

**City of San Diego
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

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

Meeting Held In Person and by Teleconference:

This meeting was held at the 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>.

Both verbal and written communication were used by Board 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 |
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| Agatha Wein Allison Soares Daniele Laman Dr. Andrea Dooley Evelyn Smith Jeremy Bloom Nick Anastasopoulos Rick Gulley (Vice Chair) | Dr. Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Dr. Judith Muñoz | Andre Smith Andy Field Angie Beasley Ashley Johnson Benny Cartwright Gabriela Verendia Ilisa Goldman Jason Milosh Justin Nguyen Kaitlyn Porter Karen Dennison Maria Carriedo Marissa O’Connor Michelle Abella-Shon Mike Nguyen Risa Saiga Ryan Barbrick Ryan Taylor Salome Martinez Sarah Erazo Steve Palle |

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gulley (Acting Chair) at 2:05 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 19, 2026, and April 16, 2026

March 19, 2026, Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Laman and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the March 19, 2026, meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was approved and passed 7-0-1 with Ms. Soares abstaining. There were no recusals. Board members absent were Chair Bothwell and Dr. Muñoz.

Corrections included:

- Reference to “community plan” corrected to “council policy” and Parks and Recreation Board policy regarding palm trees.

April 16, 2026, Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Laman and seconded by Mr. Bloom to approve the April 16, 2026, meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was approved and passed 8-0-0. There were no recusals or abstentions. Board members absent were Chair Bothwell and Dr. Muñoz.

Corrections included:

- “Czechoslovakia” corrected to “Czech and Slovak.”
- Addition of the word “north” in a referenced location description.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy Treloar, resident of La Jolla, submitted non-agenda comment via webform: “Please do NOT close our La Jolla Recreation Center! Many of us use it to remain healthy and active, not to mention the Toastmasters, exercise & karate classes, and theater programs.

To lower the budget, please cut staffing at the center. There's no need to have 2 employees there when one is more than sufficient. Staffing members are generally unfriendly and don't add much value anyway. If we closed the center, it's more likely to become a gathering location for the homeless. We'd be trading one problem for another. Many people use the property and gym to rehab from injuries. Please do not take away this value add from our community!”

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Balboa Park Committee – Ms. Soares reported much is underway in the park and that things are going smoothly.
- Mission Bay Park Committee –Dr. Muñoz was not present for this meeting, thus there was no update this month.
- Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) – Vice Chair Gulley reported that the meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

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- San Diego Parks Foundation (SDPF) – Neither Program Director Kim Mathis nor Chair Bothwell were available to provide an update.

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS:

Comments were made regarding recent City Council action related to paid parking, including discussion of delayed implementation until January 1, 2027.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Laman asked about the process for repealing outdated Park Board Policy 1013 regarding palm trees.

Ms. Laman also asked questions regarding:

- Availability of funding for Colina del Sol Pool from Price Philanthropies
- Use of Board Policy 1013 regarding palm trees
- Establishment of free speech/protest zones like those utilized during Pride events including potential funding mechanisms for such efforts
- Whether a design review committee could be created similar to proposed efforts for the Balboa Park Committee
- Proposed plans for resuming operation of childcare centers per Measure H under the Parks and Recreation Department

Director Field responded to Ms. Laman's questions as follows:

- Price Philanthropies has generously committed to assisting with aquatics programming at both City Heights and Memorial pools.
- Board Policy 1013 regarding palm trees is no longer actively used and has been superseded by more current policies. He indicated that the policy could potentially be removed.
- Temporary protest or free speech zones have been established previously and recommended consulting with Park Ranger staff regarding the process.
- Establishment of a Design Review Committee would require creation of a new committee through amendment of the San Diego Municipal Code, as current committees do not meet the required composition of design professionals necessary to serve in that capacity.
- Resumption of childcare centers remains under discussion. Existing recreation centers generally do not meet the facility requirements for licensed childcare operations, and significant funding would be needed to construct or retrofit facilities to meet those standards. Measure H did not establish a funding source for childcare center development.

