



Balboa Park Committee

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, May 7, 2026

In-Person Meeting, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room

2150 Pan American Road West

San Diego, CA 92101

Chair: Allison Soares

Committee Members: David Baron, Howard Blackson, Chris Eddy, Kathy Vandenneuvel, Makeda Cheatom, Michael Robinson, Jake Banfield-Weir, Mandy Brown, Patty Riddle, Michael Singleton

Staff Liaison: Jon Richards, Deputy Director, Anthony Harrington, District Manager, Tyler Canales, District Manager

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Item 1: CALL TO ORDER (Chair Soares)

Item 2: ROLL CALL (Chair Soares)

Item 3: APPROVE MINUTES FROM April 9, 2026, MEETING

Item 4: NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Item 5: CHAIR'S REPORT

Item 6: STAFF REPORTS:

City Council District 3
Assemblymember 78th District
San Diego Police Department
Mayor's Office- Emily Piatanesi
Deputy Director – Jon Richards

Item 7: BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES:

Forever Balboa Park – Katy McDonald
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership – Peter Comiskey
Balboa Park Committee of 100 – Kevin Carpenter
Save Starlight – Steve Stopper
Village Arts & Education Foundation – Natasha Papousek

Item 8: COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Item 9: REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA:

The Chair may entertain a motion by any Committee Member to approve any agenda item as consent when no webforms have been submitted or there is no 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.

Item 10: CONSENT AGENDA:

- None

Item 11: INFORMATION:

- None

Item 12: ACTION:

- Item 1 – San Diego Pride – Credentialling Area
 - ◆ Presenter: Chris Carrington, San Diego Pride

Staff's recommendation is to approve San Diego Pride Credentialling Area.

Item 13: WORKSHOP:

- Item 2 – Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum – Proposed GDP Amendment – Workshop #2
 - ◆ Presenters: Stephanie Green, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation Department; Dennis Otsuji, President, Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum; Luanne Kanzawa, Executive Director/CEO, Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum; Keiji Uesugi, Landscape Architect, Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Pomona; Kelly Sutherlin McLeod, FAIA, Architect, Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc.; Marcela Escobar, President/CEO, Atlantis Group
- Item 3 – Balboa Park Master Plan
 - ◆ Presenter: Howard Blackson, Balboa Park Committee

Item 14: ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.