

City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026

“TO PROVIDE HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL”

Meeting Held by In Person and Teleconference:

This meeting was held at Balboa Park Club – Santa Fe Room 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 speakers, 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
Nick Anastasopoulos Jeremy Bloom Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Dr. Andrea Dooley Rick Gulley (Vice Chair) Daniele Laman Dr. Judith Muñoz Evelyn Smith Agatha Wein	Allison Soares	Ryan Barbrick Kathleen Brand (Virtual) Maria Carriedo (Virtual) Andy Field Ilisa Goldman (Virtual) Stephanie Green (Virtual) Ana Grow Jose Mendoza Louis Merlin Mike Nguyen (Virtual) Danielle Nourie-Burns Kaitlyn Porter (Virtual) Risa Saiga (Virtual) Andre Smith Gabriela Verendia

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Bothwell at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026

MOTION/SECONDED: **Marcella Bothwell/Daniele Laman**

A motion for approval was made by Chair Marcella Bothwell to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Daniele Laman. The motion was approved and passed 8-0-1. Dr. Muñoz abstained and Ms. Soares was absence.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments:

Ms. Laman asked if the Regional Park Improvement Fund meeting minutes posted for today, as the March minutes for the previous meeting (Park Board) were not posted.

Director Field advised that there was no Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee meeting last month in March.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: None.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

101. Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Parks Improvement Funds

Mr. Barbrick presented the discussion item report for the reallocation of Fiscal Year 2026 Regional Parks Improvement Funds, which would, if approved, be added to the City's CIP through a separate Council action.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment:

Ms. Laman stated that back in September, when talking about all of the projects, she had called out five different projects, was advised that she would be provided some answers in writing, and she only needs one now. She requested the Chollas Lake Stormwater Study, as she does not see it listed anywhere anymore and wanted this request to be on record.

Mr. Barbrick advised that he requested an update from Engineering and Capital Projects but did not get it by the time of this portion of the meeting. Mr. Barbrick reassured Ms. Laman that when he gets the information, he will share it with her.

MOTION/SECONDED: **Daniele Laman/Rick Gulley**

A motion to approve was made by Daniele Laman and seconded by Vice Chair Rick Gulley. The motion was approved and passed 9-0-0. Ms. Soares was absent.

102. Allocation of Fiscal Year 2027 Regional Parks Improvement Funds

Mr. Barbrick presented the discussion item report for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2027 Regional Parks Improvement Funds to allow presented projects to continue with their current phase or move onto the next one, as applicable.

Public Comment: None.

Board Comment:

Ms. Laman asked about the report footnote listing parks within Chollas Creek, noting discrepancies in naming and missing sites such as Chollas Triangle Park and North Chollas. She clarified differences in how Chollas Regional Park areas are referenced and inquired about RPIF funding allocation and how design costs for the Dennis V. Allen Park GDP amendment could be funded without an estimate for design cost.

Mr. Barbrick responded that the footnote was generated by Parks and Recreation's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff and may only include currently open parks. He reassured Ms. Laman that she can follow up with him for corrections or additions.

Director Field advised that the City of San Diego broadly refers to North and South Chollas and Chollas Lake collectively as Chollas Community Park.

Mr. Field advised that for estimated design cost, one can take the construction cost cited (\$30 million) and apply 10% to that, giving an estimated \$3 million needed for design. He noted the City's ongoing budget constraints, so building new facilities is a funding concern. He advised that after Park Board's item 102, he had a conversation with the advocates for Dennis V. Allen and advised them to talk to their elected officials to emphasize the need and prioritization for funding, and request to approve the \$3 million for design costs.

MOTION/SECONDED:

Daniele Laman/Rick Gulley

A motion to approve was made by Daniele Laman and seconded by Vice Chair Rick Gulley. The motion was approved and passed 9-0-0. Ms. Soares was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 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>.

Next Calendared Meeting: May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

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