Ms. Wein announced that the Black Family statue restoration will be recognized during the June 13th Juneteenth celebration at Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park.

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Mr. Bloom shared information regarding upcoming community bicycle and pedestrian events. Bike Anywhere Day is today, May 21, 2026. The Balboa Park Transit Trip and Pedestrian Audit is scheduled for May 30, 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director, Andy Field, offered the following updates on a variety of park-related topics:

Tragedy at the Islamic Center of San Diego: We all grieved over the terrible events of May 18, 2026, that led to multiple deaths in the Clairemont area. Parks and Recreation Department had a minor role in responding to the emergency, with Lindbergh Park in Clairemont serving as the location of the press conference and later as the location of the memorial service that attracted hundreds of mourners on May 19, 2026. We appreciate and thank the numerous first responders including police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics who addressed this unfortunate situation.

Budget: Mayor Todd Gloria released the May Revision to the Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed (Draft) Budget, the Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report, and the Year-End Capital Report on May 13, 2026.

Here is an overview of the changes included in these reports related to the Parks and Recreation Department from the [May Revision](#):

- **Brush Management Consolidation:** This adjustment includes the transfer of \$1.0 million of non-personnel expenditures from the Transportation Department to consolidate brush management responsibility on City-owned lands to the Parks and Recreation Department's Open Space Division.
- **Brush Management Support:** This adjustment includes the addition of a 1.00 Biologist 2 to support the consolidated brush management program. This position will assist in enabling compliance with audit recommendations, potentially expanding maintenance acreage, and improving wildfire prevention and operational efficiency.
- **Partial Recreation Center Restorations:** This adjustment includes restoring 33.27 positions to preserve current service hours, ranging from 45 to 60 hours per week, at 39 recreation centers primarily in historically underserved communities. The remaining reduction of 22.00 FTE positions results in reduced service hours to 40 hours per week at 24 recreation centers.

May Revision to the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget
Impacts to Libraries and Recreation Centers

Attachment 3

| Facilities | Council District | FY 2026 Current Schedule/Hours | FY 2027 Proposed Schedule/Hours |
|--|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Recreation Centers - No Change | | | |
| Cadman | 2 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Cathy Hopper Friendship | 2 | 35 Hours | 35 Hours |
| Presidio | 2 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Santa Clara | 2 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| South Clairemont | 2 | 40 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Balboa Park Activity | 3 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Golden Hill | 3 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Municipal Gymnasium (Morley Fields Sports Complex) | 3 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| North Park | 3 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Bay Terraces Community & Senior Center | 4 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Chollas Lake Park | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Encanto | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Mountain View Community | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Paradise Hills | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Penn Athletic Field | 4 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Skyline Hills | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Willie Henderson Sports Complex | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Dr. Martin Luther King Jr | 4 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Black Mountain Gymnasium/Multipurpose | 5 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Lopez Ridge | 6 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Linda Vista | 7 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Tecolote | 7 | 40 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Col. Irving Salomon San Ysidro Community Activity | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Dolores Magdaleno Memorial | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Memorial Senior | 8 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Montgomery-Waller | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Robert Egger Sr. South Bay | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| San Ysidro Senior Center | 8 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| San Ysidro Teen Center | 8 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Silver Wing | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Southcrest | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| San Ysidro Larsen Field | 8 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Adams | 9 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Azalea | 9 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| City Heights Swim & Tennis | 9 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Colina del Sol | 9 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Mid-City Gymnasium | 9 | 49 Hours | 49 Hours |
| Park de la Cruz Community and Gymnasium | 9 | 60 Hours | 60 Hours |
| Stockton | 9 | 45 Hours | 45 Hours |
| Recreation Centers - Change | | | |
| Carmel Valley | 1 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| La Jolla | 1 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Ocean Air | 1 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Pacific Beach | 1 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Pacific Highlands Ranch | 1 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Cabrillo | 2 | 45 Hours | 40 Hours |
| North Clairemont | 2 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Ocean Beach | 2 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Robb Athletic Field | 2 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Canyonside | 5 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Carmel Mountain Ranch / Sabre Springs | 5 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Hilltop | 5 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Rancho Bernardo Glassman | 5 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Scripps Ranch Community | 5 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Doyle | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Gil Johnson Mira Mesa | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Hourglass Field Community Park and Fieldhouse | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Kearny Mesa | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Nobel Athletic Fields | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Standley | 6 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Allied Gardens | 7 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |
| San Carlos | 7 | 56 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Serra Mesa | 7 | 45 Hours | 40 Hours |
| Tierrasanta | 7 | 60 Hours | 40 Hours |

