

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions
San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
May 6, 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

Chuck Dunning
Jim Gross
Giovanni Ingolia
Jeff Johnson
Ryan Karlsgodt
Judith Munoz
Steve Pinard

Members Absent

Cindy Adams
Bernadette Butkiewicz
Cathie Jolley
Julie Roland

City Staff Present

Mike Rodrigues
Ryan Barbrick
Mayra Medel
Jerry Abbott

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – April 1, 2025

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by J. Gross to approve the April 1, 2025 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0 with 3 abstentions (G. Ingolia, C. Dunning, S. Pinard)

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 presented a proposal for the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee to approve the recommendation to allocate an additional \$1,478,835.80 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the following project:

- Robb Field Playground, CIP# B19175, \$1,478,835.80

Aiyana Reissman supports DeAnza Re-Wild and requests Improvement Funds go toward wetlands restoration projects

Laura Schumacher supports DeAnza Re-Wild and would like to see prioritized funding for wetlands restoration

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by S. Pinard to approve Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds allocations request for the Robb Field playground project. The motion carried 6-1 (C. Dunning voting against)

202. Fiscal Year 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Ryan Barbrick presented a proposal recommending the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve reallocating \$3,826,364 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the following projects:

- Robb Field Parking Lot Improvements, CIP# B19157- \$3,600,000
- Robb Field Playground, CIP# B19175- \$226,364 Funding will come from the following projects:
 - \$3,600,000 from B19133 Robb Field Turf & Irrigation Improvement. This project will be cancelled.
 - \$226,364 from B19187 Robb Field Recreation Center. This project will be cancelled

Many questions were asked by Committee members, including:
How much money was previously allocated for these projects and why are they short funding? Can preliminary design be used in the future for final design? How much additional parking is needed at Robb Field and where will it be? Committee members ask for a balance sheet for specific projects

Vi Nguyen supports funding wetlands restoration projects for Mission Bay over deferred maintenance improvements

Savannah Stallings would like to see funding go toward wetlands restoration before lower priority projects

Jim Peugh representing SD Bird Alliance is concerned that funding is being allocated to low priority projects and not toward priority projects like wetlands restoration. He would like to see funding go toward a hydrology report for Mission Bay

Ryan Barbrick stated that Measure J allows funding for lower priority projects

Karen Zirk supports DeAnza Re-Wild and stated that North Fiesta Island is a priority project that is ready to fund. She recommended MBPC write a letter supporting the funding of top priority projects for Mission Bay. Not funding priority projects is a violation of City Charter

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED

A motion was made by G. Ingolia and seconded by R. Karlsgodt to NOT APPROVE Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds allocations requests for Robb Field improvements. Committee would like to learn more about specific project costs to justify these allocations. There are some concerns regarding not funding environmental projects. The motion carried 6-1 (S. Pinard voting against)

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. none

WORKSHOP ITEMS

401. Judith Munoz recommended that the Mission Bay Park Committee schedule a workshop item at a future meeting to discuss concerns regarding use of Improvement Funds for lower priority projects instead of environmental improvements to Mission Bay. She requested clarification regarding use of funds for deferred maintenance projects vs. wetlands restoration

ADJOURNMENT – Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.
Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Rodrigues
District Manager, Mission Bay Park