

MINUTES

**City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE
October 6, 2022**

Meeting Location: Online Meeting

Mailing Address:
Balboa Park Administration Building
2125 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101-4792

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Molly Chase - Chair
Howard Blackson
Dang Nguyen
Allison Soares
Brer Marsh
William Aaron Jr
Makeda Cheatom
Chris Eddy

Members Absent

Katherine Johnston
Victoria Curran
Sarah Dawe
Micah Parzen

Staff Present

Codi Vierra
Christina Chadwick
Victor Nava
Johnny Chou
Victor Johnson II
Everett Hauser
Philip Trom
Claudia Brizuela

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Molly Chase called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Johnny Chou read the statement listed on the agenda that this Committee meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the California Executive Order 29-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 21, 2022

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Aaron Jr. / Mr. Eddy

A motion was made by Mr. Aaron Jr. and seconded by Mr. Eddy to approve the July 21, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously (6-0-2).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

NON- AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniele Laman, HPR International Cottages Liaison. Question recently during Pride week one of the cottages wanted to fly the pride flag and there was a complaint and so that cottage took that flag down, but my question is what kind of flags other than our own cultural flags are we allowed to fly during special times like that because we're on city land it would be nice to have a follow-up from staff it's not specifically pointed out or spelled out in our SUP about what other flags HPR is allowed to fly during special times throughout the year and then a little good news and the little bad news first is that we did have two vandalisms this month one inside the House of Turkey and then the other just recently outside the house of Iran and lastly the good news is that we have about six more lawn programs for the rest of the year. They are Spain, House of Czechoslovak Republics, Turkey, Special 50th Anniversary for the House of Puerto Rico, Scotland, at the end of the month and then Lebanon to start out November and that concludes my public comment. Thank You.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Chairperson Molly Chase – Apologized for missing the July meeting and looking forward to today's conversation and grateful for City Staff that are here and Christina and the team for putting together a number of information items that hopefully allow use the opportunity to provide some good input and continue to input on some projects that we've seen before with that we are going to ask again for non-profit partner

update for continuing to be flexible and patient with us as we kind of do this differently from meeting to meeting we will move the City Staff reports next

STAFF REPORT

City Council Third District – Codi Vierra – Real quickly my main update tonight is that our office submitted our budget memo priorities memo for the next fiscal year those were required early this year. It would include funding for increased funding for the commission for arts and culture to 7% of total as well as supporting the commitment to reach the full penny for the Arts funding by fiscal year 2026 some of our other priorities include request for additional funding for security and facility improvements for Balboa Park as well as mobility improvements and homelessness solutions. You can view the full budget memo on our Council Office page on the City Website. You can find that if you just go to the council web page so you can also sign up for our three newsletters if you don't already receive it.

Note: Molly Chase -Chair informed the council that a copy of the Council District 3 fiscal year report will be available included in the email update so that everyone can have that in their email inbox and that is a good reminder we're going to docket a conversation about the budget process because it is different this year it gives us some more time to provide some input. I appreciate that and I believe City Staff Parks & Recreation updates will also be given via email.

Assistant Deputy Director, Christina Chadwick, District Manager, Johnny Chou, and District Manager, Victor Nava reported. -None: Report will be sent via email

BALBOA PARK NON-PROFIT PARTNER UPDATES (Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair; however, comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes)

Forever Balboa Park – -No report

Balboa Park Cultural Partnership – No report.

Balboa Park Online Collaborative – No report.

Committee of 100 – No report.

Save Starlight – No report.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (These items are adopted without discussion; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member)

101. House of India-Dandiya Under the Stars: Vijay Navani, Co-President House of India is requesting to host their event on the Federal Building Lawn East (along the Comic-Con Museum) on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 6-9:30 p.m. The event will have vendors selling food, ethnic costumes and jewelry. They will also have entertainment.

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request.