- **Postponement of New Facilities:** This adjustment includes the reduction of 3.00 FTE positions and total expenditures of \$424,000 associated with the delayed opening of the following new facilities:
 - Hickman Field postponed until July 2028 – Under a license agreement, this facility will continue to be maintained, opened and closed by the user group.
 - Eastbourne Neighborhood Park postponed until June 2027 – Facility will continue to be maintained by existing staff with the goal of requesting maintenance staff during the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process.
 - Pacific Beach Joint-Use postponed until Summer 2027 – Facility will be maintained by existing staff who operate in the area with the goal of requesting maintenance staff during the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process.
- **Shoreline Parks Restrooms Restoration:** This adjustment includes the restoration of 1.82 FTE positions and \$12,000 of non-personnel expenditures to restore restroom services at Shoreline Parks.
- **Tree Maintenance Consolidation** This adjustment includes the transfer of 8.00 positions and \$125,000 of non-personnel expenditures to the Transportation Department to consolidate tree maintenance responsibilities on City-owned lands.
- **Capital Project Changes:**

Austin Machitar GDP Amendment - P27002

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200636 Developer Contributions CIP | \$0 | \$1,166,824 | \$1,166,824 |
| 400129 Clairemont Mesa - Urban Comm | \$0 | \$116,754 | \$116,754 |

This project will provide a GDP amendment that will allow for future site improvements.

Berardini Field GDP - P22006

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 400114 Mid City Urban Comm | \$0 | \$137,365 | \$137,365 |
| 400892 Citywide Park Dif-Park Def. Unrstd | \$0 | \$62,635 | \$62,635 |

Funding supports continuing General Development Plan process.

Cudahy Creek Wetland Expansion - S27005

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$2,651,386 | \$2,651,386 |

This project provides for the restoration of Cudahy Creek Cove wetlands in Mission Bay by creating new salt marsh areas, improving water quality, and stabilizing the shoreline.

De Anza Natural General Development Plan - P27001

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$3,000,000 | \$3,000,000 |

This project provides for a general development plan that sets the park's future design and layout based on the approved De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park Phase 1 - S25002

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200391 San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |

\$1,000,000 added to support design and construction costs.

Fiesta Island Causeway & Water Quality - S27006

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$1,500,000 | \$1,500,000 |

This project provides for a new bridge or culvert under the Fiesta Island causeway to improve water quality in Mission Bay.

Jerabek Park Improvements - S20007

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| 400863 Scripps Miramar Ranch DIF | \$0 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |

Funding to support project construction.

John Baca Park - S22004

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| 400883 Citywide Park DIF-Unrestricted | \$0 | \$80,000 | \$80,000 |

Funding to support project construction.

Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements - S15034

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200391 San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | \$0 | \$3,843,366 | \$3,843,366 |

Funding to support project construction.

Mission Bay Improvements - AGF00004

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$1,500,000 | \$1,500,000 |

\$1,500,000 to support design of new subproject - Bonita Cover Shoreline Restoration.

Mission Bay Upland Habitat Expansion - S27008

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |

The project includes implementation of a portion of the North Fiesta Island Conceptual Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan.

Montezuma NP Improvements Phase 1 - S25003

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 400127 College Area | \$0 | \$406,896 | \$406,896 |
| 400892 Citywide Park Dif-Park Def. Unrstd | \$0 | \$476,760 | \$476,760 |

Funding to support project construction.

