

**City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2022**

“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 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>.

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 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
Nick Anastasopoulos- In-Person Jon Becker- Virtual Marcella Bothwell (Chair) – In-Person Rick Gulley- In-Person Dennis Otsuji (Vice Chair) – In-Person Evelyn Smith – Virtual René Smith – In-Person	Molly Chase Shaina Gross Pita Verdin	Andy Field – Director -In-Person Tom Tomlinson – Virtual Louis Merlin – In-Person Sarah Erazo – In-Person Scott Sandel – Virtual Alex Frost – Virtual Anthony George - Virtual Ryan Barbrick – In-Person Elvi Ricafort – In-Person

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcella Bothwell at 2:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

MOTION:

MOVED/SECONDED

Mr. Otsuji/Mr. Gulley

A motion was made by Mr. Otsuji and seconded by Mr. Gulley to approve the **September 15, 2022, Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, and Evelyn Smith. Recused: None. Abstained: René Smith. Not Present: Molly Chase, Shaina Gross, and Pita Verdin.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comments:
Daniele Laman	Ms. Laman shared that Park Boulevard repaving will occur in 2023. She also welcomed the new Park and Recreation Board member René Smith.
Sally Smull	Ms. Smull inquired on the 10% land acquisition status

CONSENT AGENDA: No items were submitted for the consent agenda.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE: No items were requested for continuance.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Committee Name:	Summary of Comments:
Area Committee Community Parks I	Mr. Otsuji noted the Area Committee met and reviewed a presentation of fee schedule updates and upcoming Opportunity Fund workshops.
Area Committee Community Parks II	No update.
Balboa Park Committee	No update.
Mission Trails Citizens Advisory Committee	Mr. Gulley noted there was no citizens advisory committee since before the September meeting.

SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION (SDPF) UPDATE:

Chair Bothwell shared the following updates:

Topic:	Update:
Come Play Outside	Chair Bothwell provided a presentation (Attachment 1) outlining accolades from the end of the 2022 summer Come Play Outside and noted over 30,000 participants overall, including 8,500 participating in Teen Nite. More statistics are forthcoming at the November Board meeting.

CHAIR COMMENTS: Chair Bothwell provided her comments under the SDPF update item.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member:	Summary of Comments:
Mr. Anastasopoulos	Mr. Anastasopoulos reported that Assemblymember Brian Maienschein has provided \$750,000 for Rancho Bernardo Community Park improvements with a small check presentation ceremony earlier today with the Assemblymember and Mayor Todd Gloria.
Mr. Smith	Mr. Smith is humbled to be at the Board meeting to represent Council District 3. He also promised to listen to all voices with a focus on equity, sanitation, historical character of parks, and related items. Measure H, if passed, should be analyzed by the Board for its impact on parks. Independent Budget Analyst Council Priorities has been released and is available at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/22-28_fy2024_city_council_budget_priorities_-_october_complete_rpt.pdf .
Ms. Bothwell	Chair Bothwell mentioned a great women's tennis event this past weekend at Barnes Tennis Center. She noted the best professional players attended and played.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Mr. Field presented the report shown in **Attachment 2**. Anthony George from the Office of Councilmember Chris Cate presented an update on Measure H associated with childcare on parkland, which is provided in **Attachment 3**.

ACTION ITEMS:

101. Mira Mesa Community Plan Update

Presenters: Scott Sandel, Park Planner, Planning Department
Alex Frost, Senior Planner, Planning Department

MOVED/SECONDED: Mr. Becker/Mr. Otsuji

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Otsuji to approve the staff recommendation with a condition to incorporate the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (CPG) recommendations for the Mira Mesa Community Plan Update. The motion was approved 6-0-1 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, and Evelyn Smith. Recused: None. Abstained: René Smith. Not Present: Molly Chase, Shaina Gross, and Pita Verdin.

Public Comment on Item #101:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comments:
Jeff Stevens	Mr. Stevens presented the findings of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (CPG) for the ongoing efforts to update the community plan.
Howard Greenstein	Mr. Greenstein noted that the plan update does not include the recreation value point and acreage calculations.

Board Member Comment on Item #101:

Board Member:	Summary of Comments:
Mr. Becker	Mr. Becker asked staff to consider what Mr. Stevens stated in his presentation, including funding opportunities and project prioritization. Mr. Becker noted the joint use opportunities with Miramar College and encouraged staff to continue those efforts.
Mr. Otsuji	Mr. Otsuji commended Mr. Stevens and the community planning group for their comments and input. A true design process is needed to answer many of the questions raised by the community. Mr. Otsuji noted that the City lacks the maintenance budget to maintain the desired parks. Since land is at a premium, large land holders such as the school district should be considered for shared opportunities.
Mr. Smith	Mr. Smith has macro and micro recommendations related to the Mira Mesa Community Plan update. Mr. Smith's remarks are enclosed to these minutes as Attachment 4 . Mr. Sandel responded by reviewing Appendix D with the recreation value point calculations.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

201. Department Fee Schedule Changes

Presenter: Sarah Erazo, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department

Public Comment: None

Board Member Comment:


Board Member:	Summary of Comments:
Ms. Bothwell	Chair Bothwell asked if anyone raised concerns with the changes. Ms. Erazo stated there were none.
Mr. Becker	Mr. Becker thanked Ms. Erazo for the update.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 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 17, 2022

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Field". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and last name "Field" clearly distinguishable.