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Ms. Soares. to approve Consent Items. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Adoption (Each adoption item requires individual action; they can be moved to adoption by any committee member)

201. Park Blvd Redesign. Presenter: Everett Hauser, Program Manager, Transportation Department, City of San Diego.

Special Events

301. House of India-Dandiya Under the Stars: Vijay Navani, Co-President House of India is requesting to host their event on the Federal Building Lawn East (along the Comic-Con Museum) on Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 6-9:30 p.m. The event will have vendors selling food, ethnic costumes and jewelry. They will also have entertainment.

Staff Recommendation: To approve the request.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Chase / Mr. Aaron Jr.

A motion was made by Ms. Chase and seconded by Mr. Aaron Jr. to move Item 301 from Special Events to Consent. The motion carried unanimously (8-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS (No action taken; subject discussed by the committee and staff.)

401. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

501. Park Blvd Design Update and Next Steps, Presenter: Everett Hauser, Program Manager, Transportation Department, City of San Diego

Public Comment:

- Nevo Magnesi, I'm not mistaken there are some areas you were not commenting on in this presentation but there are some areas where I think the parking gets to be adjacent to the curb and then the bike lane kind of becomes a buffered Class 2 facility about that time presuming there's probably a good reason for that. I did also want to ask again about protected intersection because with the right turn areas and the bike lane transitioning and it's less of a conflict than it would be beforehand but they're still kind of a prospective conflict between right turning vehicles and bike riders that want to go straight. I wanted to see if the city has put any thought into how maybe for this design or for future designs it can kind of make something that's a little bit better for all ages and abilities.
- Everett Hauser responded, there is some remaining curbside parking for school buses and then general parking during some sort of business hours near the Space Theatre that remained to allow that access for the school children that will be visiting the park. As we are bundling with the pipeline were a bit limited into what we can accomplish for dealing with the repaving so as sort of some staff later is going to talk about next steps but we know that there's numerous needs around the park as well as for transportation assets that will look to continue the development of that could include protected intersections where we do have some mixing zones or you know things of that nature because each of the bus stops as well is a mixing zone currently with in the design based on what were able to work with in this time frame.

Committee Comment: -None

502. Roundabout Installation at Morley Field & Florida Drive, Presenter: Everett Hauser, Program Manager, Transportation Department, City of San Diego

Public Comment: -None

Committee Comment:

- Allison Soares, would've liked to have been able to plant a tree in the middle of the roundabout.
- Molly Chase, We want the quick build to show the proof of concept and allow the rest of the neighborhood to be supportive. Moving forward it shouldn't be that. This is the lowest bar of the expectation ladder from my perspective and it's important for us to all think about as we move forward because it's just a big circle. Inquired about bike counters at the location.
 - Everett Hauser responded, no bike counters were installed at that location.
- Brer Marsh, inquired about how much previously unpaved land was used for the installation.
 - Everett Hauser responded, doesn't believe any unpaved land was used for the installation

503. Balboa Drive Design Opportunities & Next Steps, Presenter: Philip Trom, Program Manager, Claudia Brizuela, Senior Traffic Engineer, Sustainability and Mobility Department, City of San Diego

Public Comment:

Catie Borruso, a University Heights resident and an employee at one of the cultural institutions in the park. I just wanted to come again and say how irresponsible I think it is for the City of San Diego to be concerned with offsetting the loss of parking during the climate emergency. I think it's incredibly irresponsible. I do think it's important to highlight especially having ADA parking in the park and also having other considerations like safe crosswalks. I think it's important for cyclists. I cannot believe that the city is choosing instead to try and mitigate parking when we're in a climate emergency.

Nevo Magnesi, I wanted to thank staff for the presentation, and this is just based off of my anecdotal experience. I bike down Balboa or drive several times a week to go from where I live in Hillcrest into the Central Mesa. I did want to ask staff if they would consider installing a contra flow bike lane because there's already a desire path that way a lot of people you know are already biking against traffic there. I mean it you know it depends whether or not they choose to of course but I think that a contra flow bike lane would really support that kind of movement to get to the central Mesa and kind of avoid having to deal with a lot of stop signs and traffic lights by biking down Fourth Ave and then cutting over a few more lights to get from fourth to six to the Cabrio bridge and I would say that even uh between the choice of having a you know bike lane that goes Southbound versus one that goes Northbound. I'd almost support the Northbound one because this is a pretty low traffic street low volume. Biking down there I almost never get past so I'd really love to see a contra bike lane.

