

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
AGENDA**

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, June 6, 2024  
4:00 P.M.**

**BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT  
BALBOA PARK CLUB  
SANTA FE ROOM  
2150 Pan American Road West  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

**Chair:** Allison Soares

**Board Members:** Molly Chase, Howard Blackson, Chris Eddy, Kathy Vandenheuvel, Makeda Cheatom, Dang Nguyen, Mary McKenzie, Timothy Shields, Michael Robinson

**Deputy Director:** Jon Richards

**Public Comment:**

Each speaker must file a written request (speaker slip) at the meeting at which the speaker wishes to speak indicating which item they wish to speak on. Each speaker may speak up to three minutes, subject to the Chair's determination of the time available for meeting management purposes.

**Written Comment through Webform:**

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments using the [Webform](https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment) <https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment>. If using the webform, indicate the agenda item number you wish to submit a comment for. Instructions for word limitations and deadlines are noted on the webform. On the webform, members of the public should select Balboa Park Committee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2024 MEETING**

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**STAFF REPORTS**

City Council District 3 - Emily Bonner  
Assemlbmember 78<sup>th</sup> District – Michael Bravo  
Deputy Director - Jon Richards

**BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES** (Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair; however, comments are limited to no more than three minutes.)

Forever Balboa Park – Jacqueline Higgins  
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership - Peter Comiskey  
Committee of 100 - Ross Porter  
Save Starlight - Steve Stopper  
Village Arts & Education Foundation- Frank Casciani

## COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

### REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Board member to approve any agenda item as Consent when no [webforms](#) have been submitted or there is no live (in-person) Public Comment in favor or in opposition to the item. Items approved on Consent are approved in accordance with staff's recommendation in the staff report, unless otherwise noted in the motion.

### CONSENT AGENDA

None

### DISCUSSION AGENDA

- Item 1: Approval of Studio Artist  
Presenter: Frank Casciani, Deputy Director of Village Arts & Education Foundation

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the studio artists as presented.**

- Item 2: Culture & Cocktails. Presenter: Sarah Grossman, Associate Director, Special Events and Corporate Relations. The San Diego Museum of Art is requesting a waiver of the Summer Moratorium for the use of the sidewalk area in front of the San Diego Museum of Art, north side of the Plaza de Panama for their social event Cultures and Cocktails. This is a ticketed event, and an eight-foot tented wall will be erected on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 with set up beginning at 7:00am-5:00pm. This event is planned to be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 from 6:00pm-10:00pm. Anticipated attendance is 1000.

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the request and recommend that the Parks and Recreation Director extend a waiver to the Summer Moratorium for this event.**

- Item 3: Susan G. Komen-More Than Pink Walk. Presenter: KC Ollila, Event Director requesting to change back the walk route to use the 163 freeway instead of doubling back into park. Changing back to the original route will be a better experience for the participants.

**Staff Recommendation: To approve the request for the walk route change for 2024. Staff to re-evaluate impacts to route change at post event meeting.**

- Item 4: World Athletics Road Running Championships-San Diego 2025 presenter: Meryl Leventon, Race Director and Tracy Sundlun, WARRC requesting to host the 2025 World Athletics Road Running Championships in Balboa Park. The event will consist of 3 different races dates with multiple races on the first two days. The event will set up on the lawns along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Laurel South Lawn up to Upas Street beginning Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. through Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The first race will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025 for the 1 Mile Championships with the first race starting at 1:30 p.m. The 1 Mile Championships will have 16 races every 20-25 minutes with the last race starting at 4:35 p.m. No bridge

closure of Friday, September 26, 2025. The second race will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 for the 5K Championships with the first race starting at 7:00 a.m. The 5K Championships will have 11 races every 25-30 minutes with the last race starting at 11:15 a.m. The bridge will reopen by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2025. The third race will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025 for the half Marathon Championship. The half Marathon race will start at 6:30 a.m. and the bridge will reopen by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The event will load out on Monday, September 29, 2025 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Staff Recommendation: Parks and Recreation staff is holding off on a recommendation until all maps, timelines and details are finalized and out of draft mode.**

**WORKSHOP AGENDA**

None

**INFORMATION AGENDA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

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