

City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 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
Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Rick Gulley (Vice-Chair) Daniele Laman Dr. Judith Munoz Evelyn Smith Allison Soares Agatha Wein	Nick Anastasopoulos Dr. Andrea Dooley	Ryan Barbrick Benny Cartwright (Virtual) Karen Dennison (Virtual) Andy Field Tom Tomlinson (Virtual) Patrick Hadley (Virtual) Elvi Ricafort Gabriela Verendia

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Bothwell at 4:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Gulley/Ms. Soares

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Ms. Soares to approve the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr.

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Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, Allison Soares, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Dr. Andrea Dooley.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – No non-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:

101. Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Park Improvement Fund Budget

Program Manager Ryan Barbrick presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Park Improvement Fund Budget.

MOVED/SECONDED

Ms. Laman/Mr. Gulley

Ms. Laman moved to approve the staff recommendation and requested Mr. Barbrick to provide the fully funded information for Dennis V. Allen Park and the Chollas Lake Drainage Study project and was seconded by Mr. Gulley. The motion was approved 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr. Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, Allison Soares, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Dr. Dooley.

Public Comment:

Sally Smull thanked staff for putting in Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park Phase I with the new CIP number and the additional funding. They are grateful for this additional funding and look forward to seeing the final design comes out and this goes to construction.

Board Comment:

Ms. Laman requested for staff to provide the project number, cost estimates, and schedules for the Dennis V. Allen Park and Chollas Drainage Study that fully funded for their phases. Chair Bothwell asked Mr. Barbrick if he can provide this information. Mr. Barbrick responded yes, and his response is shown below:

WBS/Project Name: P23003 Mt. Hope Rec Ctr @ Dennis V Allen Park

Scope: The scope of work for the project is to amend the General Development Plan (GDP) through community engagement, which includes evaluating alternatives and developing a preferred design option to build a new recreation center and other amenities within Dennis V. Allen Park.

Status/Schedule: The project is in the GDP process. It is anticipated to be complete in December 2025. Further scheduling will depend on the result of the GDP process.

Funding: 100012 Infrastructure Fund- \$119,789.64, 400265 General Fund \$378,776.36, 400002 Capital Outlay Misc. \$251,632.50. Project is currently fully funded.

WBS/Project Name: P25002 Chollas Lake Drainage Study

Scope: This scope defines the tasks required to develop the Drainage Feasibility Study, specifically, the services in this scope include: drainage study, conceptual drainage improvement plans, cost estimates, and feasibility study.

Status/Schedule: The award for the consultant is currently routing. Schedule will be developed once that is complete.

Funding: 400891 Citywide Park Deficiency Community of Concern \$400,000. Project is currently fully funded.

Chair Bothwell asked if the funding for the drainage study came out from the Parks and Recreation Department or Storm Water Department? Director Field responded that the Chollas Drainage project is just a study and to tell us a little bit about where the needs are to address the runoff. This would in turn make the trails around the lake flatter and closer to accessibility.

Chair Bothwell also asked if the CIP budget will eventually feel the impacts of the draft budget reductions. Director Field responded that yes eventually CIP projects will be impacted as less discretionary funds will be added to park projects and concerns will be raised about operating costs for new facilities. Of the items presented to the Committee, none of the projects have tangible operating cost impacts of adding staff to these projects. When these projects go to construction, staff will confirm again whether the project scope will result in any operating budget impacts.

102. Allocation of SeaWorld Settlement Funds

Program Manager Ryan Barbrick presented the Allocation of SeaWorld Settlement of Funds.

MOVED/SECONDED

Ms. Laman/Mr. Gulley

Ms. Laman moved to approve the staff recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Gulley. The motion was approved 7-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Daniele Laman, Dr. Judith Munoz, Evelyn Smith, Allison Soares, and Agatha Wein. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Nick Anastasopoulos, and Dr. Andrea Dooley.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment:

Ms. Laman asked where is the location of the proposed ranger station in the plan? Asked if there are going to be two ranger stations in Balboa Park? Mr. Barbrick responded that the proposed station is under consideration for the Palisades area of the park, between the Air and Space Museum and Automotive Museum, for the future phase.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: There were no workshop items.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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>.

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Next Calendared Meeting: May 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Andy Field

Director

Parks and Recreation Department