Peter Kaminsky, I think the parking manage evaluation as you consider the timing, I think you are spot on regarding the need for limiting timing and indeed the work that's being done with the experience planned for the park. We would ask that should any consideration of time limits be considered please make sure to consider the cultural partnership in those discussions moving forward. Thank you for this very timely and what I'd consider a very proactive discussion on increasing the parking available in that area.

Danelle Layman, I just had a question for uh the senior Engineers or for City staff is this area along Balboa Drive available during special events for parking such as you know big Pride Parade, St Patrick's Day Parade, or is this street going to be closed down during these big special events or parade?.

- Christina Chadwick responded, it really depends on the details of the event in particular. You know depending on the needs and the occupancy of the event itself however, I would say that I general term this specific street is closed down for major events

Rene Smith, there was a parking in circulation study done informally a few years ago and one of our primary recommendations was to look at restriping Balboa Drive and to increase the number of parking spaces there so thank you very much for that. I would ask that the evaluation that you did be provided in the minutes so that those of us who undertook this study over the course of a couple years can look at that so that we can either support or make suggestions for further actions.

Anar, I am from Kensington and I visit Balboa Park 2-3 times per week. It blows me away that it's 2022 our city just approved an ambitious climate action plan with mode shift at its heart and our quote unquote sustainability team is proposing adding 100+ free parking spots in a park with over 7,000 spots when you yourself said that parking utilization on that street is between 30 and 37 percent. You already shafted the Park Boulevard bus only designs to allow for more parking we don't need any more parking in Balboa Park.

Matt S., I must have missed something about the 30 % utilization because if that's the case I don't understand the justification for adding parking. I don't feel like the narrative that oh we're losing parking on Park Boulevard there for we need to add it on this street that's nearly a mile away is good justification. You know people trying to go to the east side of the park they're not going to go all the way to the to the Bankers Hill and park and walk all the way over like you know that just that's kind of silly. I do wonder if you know with the bike lane if there's a way to switch the angled parking and the bike lane like it is on Park Boulevard. I don't know if it's like a constraint issue or whatever but like that would just I feel like reduce conflicts for everybody. My last question is I'm wondering if any kind of quick build was considered at El Prado and Balboa Drive for a roundabout similar to what's going on at Morley and Florida because I feel like that would be another good spot that quick build roundabout could potentially speed things up and make everything safer.

Bruce Damon, I have three questions I'm a resident of Bankers Hill and we support the diagonal parking along Balboa Drive. On the westside of Balboa Drive near the Nutmeg comfort station restrooms there's an indentation of perpendicular parking how is that going to be handled with the diagonal parking on the westside of Balboa drive all the way from Upas and all the way to Laurel? My second question, is the City coordinating with the City Traffic Department in regard to the proposed roundabout at Juniper Street by the City and I understand that's in design phase right now has the Balboa Park Committee seen that? My third question is there any proposed diagonal parking from Juniper all the way around by the Fire Alarm building and up past the where the Haunted Trail is now and back up to Juniper?

- Claudia Brizuela responded, to answer the 3rd question. To a certain extent angle parking is proposed along Balboa Drive once it starts to make the hairpin turn and curves back up it actually changes to another street (8th Avenue) and that's where we were not proposing to make any changes. However, the angle parking that we were proposing does take you down to that southernmost parking lot and that essentially where the angle parking proposal ends. That is south of where the Haunted Trails is. To answer the 1st question. The transition between the angled parking and the perpendicular parking that's accounted for and there going to be transitions and space for transitions between the two that would remain.

