Balboa Park Committee

Meeting Notice and Agenda

THURSDAY, November 5, 2026
In-Person Meeting, **4:00 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, Kathy Vandenheuvel, Makeda Cheatom, Michael Robinson, Jake Banfield-Weir, Mandy Brown, Patty Riddle, Michael Singleton, Matt Jawlik

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 October 1, 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

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 – Balboa Park Committee 2027 Meeting Dates
  - Presenter: Allison Soares, Chair of Balboa Park Committee

  Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposal.

- Item 2 – The Prado at Balboa Park – YPO Event
  - Presenter: Sofia Picazo, Operation Manager, The Prado at Balboa Park

  Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposal.

- Item 3 – MLK Parade, 5K, and Harmony Health Festival
  - Presenter: Brian Samuels, Vice President & MLK Parade Chairman

  Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposal.

Item 13: WORKSHOP:

- Item 4 – Balboa Park Master Plan
  - Presenter: Howard Blackson, Balboa Park Committee Member

Item 14: ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: **Special Meeting on Balboa Park Master Plan to be held on Thursday, November 19th (time to be approved at November 5th Balboa Park Committee meeting).**

Thursday, January 7, 2027, at 4:00 p.m.