North Fiesta Island Wetland Restoration - S27007

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200386 Mission Bay Park Improvements | \$0 | \$1,268,366 | \$1,268,366 |

This project provides for restoration of approximately 50 acres of tidal wetlands on North Fiesta Island to improve Mission Bay's water quality and enhance habitat.

Park Improvements - AGF00007

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 200391 San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | \$0 | \$1,239,031 | \$1,239,031 |
| 400085 Mira Mesa - FBA | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| 400113 Linda Vista Urban Comm | \$0 | \$529,885 | \$529,885 |
| 400120 S.E. San Diego Urban Comm | \$0 | \$11,665 | \$11,665 |
| 400129 Clairemont Mesa - Urban Comm | \$0 | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| 400883 Citywide Park Dif-Unrestricted | \$0 | \$1,331,308 | \$1,331,308 |
| 400891 Citywide Park Dif-Park Def. Coc | \$0 | \$2,388,335 | \$2,388,335 |
| 400892 Citywide Park Dif-Park Def. Unrstd | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |

\$1,000,000 added to support new subproject - Mesa Verde Dog Off Leash Park, \$1,031,308 added to support new subproject - Linda Vista Playground Improvement, \$539,885 added to support new subproject - Linda Vista Lighting Improvements, \$1,000,000 added to support new subproject - La Jolla Recreation Center Playground Replacement, \$75,000 added to support new subproject - Cadman Park Accessibility Improvements. \$300,000 added to support new subproject - Mission Heights Dog Park. \$1,239,031 added to support B24101 - Southcrest Community Park Lighting Improvements. \$400,000 added to support B21114 - Mt View Sports ADA Improvement. \$2,000,000 added to support new subproject - Dennis V. Allen Park Comfort Station.



Penasquitos Creek NP Comfort Station - S26005

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 400083 Rancho Penasquitos FBA | \$0 | \$870,000 | \$870,000 |

Funding to support project design.

Rancho Bernardo CP Improvements - L20000

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 400099 Rancho Bernardo-Fac Dev Fund | \$0 | \$19,511 | \$19,511 |
| 400892 Citywide Park Dif-Park Def. Unrstd | \$0 | \$719,623 | \$719,623 |

\$393,335 added to support Phase 1 Lighting Improvements. \$345,799 added to support Phase 2 Dog Park Improvements.

Regional Park Improvements - AGF00005

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 200391 San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | \$0 | \$900,000 | \$900,000 |

\$400,000 added to support new subproject - Balboa Park Transportation Group Job. \$500,000 added to support new subproject - Organ Pavillion Paving.

Salk Neighborhood Park & Joint Use Devel - S14007

| Fund | Draft | Change | Revised |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 400085 Mira Mesa - FBA | \$0 | \$420,000 | \$420,000 |

Funding to support project construction.

The Department had additional capital project budgetary changes from the [Year-End Capital Improvements Program Budget Monitoring Report](#):

Transfer within the CIP

| Funded Program (Sending) | CAP | Funded Program (Receiving) | CAP | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|--|-----|---|-----|--|-------------|--|
| ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements | | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | \$90,578.19 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements |
| ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | AGF00007 - Park Improvements | X | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | 200,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of new subproject - Martin Luther King (MLK) Park ADA Path Improvements |

| Funded Program (Sending) | CAP | Funded Program (Receiving) | CAP | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|---|-----|---|-----|--|------------|---|
| AGF00006 - Coastal Erosion and Access | X | S14006 - El Cuervo Adobe Improvements | | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | 48,593.42 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of S14006 - El Cuervo Adobe Improvements |
| AGF00006 - Coastal Erosion and Access | | S14006 - El Cuervo Adobe Improvements | X | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | 51,406.58 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of S14006 - El Cuervo Adobe Improvements |
| S20005 - Balboa Park Botanical Bldg Improvments | | S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements | | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | 198,597.24 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements |

| Funded Program (Sending) | CAP | Funded Program (Receiving) | CAP | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|--|-----|---|-----|--|--------------|--|
| P24001 - Mission Beach Seawall Repair | | ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | 400265 - CIP Contributions from the General Fund | 578,983.00 | Funding is being transferred to support emergency projects in ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure |
| ABT00001 - City Facilities Improvements | X | S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements | | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvements | 248,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of S15034 - Junipero Serra Museum ADA Improvements |
| S10051 - Olive St Park Acquisition and Development | | ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | 400881 - Debt Funded General Fund CIP Projects | 50,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support emergency projects in ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure |
| S00951 - Coastal Rail Trail | | S22012 - Normal Street Promenade | X | 400174 - Transnet Extension RTCIP Fee | 5,310,990.14 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B19096 - Normal Street Promenade |
| S20005 - Balboa Park Botanical Bldg Improvments | | ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | 400881 - Debt Funded General Fund CIP Projects | 467.66 | Funding is being transferred to support emergency projects in ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure |

| Funded Program (Sending) | CAP | Funded Program (Receiving) | CAP | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|--|-----|--|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| S20005 - Balboa Park Botanical Bldg Improvements | | ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure | X | 400000 - Capital Outlay-Sales Tax | 53,179.54 | Funding is being transferred to support emergency projects in ACA00001 - Flood Resilience Infrastructure |

San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund and Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund

San Diego Regional Parks Improvement Fund

| Funding Program (Sending) | Funding Program (Receiving) | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| AGF00006 - Coastal Erosion and Access | B22012 - Old Salt Pool Stairs | 200391 - San Diego Regional Parks Improvement | \$235,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B22012 - Old Salt Pool Stairs |
| Total Transfer | | | \$235,000.00 | |

Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund

| Funding Program (Sending) | Funding Program (Receiving) | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| AGF00004 - Mission Bay Improvements | B20107 - DeAnza North East Parking Lot | 200386 - Mission Bay Park Improvement | \$10,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B20107 - DeAnza North East Parking Lot |
| AGF00004 - Mission Bay Improvements | B19180 - Dusty Rhodes Comfort Station Improvement | 200386 - Mission Bay Park Improvement | 660,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B19180 - Dusty Rhodes Comfort Station Improvement |
| AGF00004 - Mission Bay Improvements | B19158 - Dusty Rhodes Parking Lot Improvements | 200386 - Mission Bay Park Improvement | 179,138.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B19158 - Dusty Rhodes Parking Lot Improvements |
| AGF00004 - Mission Bay Improvements | B19181 - Dusty Rhodes Playground | 200386 - Mission Bay Park Improvement | 250,000.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B19181 - Dusty Rhodes Playground |



| Funding Program (Sending) | Funding Program (Receiving) | Fund | Amount | Justification |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| AGF00004 - Mission Bay Improvements | B19021 - Crown Point Playground Improvements | 200386 - Mission Bay Park Improvement | 305,452.00 | Funding is being transferred to support construction of B19021 - Crown Point Playground Improvements |
| Total Transfer | | | \$1,404,590.00 | |

