

**MINUTES**

**City of San Diego Boards and Commissions  
San Diego Parks and Recreation Department  
MISSION BAY PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
May 12, 2026**

**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  
Jeff Johnson  
Ryan Karlsgodt  
Steve Pinard  
Bill Tippets  
Cathie Jolley  
Jim Gross

**Members Absent**

Judith Munoz  
Bernadette Butkiewicz  
Chuck Dunning

**Guests**

Karen Zirk  
Jean Spengel  
Stephanie Saathoff  
L. Barnes Chapman  
James Royer  
Debra Madden  
Ethan Packer  
Lyndsay Boyd

**City Staff Present**

Andrew Field  
Karen Dennison  
Patrick Hadley  
Nick Ferracone  
James Arnhart  
Sara McMullen  
Savannah Stallings  
Parita Ammerlahn  
Manuel Reyes

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson, Jeff Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – April 7, 2026

**MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED**

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by S. Pinard to approve the April 7, 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 5-0-2 with 2 abstentions.

**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. Allocation of Fiscal Year 2027 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Karen Dennison, City of San Diego, Parks and Recreation Department

K. Dennison identified there would be \$11.2M allocated for six different projects (i.e., Cudahy wetland, De Anza GDP, water quality, shoreline improvements, the lifeguard station, and Fiesta Island wetland project). \$29.3M will be allocated for the lifeguard station. Projects within the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report are at 30% design.

R. Karlsgodt asked if the funding was being used for a permanent or temporary lifeguard station mentioning the project is not affordable and should seek other funding.

K. Dennison confirmed the allocation was for a temporary lifeguard station. There will be a phase two to create a permanent station.

P. Ammerlahn stated she would confirm the funding numbers.

C. Adams mentioned \$50M in bonds.

A. Field mentioned there would be bonding phase by phase in order to reduce risk by General Fund backstop if there would be no bonding.

J. Johnson asked of the bonds acquired the approval through the committee.

A. Field confirmed the committee needs to approve bonding.

Motion: Moved/Seconded

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by C. Jolley. The motion carried 7-0-0.

202. Reallocation of Fiscal Year 2026 Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds – Karen Dennison, City of San Diego, Parks and Recreation Department

Motion: Moved/Seconded

A motion was made by R. Karlsgodt and seconded by J. Gross. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

301. 2026 SeaWorld Sundry List – Lyndsay Boyd, SeaWorld San Diego

L. Boyd stated the list was sent to the California Coastal Commission and each project will have individual coastal development permits. She discussed the underground fuel storage tank, animal habitats including the shark encounter improvements, shade structures, and the flamingo habitat renovation.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

401. none

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 @ Santa Clara Recreation Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Hadley  
Deputy Director, Mission Bay & Shoreline