Committee Comment:

Howard Blackson, I want to make a clarification staff said that this was making up for loss due to the bike lanes on Park and it's not making up for the loss of the bus Rapid Transit Lane. I just want to make sure that's clear.

Brer Marsh, Thanks for bringing this forward. I share the feelings of some of the people that called in here. I feel like increasing the number of vehicles traveling down Balboa Drive and what is supposed to be the recreational and enjoyment side of the park is totally the wrong way forward. It's a fact that whenever you increase lanes or parking spaces in an area you increase traffic and you increase the people who are going to be going there looking for that. It's going to reduce the safety of the park, it's going to be adding more noise and pollution to the park, people are going to be circling through there more and more and I just don't

think this is the right way forward for the West Mesa or the Bankers Hill Community. To my knowledge there hasn't been any outreach done with the people who live on that side of the park even though it's been asked for. I think that this fails to address our climate action plan or even the Balboa Park master plan. I mean had you brought this forward with that data related to parking utilization across the park and studies showing that yeah you know this is what the people want, and this is what we need. I might have been able to support this, but it's supposed to offset what is essentially a positive change on Park Boulevard and it is going to have a negative impact on the other side of the park. I really think this is the wrong way forward. I mean if there's been any outreach done, I'd like to hear about. If there's other justification for this item other than making the businesses in the park happy with the positive change from Park Boulevard I'd like to hear about it. If there is any information on or any ideas on other uses for Balboa Drive I'd really like to hear about it because as some of you who live in the area might recall during the pandemic Balboa Drive was closed and you could go down there any day of the week and you would see people running biking you would see kids on bikes something you don't get to see in Bankers Hill very often. There is actually a need for active space in the park the six-foot pedestrian pass doesn't cut it. I've previously gone to Stephen Wetburn and also brought up the idea of taking that unused lane width on Balboa Drive and converting it to an active transportation path like you see in Santa Monica down along the beach. Like you see in Mission Beach along the boardwalk something that would actually be a positive Park related use along Balboa Drive. I think would be a much better idea honestly like 7,500 spaces in the park there's no evidence that we have a shortage of parking spaces. There are a lot of other things we could do with this furthermore I'd just like to point out that you know the overabundance of parking in Balboa Park is actually negatively impacting the City of San Diego's Transportation goals as a whole people drive when they could take the bus because they know that there is free unlimited parking in Balboa Park. On game day you see people parking in the park and walking downtown. Every morning there are people who use the parks free parking to go to their jobs in Bankers Hill to go to their jobs Downtown uh there are other uses that people do they park and ride. I mean it's the all you can eat situation when there's an unlimited resource people use it for whatever reason they can, and I think that this is just going to be adding to that problem. If you're really serious about increasing transit use and meeting climate action goals, then adding more parking spaces inside the park is the wrong move. If you could answer some of those questions, I would appreciate it.

- Philip Trom responded, with a slurry project like this there's a lot of different options. Certainly, we could look at different configurations and bring that that back. I know you know various things can be done we looked at the angle parking on each side. Obviously, the reverse angle parking but you could do a number of other configurations too. I think you could consider a cycle track and an enhanced active transportation uses or as you said where you know a full conversion right. Obviously, lots of possibilities on that corridor. I think we were predominantly reacting to the kind of the complementary nature to the change on Park Boulevard with this as a starting alternative here, but I just wanted to share certainly there's options that could be considered.
- Brer Marsh, Inquired about the name of general slurry projects that happen around the City and how are they funded. Has improved facilities been considered and if not? Why not?
 - Everett Hauser responded, all slurry projects are funded by SB1. In reference to the Balboa Park Master Plan Balboa Park Drive is a Class 3 and would be consistent with that proposal. Many things were considered. 4th and 5th were recently improved for regional connections again it meets the vise master plan in that as well as the pathways that do exist within the park for contra flow direction (Northbound). That is why staff brought it as a workshop item for comments and considerations.
- Molly Chase, I think it's important to note that if we can make these improvements now and have a larger conversation about the future use of Balboa Drive as well so it's not like we're precluding the more creative options in the future. It was a direction from some members of this committee when we saw Park Boulevard to ask staff to come back to look at other improvements for parking. I understand we're balancing the needs and that's not the priority that you have prior but it

was an "Ask of staff". I want to appreciate staff for coming back so quickly with some of those improvements for parking and it's definitely not the end of the conversation.

