

City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2025

“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
Nick Anastasopoulos Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Dr. Andrea Dooley Shaina Gross Rick Gulley (Vice-Chair) Daniele Laman Dr. Judith Munoz Evelyn Smith Agatha Wein	Martin Armstrong Allison Soares	Michelle Abella-Shon Ryan Barbrick Karen Dennison Danielle Nourie-Burns Elvi Ricafort Andre Smith Gabriela Verendia

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Bothwell at 4:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Anastasopoulos/Mr. Gulley

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Gulley 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: Nick Anastasopoulos, Marcella Bothwell, Dr. Andrea Dooley, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr. Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Martin Armstrong and Allison Soares.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

101. Fiscal Year 2025 Regional Park Improvement Funds – Proposed Reallocation Recommendations

Program Manager Ryan Barbrick presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Regional Park Improvement Funds – Proposed Reallocation Recommendations.

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Anastasopoulos/Mr. Gulley

Mr. Anastasopoulos moved to approve the staff recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Gulley. The motion was approved 9-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Marcella Bothwell, Dr. Andrea Dooley, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr. Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Martin Armstrong and Allison Soares.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment:

Ms. Gross asked why Santa Cruz stairs were cancelled instead of Narragansett Ave stairs, and if they will be closed. Mr. Barbrick explained that we could not afford the construction which was earmarked at over \$10M and could instead fund two other projects with that money. Mr. Barbrick confirmed the stairs they will be closed for time being.

Ms. Laman asked when Mr. Barbrick will have update on all Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF) funded projects. Mr. Barbrick responded that he will work on getting this to the board.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

201. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Park Improvement Funds Budget Initial Recommendations

Program Manager Ryan Barbrick presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Park Improvement Funds Budget Initial Recommendations.

Public Comment:

Sally Smull from Emerald Hills thanked Ryan for funding Emerald Hills moving forward to receive \$750K and anything for Chollas Creek Watershed is much appreciated.

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Board Comment:

Ms. Laman asked if Chollas Creek Watershed would receive allocation. Mr. Barbrick confirmed that it will receive funding in future fiscal years.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: There were no workshop items.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 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: February 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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