Andy Field
Director
Parks and Recreation Department

ATTACHMENT 1



SAN DIEGO PARKS FOUNDATION

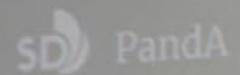
Parks and Recreation Staff Appreciation 2022







Enrollment and Surveys



3,910 registered participants in Come Play
Outside programming
Total Attendances: 31,364

Survey Responses
• 51.3 (30.9% response rate)

Programmatic Satisfaction 9+
• 78.1%
• Likelihood to Recommend, 9+
• 83.1%

















ATTACHMENT 2

Park and Recreation Board

Director's Report

October 20, 2022

Andy Field

Parks and Recreation Director



Unclassified Leadership Team

❖ **Andy Field, Director**

❖ Parks and Recreation

❖ **Karen Dennison, Assistant Director**

❖ Oversees: DRP, OS, Golf

❖ **Tom Tomlinson, Assistant Director**

❖ Oversees: CPI, CPPI, Admin Svcs.

❖ **Louis Merlin, Deputy Director**

❖ Administrative Services

❖ **Mike Tully, Deputy Director**

❖ Developed Regional Parks

❖ **Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director**

❖ Open Space / MADs

❖ **Scott Bentley, Deputy Director**

❖ Golf

❖ **Steve Pale, Deputy Director**

❖ **Community Parks I**

❖ **Gina Dulay, Deputy Director**

❖ Community Parks II

❖ **John Howard, Asst. Deputy Director**

❖ Golf

❖ **Mike Jones, Asst. Deputy Director**

❖ MADs

❖ **Christina Chadwick, Asst. Deputy Director**

❖ Developed Regional Parks: Balboa Park, Mission Bay Park, Presidio Park



Unclassified Leadership Team

❖ **Sarah Erazo, Program Manager**

❖ Recreation Programming

❖ **Salome Martinez, Program Manager**

❖ Recreation Programming

❖ **Wayne Carpenter, Program Manager**

❖ Senior Superintendent Golf

❖ **Devin Cullen, Program Manager**

❖ Senior Superintendent Golf

❖ **Michele Kelley, Program Manager**

❖ Fiscal Operations

❖ **Michelle Abella-Shon, Program Manager**

❖ Asset Management

❖ **Michael Ruiz, Program Manager**

❖ Chief Park Ranger

❖ **Tim Graham, Program Coordinator**

❖ Animal Welfare

❖ **Jon Richards, Program Coordinator**

❖ Administrative Services

Celebrate Successes

- **Balboa Park:** botanical building groundbreaking
- **Coastal Development Permits:** Point La Jolla, coastal parking lots overnight
- **Come Play Outside:**
 - Parks After Dark
 - Teen Nite
- **Fees:** new fee schedule, low-income fee waiver, and opportunity fund
- **Get It Done:** preliminary implementation
- **Golf:** Farmers Insurance Open, Junior World, 121st U.S. Open, Mission Bay Improvements
- **Grants:**
 - Grants Managed: \$113,619,548
 - Grants Currently in CIP (28 projects): \$67,970,812
 - Grants Pending in CIP (21 projects): \$42,050,000
 - Non-Capital Grants: \$3,598,736
 - Proposition 68 grant award for Beyer Park

Celebrate Successes

- **Park and joint use openings:**

- Balboa Park New International Cottages
- Bay Terraces Senior Center
- Bud Kearns Aquatic Complex
- City Heights Pool
- Curie Elementary Joint Use
- Dog Off Leash Areas - Memorial, North Park, and Ward Canyon
- Fairbrook Park

- Innovation Middle School Joint Use
- Island Avenue Mini-Park
- King Chavez Charter Joint Use
- North Park Mini-Park
- Old San Ysidro Library Teen Center
- Rolando Park Elementary Joint Use
- Sequoia Elementary Joint Use
- Standley Middle Joint Use Pool

- **Park Ranger Program:**

- Growth from 45 rangers to 65 rangers, including new Chief Park Ranger
- Sidewalk Vending Ordinance Enforcement

Celebrate Successes

- **Partnerships:** San Diego Parks Foundation, Price Philanthropies, Casa Familiar
- **Parks Master Plan:**
 - Chollas Creek Regional Park Master Plan
 - Marketing/social media
 - Needs assessment/focus on equity
 - Park design review committee
 - Citywide Park Development Impact Fee
 - Recreation value points system
- **Pickleball and Tennis:** working to develop better special use permit terms and creating better spaces for both sports to play, with much more still to do
- **Project Review Standardization:** development of terms and conditions for private developers that construct public parks