- Brer Marsh, If there is a way to demonstrate the needs I would like to say it.

504. Bike rack design and installation location, Presenter: Philip Trom, Program Manager, Claudia Brizuela, Senior Traffic Engineer, Sustainability and Mobility Department, City of San Diego

Public Comment:

- Anar, I just want to say stoked about the increase in bike parking and micro mobility corrals. Just one piece of advice most bicyclists do not care about a nice-looking bike rack. Just install the inverted u-shape ones but install a ton of them everywhere. They're cheaper per unit and you can fit more of them in a smaller space. Just do that that's all we want.
- Daniele Lamén, I've been waiting for this uh since we heard that the restriping was going on over on Park Boulevard and you're increasing the bike lanes. I said, well where are we going to park them all it's good to know that there's already 20 spots available right now, but I didn't see any proposed. So, you're just taking feedback as to where you wanted it to put more but you didn't say how many more. What the budget is other than it's 400 for the plain use but you don't say what the budget is and how many more you can put in. So, maybe you can sprinkle a few over by the International Cottages because right now the people that use their bikes to get there who were there almost every weekend use the Overflow pipes in front of the Hall of Nations to park their bikes. Our village did expand just last year so we have more buildings to the north and to the south so maybe something centralized and then something at the north end of the village and at the south end of the village would be great so maybe 3 spots there.
- Matt S., I just wanted to say that yeah like simple u-shaped is all we need some of the RT ones that are getting installed, but you can't even figure out how to put a bike too. We don't need anything crazy just U is simple something I can lock my wheel and frame too. I love that there's know 20 locations that you can park bikes now. I didn't know that was that many because I haven't found them all uh and I didn't know if there was a place like on you know the city's website or somewhere that you know somewhere you could go maybe in GIS that shows where you can park your bike because that's one of the big things whenever you go anywhere like where am I going to park so those are my comments.
- Renee Smith, I'm almost stunned that we would think to put these U-shaped bike racks in this iconic and world-famous park. I think about the 20-something million dollars being spent for the Botanical building the thought of having a pedestrian if I may mix terms U shape bike rack series parked in front of them in front of that building is counter to sort of the look or the image that we would want to have here. If instructions need to come with how to do this when you want to lock your bike then the city can put the instructions on their website.
- George Hardy. Regarding the shared mobility corrals. Very glad to see that map of part of Balboa Park that had them I'm assuming that the rest of Balboa Park has some of those corrals as well since you can't use those other than to take them out of a corral and put them into a corral and of course there are a lot of places on the East Mesa, Morley Field, and Golden Hill Park and so forth that could benefit from those corrals. I'm assuming that was just an oversight by not including those in a map of Balboa Park.
- Catie Borruso, I'm an employee at one of the cultural institutions in the park it's within a building that houses a few other cultural institutions I personally think it would be great for there to be bike parking at every single institution at the park. I'm sure that there are people who ride bikes who would be happy to visit every institution currently walking from institution is not always the easiest thing to do either

you have to sort of traverse parking lots traversing parking lots is not exactly an enjoyable pedestrian experience. I have to say as someone who does not drive in the park um the other thing, I wanted to say was again the youths are a lot safer for locking bikes too than the decorative ones. Balboa Park has a lot of great ornament and I'm sure that designers could choose a different way to make a bike parking corral look good I happen to think that every parking space in Balboa Park is uglier than anything U-shaped bike corral could be and I also just wanted to say I think this is low priority. I'm an employee I work six to eight hour shifts it would be great to have something that was like a bike Locker or something a little bit safer than just a u-lock for being in the park for a really long time but I understand that's not top priority I just wanted to throw it out there.