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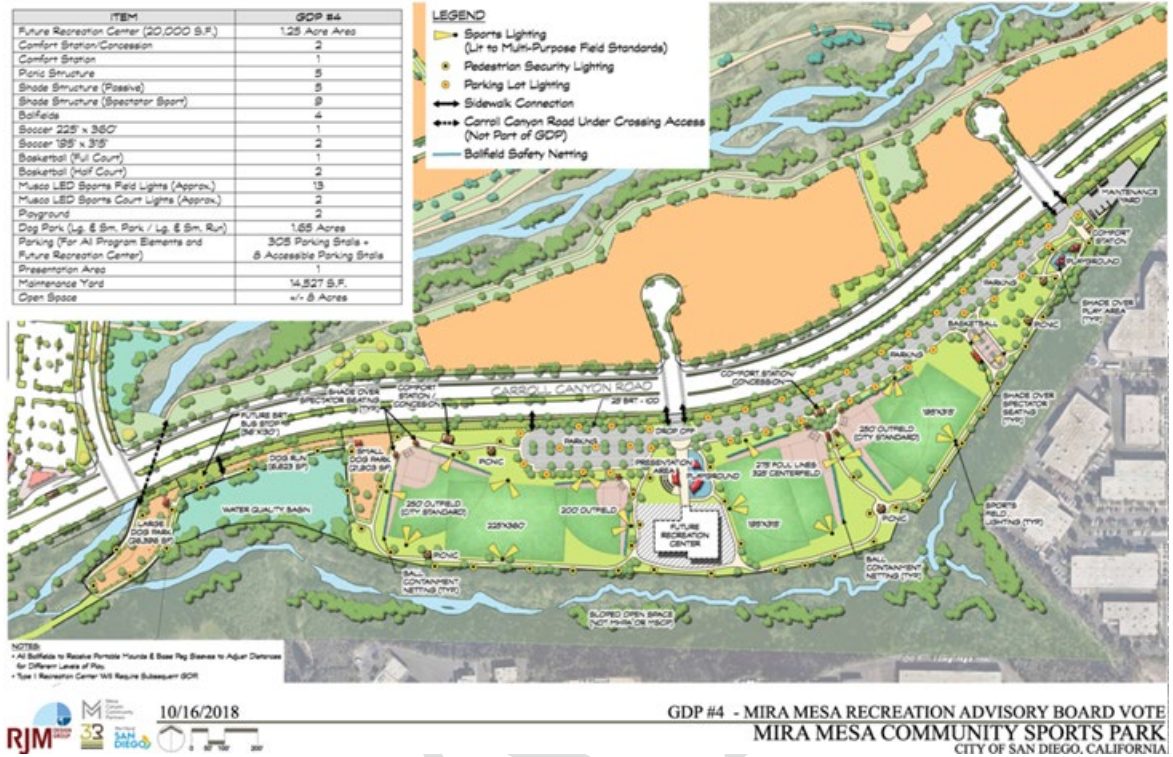
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Due to the tragic events of May 18, 2026, at the Islamic Center of San Diego, the budget hearings scheduled for May 18, 2026, were postponed until May 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Thereafter, upcoming budget meetings include the Budget Review Committee meeting of June 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and the City Council meeting of June 8, 2026. All three meetings will be held in City Council Chambers at 202 C Street, 12th Floor.

On May 20, 2026, it was announced that the City would enter into a settlement agreement that involves residential trash fees. As one of the settlement deal points, paid parking in Balboa Park would end no later than January 1, 2027. This may have implications in the final budget deliberations underway currently.

Events/Grand Openings:

- On Wednesday, May 13, 2026, San Diego Parks Foundation and City staff celebrated the **Park Ambassador Graduation** at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center. The Park Ambassador Program provides youth ages 16–24 living in low-income areas of San Diego opportunities to explore the world, challenge themselves, develop leadership skills, and gain exposure to career pathways in public service, environmental stewardship, and natural resources management. Through this program, youth gain access to new career pathways, the City gains a resource for workers, and historically underserved communities benefit when their youth achieve success. Another class is planned for later this year.
- On Sunday, May 17, 2026, Councilmember Henry L. Foster III, San Diego Football Club (SDFC), the Harvey Family Foundation, Positive Coaching Alliance, and Willie Henderson Sports Complex Community Recreation Group reopened the newly restored **Willie Henderson Sports Complex Basketball and Futsal Courts**.
- On Thursday, May 21, 2026, Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee and the Mira Mesa community celebrated the groundbreaking of **Bruce Brown Memorial Park** in the 3Roots development of Mira Mesa. This new community park will be located south of Carroll Canyon Road and east of Camino Santa Fe. It will be named in honor of long-time community volunteer Bruce Brown. It will feature several sports fields, hard courts, a playground, dog off-leash area, picnic areas, and passive lawn. Space is reserved within the park for a future recreation center that is not a part of this initial project.



