THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Report to the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee

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TO: Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee

FROM: Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Reallocation of Funds for B19181 Dusty Rhodes Playground

SUMMARY

Should the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to reallocate $2,600,000 of Mission Bay Park Improvement Funds to the following projects:

- Dusty Rhodes Playground, CIP# B19181, $2,600,000

Funding will come from the following project:

- Mission Bay Park Improvements, CIP# AGF00004, $2,600,000

Director's Recommendation – Approve the recommendation listed in this report.

Fiscal Impact – The MBPIF allocated in this report will allow for the identified project to continue into construction.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – Not applicable.

Environmental – The allocation of funds will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2).

BACKGROUND

The Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund (MBPIF) is one of two capital improvement project funds to receive revenues from leaseholds in Mission Bay Park. The other fund is the San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund (RPIF). For more information on both funds, including their background, project selection, and information on funded projects please visit the following link: https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/design-development/parkscip/mbpifrpif.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Department staff recommends allocating $2,600,000 of MBPIF revenue to the below project. Funding will come from the following project:

- $2,600,000 from Mission Bay Park Improvements, CIP# AGF00004. There is currently additional audited that has been collected from Fiscal Year 2026. Additionally, there are project savings from completed Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund projects.

After this allocation, there will still be approximately $3.3 million in fund balance in the annual allocation.

The recommended allocation will be added to the City's CIP through a council action. The recommended project is:

- ***Dusty Rhodes Playground, CIP# B19181, $2,600,000***

  Scope: This project provides for the replacement and possible expansion of the existing playground at Dusty Rhodes Park. The playground improvements are to provide play structures for children 2 to 12 years of age, either as separate play areas or combined into one larger play structure. The playground area shall adhere to universal play principles and avoid thematic play, unless thematic play is desired by the Dusty Rhodes Recreation Advisory Group.
  Financial: $5,455,715 has been allocated to this project to date, all of which is MBPIF. The total project cost is $8,055,715.
  Status: Engineering & Capital Projects is currently working on final design. They plan to advertise for construction in the Winter of 2027. The engineer's estimate increased due to a change in playground surfacing, the need for additional fencing, expanded pavement for the accessible maintenance route, and inflation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends approval of the recommended allocation of Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund to the project listed in this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommendation listed in this report.
2. Do not approve the recommendation listed in this report.
3. Recommend alternative allocations to specific eligible capital projects.

Respectfully submitted,

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