Committee Comment:

- Brer Marsh, I feel like I can give some good input on this one they're needed so I'm really glad to see them come in and I'm confident that when the bike lanes on Park Blvd are finished we're going to be seeing a lot more people coming by bike. Where to put the bike racks is always the question right. You know their placement can influence things not only usage and the ability of people to find them but also their safety racks that are hidden or not publicly visible, easily visible from public spaces and become targets for people who want to steal bikes. So, we do things like use larger locks take our bike with us when we go from building to building even people who have mobility issues will use their bike as a cane which I've had to do a number of times over the years for employees who spend a lot of time at work and don't have the opportunity to check on their bike the best solution is actually bike lockers. So, if you're considering an area for bike racks for employees only and it's not in the middle of the park or maybe you don't want it there. I would suggest looking into bike lockers that could be dedicated to use by employees. Regarding the aesthetic issues the u-locks are incredibly functional and they have been proven time and time again not u- locks sorry the u-rack has been proven to be the preferred device for cyclists but there are racks that function very similarly to the u- rack that are not so industrial looking so if that's a concern. I would suggest seeking those out. There are even companies available to do custom racks which I know the city already purchases from so I know would be more money but perhaps for high profile spaces a different kind of rack could be considered. I'd like to just reiterate the comment by one of the other callers who suggested that racks are needed throughout the park. I would agree with that. I actually road around and had a look around when I first started on the board and there are parts of the park where you can't find a bike rack so I'm sure you'll find other great places just besides the Central Mesa. If you're considering the spacing and placement of them I would just suggest that you look at the wide variety of bikes that people are riding now. Cargo bikes take up more space especially the ones that have a bucket on the front of the bike, also Adaptive Cycles used by people with mobility issues are often very low and very wide and finding a way to attach to even a regular u-rack can be difficult so people with mobility issues have suggested that a low bar about six inches off the ground and about three feet long is easier for them to secure their bike too than the typical u- rack. If you have any specific questions you want more input let me know because I know all about it.
- Molly Chase, I think the conversation about additional micro mobility corrals makes a lot of sense especially for employees and I'm wondering if we can have a follow-up conversation between City Staff and the Cultural Partnership to see if there's some ways we can bring additional corrals online just even dedicated to staff. Claudia has sent a list of the web page but that seems like some kind of obvious low-hanging fruit that would make sense and then my question is obviously I do understand Renee. I agree with Renee on his point around the decorative nature and the desire to make sure that what we're putting in the park kind of as appropriate is there a way for the u-locks to actually just be painted the same green as the decorative ones. I understand that maybe not what everyone would like to see but that does seem like it would bring it into a level of consistency from design. It's just a little jarring to have it be the difference between the current green and the stainless steel and what the improvements that our partners have made around wayfinding signage. My preference would be to see

that. I don't know if that's an option. My request would be that we prioritize that any additional u-shape put them in as many places as you can and where you get the feedback but have them be the same green.

- Philip Trom, It's his understanding that the change of color is an option.
- Howard Blackson, I'm just going to piggyback on that comment that I know there is a discussion about design review element for these types of all of these issues and so you're we're doing it this way kind of ad hoc it'd be nice to formalize it so thank you very much because your comments Molly are very good (Gold Star)

505. Balboa Park Cultural District Experience Plan, Presenter: Steve Snyder, CEO Fleet Science Center, Jen Low, Lead Designer, Open Box,

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Babcock, I'm with forever Balboa Park I just wanted to say thank you very much to BPCP and Jen and to all the folks and experts who've been helping with this experience plan. I've had the opportunity to hear a few different iterations of the results of what they've discovered and I'm just very thankful that we have some wonderful qualitative data from real folks who are working and using and visiting and enjoying the park. The richness of the insights that the report contains, and the research contains really can't be captured in this one short agenda item. I do want to give Jen a thumbs up for doing her best to quickly capture the richness of this. I just want to go on the record saying, I'm so excited about this because I think the way they frame the opportunities end itself to some new imagination and some new innovative ways that we can all be thinking about partnerships and designing some solutions together for which we actually have very important insights from the actual visitors in the park. I think it's super exciting and I look forward to being part of helping with forever Balboa Parks channels and getting this information out there and being part of design workshops and helping to convene folks to come up with putting into action some of the ideas that will come out of it so congratulations.