- On Friday, May 22, 2026, Council President Joe LaCava will celebrate the ribbon cutting of the **New Playground at Fanuel Street Park/Mission Bay Park** in Pacific Beach. This project, which started on May 4, 2026, was completed in partnership with San Diego Parks Foundation, Zoom Recreation, Pacific Beach Town Council, and many donors who helped make this replacement playground a reality.
- On Saturday, May 23, 2026, San Diego Parks Foundation and Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate **I Love My Park Day** at South Bay Robert Egger Community Park. We hope everyone can attend.



- On May 27, 2026, San Diego Parks Foundation, Price Philanthropies, elected leaders, and Parks and Recreation Department staff will celebrate the start of Parks After Dark for the summer season. The kick-off event will be held at Linda Vista Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m. Thereafter, Parks After Dark will be held at five locations (City Heights, Linda Vista, Memorial, Silver Wing, and Skyline Hills) on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings in June and July. More information and specific dates/times can be found at <https://www.sandiego.gov/event/parks-after-dark-0>.
- The Black Family Statue will be rededicated on June 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park. This event marks the return of a 1974 artwork created by Rossie Wade. The new, durable statue was recreated by welding students at the San Diego College of Continuing Education. The statue's unveiling is set to coincide with the community's annual Juneteenth celebration, highlighting the statue's role as a symbol of unity in the neighborhood.
- Park staff are very excited to begin summer programming, as many local school districts conclude their school year at the end of May. Children's programming will be commonplace at local recreation centers through the months of June and July before school resumes at most locations in August. This is the busy season for Parks and Recreation Department.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

101. Canyonside Community Park General Development Plan Amendment

Presenters: Stephanie Green, Landscape Architect, Parks and Recreation
Steve Leffler, President, Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center
Jon Becker PLA, Principal Landscape Architecture Team Lead, Bowman
Jeff Greenwald, Construction Chair, Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center
Ryan Taylor PE, Civil Engineer, Project Manager, PLSA

Staff presented the proposed amendment to the Canyonside Community Park General Development Plan to expand the Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center facilities and associated park improvements.

The presentation included:

- Addition and relocation of lighted tennis courts
- Proposed tennis office, restrooms, and clubhouse
- Site circulation and drop-off improvements
- Relocation and replacement of existing recreational amenities
- Tree removals and new tree plantings
- Project phasing and implementation timeline

Representatives from the Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center and the project team provided additional information regarding project design, construction approach, and climate-conscious landscaping features.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments:

Mr. Anastasopoulos asked whether the community already had adequate pickleball courts and whether pickleball courts were included in the project.

Mr. Leffler responded that there is demand for additional pickleball courts in the community. He explained that the Tennis Center currently provides limited pickleball opportunities through shared court use and noted that the new half-court proposed in Phase 1 would also be suitable for pickleball use and provide additional capacity.

Ms. Laman asked for clarification regarding which project components were included in Phase 1 and Phase 2 and whether funding had been identified for Phase 2.

Mr. Leffler responded by identifying the improvements included in each phase of the project. He explained that most project improvements are included in Phase 1, while the additional

tennis court and relocation of two existing courts are included in Phase 2. He further stated that funding has not yet been secured for Phase 2 and estimated the cost at approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

MOTION/SECONDED:

A motion to move to approve was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Ms. Laman. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed. Note that there were no recusals or abstentions, and board members absent were Chair Bothwell and Dr. Muñoz.

102. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Recreation Center Fund Budgets, Opportunity Fund Budget and 2025 Come Play Outside Report

Presenters: Sarah Erazo, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Salome Martinez, Program Equity Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

Ms. Erazo and Ms. Martinez presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Recreation Center Fund Budgets, Opportunity Fund allocations, and the 2025 Come Play Outside Report.

