvement projects

Bernadette inquired about canceled projects and De Anza funding. Kyle will provide the information.

Giovanni also inquired about cancelled projects

Jeff shared concerns about amount of money used for project management by E&CP

303. City Auditor's Hotline Investigation of Boat Storage Permits

Andy Horita, Senior Fraud Investigator from Office of the City Auditor provided results for a Hotline report investigation that was substantiated.

Results include:

City's boat storage program charges lower fee than other jurisdictions; The current fees only cover part of estimated staff costs; The City may not have received significant revenue to manage the program efficiently and effectively; Fees should be calculated based on the use of City property and comparison to other jurisdictions rather than staff costs; There were clerical errors with permitting some boat storage; Waiting lists are excessive and boat storage permits are able to be renewed perpetually, which limits the supply of permit available. Impacts of wider boats should be considered as well as more storage locations. Some boat storage racks are in need of repair. Lifeguards recently removed 29 abandoned boats and took compliance actions against 44 others, however it has been many years since prior enforcement. The investigation concluded by providing several recommendations to improve the boat storage program

Ryan asked about permitting for boat storage and whether they have been issued

Giovanni inquired about the 20-year waiting lists

Steve asked whether permit fees for beach bars benefit the Mission Bay Improvement Fund. Andy confirmed that permit fees collected for beach bars do not benefit they MBIF. The beach bar permit fees benefit the General Fund.

Chuck asked why the City is not charging market rates for beach bar permits

Jeff indicated that if this were an action item and not an info item, his vote would be to use General Fund budget for beach bar maintenance since the permit fees benefit the General Fund. There was brief discussion about there being higher priority projects within Mission Bay that should receive funding from the MBIF.

Bernadette asked whether there is any data on how many people live in their boats. Andy clarified the hotline report was for beach bars and not moorings.

#### **WORKSHOP ITEMS**

401. none

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.  
Notice of next regularly scheduled meeting: February 4, 2025 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cris Amezcua* “Acting: District Manager, Mission Bay Park