Committee Comment:

- Howard Blackson, I saw goals and I saw objectives, but I didn't see a vision statement is there a vision statement for this document for this effort
 - Steve Snyder responded, the key things that we were looking for are in that first key thing. The four things were looking for this plan to do is again, look to really kind of set the bar on what the level of experience we are making. Making sure that were talking about an inclusive space and then making something that is fundamentally sustainable that can be maintained long-term and not just created once. Those key things are the goals and vision we are looking to accomplish.
- Makeda Cheatom, Want to thank Steve and Jen this is a great uh project and you know I've always been in the park working on inclusion and this is finally happening so I'm just seeing this plan Blossom it's been very incredible so again thank you.
- Allison Soares , I agree I think it was a very good report I I agree exactly what you said I think it's interesting to see all the details and I'm looking forward to the future discussions great work everybody.
- Molly, I agree I will also add I think that the Nugget that I took away that was surprising but also validating in my experience and the park is in the absence of activity it feels kind of overwhelming or there's a desire to not engage and I think I look forward to kind of seeing the recommendations of how

to bring additional activation to parts of the park that maybe we've just been used to how they've been used previously. I think there's a lot of opportunity there and I think the partnership the cultural partnership has the option to kind of reimagine a lot of the spaces that we've just kind of gotten accustomed to what the status quo has been and for many folks that's probably walking past them and not realizing what's right there and what they could be experiencing. I appreciate that if there's anyone else from the committee rare

- Brer Marsh, I really enjoyed your presentation it was nice to hear you talk about it. I previewed the presentation beforehand and I felt like you answered a lot of the questions that I had. I guess the thing that's still on my mind is we had a really interesting kind of cultural experiment with the sellers in the park this past year and I'm sure you studied that I'm curious if that's is going to provide any insight in your final report. Also, I guess the one thing I didn't see here is you know what sort of emphasis you're placing on our goals for the future for the city the various documents we have climate action (A whole list of them).
 - Jen Low responded, I spoke to a lot of folks in the county and you know one aspect is I think you know food is a cultural connector because that's what we resoundingly heard across the board and there's so much storytelling that happens there atmosphere that's built and experienced and also a sense of welcome and comfort too and I don't discount the challenges that you know. I've heard about sort of the vending situation as a policy and you know oversight and how it operates but we can't deny that there's like a sort of a big opportunity area when it comes to food. I think all over San Diego takes advantage of and exclusion sort of less you know availability that was something that came up a lot in our conversations with folks. As it pertains to equity, climate, and mobility. I think when we speak about you know in particularly the landscape strategy, we heard it from you know folks who love like deeply love the landscape and come there for the gardens to see the scenery. It's also juxtaposed of you know you know how are we addressing sort of like native planting here we have a precise plan that you know addresses them much more exotic planting and higher water use and we do have folks who are very you know environmental and environment environmental issues environmental storytelling is cultural storytelling is that what we heard and like that they're interconnected. I think it was also a great opportunity area that emerged from our conversations of like you know how can we tell a story about environmental stories here as well which also closely connects to a lot of folks who are very much concerned about climate action amongst Park visitors so they do want to see that and that comes into the 21st century the relevance aspects of it so when we're looking at our design principles sustainability and that's both from environmental aspects and also financial long-term sustainability is like rooted in that inclusion and accessibility are pretty foundational too to us moving forward

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Notice of Next Balboa Park Meeting:

November 3, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Johnson II
Area Manager