Presentation topics included:

- Overview and purpose of the Recreation Center Fund and Opportunity Fund
- Recreation Center Fund revenue sources, expenditures, and projected carryforward balances
- Post-pandemic budget and participation trends
- Opportunity Fund allocation process and equity-based funding methodology pursuant to Council Policy 700-48
- Proposed Opportunity Fund allocations for underserved communities
- Expansion of Opportunity Fund-supported recreation sites and programming
- Overview of the 2025 Come Play Outside program and participation metrics
- Programming and events serving youth, teens, adults, seniors, and historically underserved communities
- Partnerships, grant funding, and philanthropic support for recreation programming
- Future expansion and continuation of recreation and community programming

Public Comments:

Kevin Sullivan, resident of San Diego, submitted written public comment via webform for Item 102:

“Grantville by the Union trolley station on Mission Gorge Rd. and its neighboring areas bounded by the San Diego River, Friars and Mission Gorge Rds., have qualified in the past as ‘Communities of Concern (CoC).’ And Grantville is underserved for parks despite major housing growth!

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“The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) opportunity maps have consistently designated these areas as Low and Moderate Resource each year. Yet our mayor has labeled them "High Resource" in the city's 2021 (Revised) Climate Equity Index (CEI). This even in the face of recognizing these neighborhoods exhibit 22 of 41 qualifying CEI metrics for "CoC" including:

“Fire Risk, Tree Coverage, Urban Heat Index, Impaired Water Bodies, Air Quality, Clean Up Sites, Unemployment Rate, Median Income, Income Change, Energy Cost Burden, Photo Voltaic Systems, Pedestrian Access, Commute Burden, Disability Rates, Street Conditions, Bike-ability, EV Charging, Cancer Rates, Food Access, Cardiovascular Disease, and most relative to this Board the metric of Proximity/Access to Community Parks and Recreation.

“Grantville is a ‘Community of Concern,’ manipulation of screening metrics and census tract gerrymandering have not changed that fact.

“Despite a boom of over 2,000 new and approved housing units since 2015 (with as many as 6,275 more coming along the San Diego River corridor), Grantville has seen no new park developments or plans for them - and there is space.

“Grantville now has housing densities in excess of the downtown planning area's average density of ~21 units/acre, approaching an average of 50 units/acre and up to 110 units/acre closest to the Grantville trolley station. The vast majority of Grantville's population of roughly 8,000 is currently served by one 2.8-acre pocket park at the corner of Vandever Ave. and Crawford St.

“Per Council Policy (CP) 700-34 pocket parks should serve a maximum of 5,000 people and be 10 acres. Using these standards Grantville is underserved by 13.2 acres of park space and maintains a priority score of at least 32 per this policy. Large sections of Grantville currently fall outside the Parks Master Plan's 10-minute ‘walk-roll’ goal.

“Grantville's population does not yet justify a dedicated recreation center but plans for one should begin now; but right now, this means making the most of the current park and developing more park spaces is critical for this community. Still Grantville is ineligible for Park Opportunity Fund improvements. To address these policy gaps, identifying future recreation sites, and prioritizing new parks and amenities development in Grantville is of paramount importance and have been key objectives of the 2005 Grantville Redevelopment Plan for the last 21 years.

“We have space for parks in Grantville, we are developing, and park spaces must be set aside as part of the development process! Developer permits must be contingent on park development! Development Impact Funds (DIF) generated in Grantville must be spent in GRANTVILLE!”

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Ms. Laman asked whether the East Village Green project was the downtown park nearing completion and asked what would happen to the approximately \$32,000 previously allocated to the project.

Ms. Erazo responded that the \$32,000 has carried over and will continue to carry over until the facility opens and the funds are utilized. She noted that staff are identifying potential grand opening ceremonies and programs that could use the funding.

Ms. Laman also asked why no additional funding was shown for East Village Green in Fiscal Year 2027.

Ms. Martinez responded that, because the opening date of the facility was still uncertain and related permitting was ongoing, the allocation committee chose not to allocate additional funding at that time. She explained that the committee would wait until the facility opens, review the available funding, and confirm the facility's status in Fiscal Year 2027. Ms. Martinez also confirmed that the previously allocated \$32,000 remains in the fund and will be available once the facility opens.

MOTION/SECONDED: A motion to move to approve was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Bloom. The motion was approved 8-0-0 and passed. Note that there were no recusals or abstentions, and board members absent were Chair Bothwell and Dr. Muñoz.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

INFORMATION ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 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: June 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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