City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 15, 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 - Ballroom and remotely using the Microsoft Teams 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 Dr. Marcella Bothwell (Chair) Dr. Andrea Dooley Rick Gulley (Vice Chair) Daniele Laman Allison Soares	Dr. Judith Muñoz Evelyn Smith Agatha Wein	Ryan Barbrick Benjamin Cartwright (Virtual) Andy Field Ana Grow Louis Merlin Danielle Nourie-Burns Gabriela Verendia

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Bothwell at 3:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 16, 2026

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

A motion for approval was made by Ms. Laman to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Gulley. The motion was approved by 6-0-1. Mr. Anastasopoulos abstained as he was not in the room. Dr. Muñoz, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wein were absent. No public comment was received on this item.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

101. Reallocation of Funds for Old Salt Pool Project
Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Barbrick presented a request for approval of reallocating $500,000 in funds from the Regional Park Improvement Funds annual allocation to the new Old Salt Pool sidewalk reconstruction project, which is due to a failure in part of the walkway leading to the stairs. This was raised to the level of an emergency since the lifeguards use the walkway to access the beach for potential rescues. The Engineering and Capital Projects department requested $500,000 to get the project started, coming from four different sources: Coastal Erosion and Access annual allocation ($7,983-savings from projects already completed), Parks Improvements annual allocation ($50,000-savings from projects already completed), Regional Park Improvement Funds annual allocation ($150,000-additional audited revenue received), and the Sunset Clause Drainage Improvements ($292,017). These funds would be returned later, most likely through the Fiscal Year 2028 budget process.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

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

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Laman and seconded by Vice Chair Gulley. The motion was approved by 6-0-1. Mr. Anastasopoulos abstained as he was not in the room. Dr. Muñoz, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wein were absent.

102. Reallocation of Funds for Starlight Bowl Project
Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Barbrick presented a request for approval of reallocating $200,000 in funds from the Regional Park Improvement Funds annual allocation to the Starlight Bowl Improvements project, which is managed in-house by Parks and Recreation department working with the Public Utilities and Transportation departments. Original estimates were not feasible and an additional $200,000 is needed to complete construction (construction is estimated to be complete by May 2027). If the presented request is approved, it would go through the Mayor's CIP mid-year report. This project already has received a Federal grant of $500,000.

Director Field clarified that the project is the restoration of a bathroom at the top of the Starlight Bowl for public and beneficial use. He also stated that this is the last part of the project that is needed prior to opening any food and beverage opportunity at the top of the Starlight Bowl and it would put in a new sewer line.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment:

Ms. Soares noted that $200,000 is a lot of money for a bathroom.

Director Field clarified that the $700,000 is for the sewer line that has collapsed and that the project is not just a bathroom project, but more regarding the extensive damage and the underground utilities associated with the collapse. He also mentioned that the interior bathroom also needs renovation, as the original renovation by Save Starlight has since been vandalized and damaged. The project also benefits the kitchen.

MOTION/SECONDED: **Allison Soares/Daniele Laman**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Soares and seconded by Ms. Laman. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed. Mr. Anastasopoulos abstained as he was not in the room. Dr. Muñoz, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wein were absent.

103. Semi-Annual Presentation Format for the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Barbrick presented a request to formalize and memorialize reporting approaches as required from City Charter Section 55.2 and recommended from the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit recommendation 4.1. The new format includes standardized quarterly reports and semi-annual progress reports on projects that have had major milestones or changes.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Chair Bothwell thanked Engineering and Capital Projects for working with the Board/Committee over the past year and their willingness to educate the Board/Committee on the reporting issues.

MOTION/SECONDED: **Vice Chair Rick Gulley/Allison Soares**

A motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Gulley and seconded by Ms. Soares. The motion was approved by 6-0-1. Mr. Anastasopoulos abstained as he was not in the room. Dr. Muñoz, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wein were absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 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: November 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Andy Field
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Parks and Recreation Department

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