

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
April 1, 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 arrived 6:10
Jim Gross
Jeff Johnson
Cathie Jolley
Ryan Karlsgodt left 6:45pm
Judith Munoz
Julie Roland

Members Absent

Chuck Dunning
Giovanni Ingolia
Steve Pinard

City Staff Present

Cris Amezcua
Mayra Medel
Ryan Barbrick

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 4, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by J. Roland and seconded by C. Adams to approve the February 4, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstention (J. Munoz)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS – none

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Jeff Johnson stated that the SD Auditor is surveying Committee members about use of MB Park Improvement Funds

CITY STAFF REPORT

Mayra Medel, Sr. Planner provided a Mission Bay Park Improvements Program EIR update on behalf of Engineering and Capital Projects:

City staff is currently preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and aims to release it for public review and comment in late summer 2025. The public will have 45 days to review and submit comments. Each comment will receive a response, and the final EIR will be prepared for project approval and certification by late fall 2025. The project team looks forward to presenting the Draft EIR to the MBPIF Committee when it is available

Questions:

Does the PEIR address wetlands creation? Yes

Does it include North Fiesta Island wetlands? Yes

Once the PEIR is done, can projects be eligible for funding from MBPIF without additional approval? Yes, projects identified in PEIR would be eligible for funding from MBIF. Regarding additional approvals, the PEIR provides environmental review for MBP Improvements, but engineering design and federal/state/local permits may still be required on a project-by-project basis. Funding would be required for those processes

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. Should the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to allocate an additional \$1,478,835.80 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement, CIP# B19133, in the amount of \$1,478,835.80

No action taken – the report was returned due to an error in the title

Andrew Meyer with SD Bird Alliance requested the Committee allocate revenue for wetlands restoration

202. Should the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to allocate \$5,283,488 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds received from the City's settlement with SeaWorld to the following projects:

- Dusty Rhodes Comfort Station, CIP# B19180, \$425,000
- Dusty Rhodes Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19158, \$285,629
- Dusty Rhodes Playground, CIP# B19181, \$9,000
- Mission Bay South Shores General Development Plan, CIP# B20130, \$600,000
- Robb Field Comfort Station Improvements, CIP# B19174, \$2,372,034

- Robb Field Playground, CIP# B19175, \$1,296,825
- South De Anza Basketball Courts and Play Area, CIP# B19173, \$53,000
- South De Anza Parking Lot, CIP# B19162, \$182,000
- Tecolote North Playground Improvements, CIP# B18232, \$60,00

There was a lot of discussion and questions related to this request:

- Committee would like an update on B20130 Mission Bay South Shores GDP from E&CP
- Committee would like to know if a separate fund can be set up for environmental projects as they await the PEIR reports. Committee would like it to also serve as a way to leverage for grant funding. Committee asked for CAO opinion on this and will be writing a letter to the CAO to ask about establishing a separate account and request an opinion on whether funds can be held/saved in an interest-bearing account until PEIR is finalized or to provide matching grant funds. The Chair asked Andrew Meyer to share information on two federal grant opportunities available for wetland restoration/resiliency projects
- Committee wants to know if RPIF received funding during COVID, particularly in FY20. Committee argument is they feel the RPIF allocation of SeaWorld funds should be lowered by that amount
- Committee wants more input on new projects. Staff response was that they do have that input when we bring new projects forward, we just haven't had a new MBIF project in a while as we are focusing on finishing what we currently have
- Committee is unhappy that they did not receive an in-person response from Real Estate Assets regarding their lease revenue questions
- Committee would like more information on staff and overhead charges versus construction costs for projects. Committee is unhappy with soft costs to projects they feel should cost less to complete, particularly projects involving prefabricated comfort stations. Response: E&CP is due to provide their update to their projects and should include something about a breakdown of costs within it

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by J. Johnson to approve Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds allocations request with the exception of the funds for B20130 Mission Bay South Shores GDP (\$600,000). The motion carried 4-3

They are not in support of this project when it may be impacted by water quality issues that are resolved after the GDP is complete

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. none

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. none

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ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.
Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Cris Amezcua
“Acting” District Manager, Mission Bay Park