Celebrate Successes

- **Recruitment and retention:**
 - Employ and Empower – internship and mentorship program including LEADER Academy/Park Ambassadors
 - Job fairs
 - Special pay requests for select classifications
 - Continued advocacy and collaboration with labor unions
 - Expand use of rewards (EMI's, merit cash payments, safety gift card, lunches, etc.)
- **Therapeutic Recreation Services/AgeWell San Diego:**
 - Age Friendly San Diego Initiative
 - Opening of Park de la Cruz Community Center and Gymnasium
 - 50th Anniversary celebration held in July
 - Possible expansion of senior center locations
- **Mission Trails Regional Park:** Master Plan, Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement
- **Mission Bay:** several new projects, including soon-to-open Tecolote Shores Playground

City Strategic Plan

<https://performance.sandiego.gov/>

- **Vision:**
 - **Opportunity in every neighborhood, excellent service for every San Diegan.**
- **Mission:**
 - **Every day we serve our communities to make San Diego not just a fine city, but a great City.**
- **Operating Principles**
 - ***Customer Service:*** We value our residents, customers, and employees by designing solutions and services that put people first.
 - ***Empowerment & Engagement:*** We value a “Culture of Yes” where we empower employees to creatively solve problems and offer solutions.
 - ***Equity & Inclusion:*** We value equity by taking intentional action to create equal access to opportunity and resources.
 - ***Trust & Transparency:*** We value transparency by using data to make better-informed decisions, answer questions, and build trust with the public.

City Strategic Plan

- **Priority Areas**

- ***Create Homes for All of Us:*** Ensuring every San Diegan has access to secure, affordable housing.
 - San Diegans live in vibrant communities with healthy homes and access to opportunity.
- ***Protect and Enrich Every Neighborhood:*** Connecting communities to safe public spaces that offer opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.
 - San Diegans in all communities are connected to neighborhood assets that anchor community life, foster interaction, and promote well-being.
 - San Diegans benefit from accessible, convenient, safe, and comfortable recreational spaces in their communities.
- ***Advance Mobility and Infrastructure:*** Offering high-quality infrastructure and mobility options that are efficient, safe, and convenient.
 - San Diegans in all communities, of all ages and abilities, can efficiently get from point A to point B with mobility options that are safe, affordable, and sustainable.
 - San Diegans travel on high-quality infrastructure that creates safe and comfortable spaces for people to walk, roll, ride, or drive.

City Strategic Plan

- **Priority Areas**

- ***Champion Sustainability:*** Creating livable, sustainable communities for all San Diegans, now and in the future.
 - San Diegans have equitable access to high-quality, healthy, preserved open spaces.
 - The City provides a built environment that best sustains our natural environment and public health.
 - A resilient San Diego that can adapt to, recover from, and thrive under changing climate conditions.
 - San Diegans benefit from diligent, innovative waste management.
 - The City leads by example with zero emission vehicles, net zero emission facilities, and resilient and efficient delivery of services.
- ***Foster Regional Prosperity:*** Promoting economic growth and opportunity in every community, for every San Diegan.
 - San Diegans benefit from a passionate, engaged City workforce that provides the highest level of customer service and represents the San Diego community.
 - City employees enjoy a culture of great leadership, appreciation, and acknowledgement, with opportunities for learning and development.
 - The City provides a clear, unified pathway for career growth and development.



Parks and Recreation Tactical Plan

Here's how it reads today....

VISION: To connect all to the City's diverse, world-class park system

MISSION: To provide healthy, sustainable, and enriching environments for all

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- **Protect and enhance natural and developed assets**
 - Preserve and maintain parks
 - Improve and upgrade amenities
 - Ensure parks are preserved for generations to come
- **Develop and offer innovative recreational opportunities to meet the diverse needs of our communities**
 - Provide innovative program ideas
 - Solicit feedback from customers and staff
 - Offer equitable recreation programs and improve facility conditions in underserved communities
- **Foster growth and development of our employees**
 - Create mentor/mentee relationships
 - Expand training opportunities
 - Share and celebrate successes
 - Demonstrate we are the best department in the City and a great employer

Parks and Recreation Tactical Plan

- **What Will It Look Like Tomorrow?**
 - **Address equity:**
 - We have an inequitable park system (*PMP* and *Recreation Equity Audit*)
 - The City must address “long-standing inequities experienced by people in communities of concern and other marginalized populations” (*PMP*)
 - Allow everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to clean and safe parks and access to enjoyable, fulfilling recreational opportunities regardless of one’s background, identity, ability, and location
 - Request additional budgetary resources and increasing service levels in historically underserved communities

Parks and Recreation Tactical Plan

- **What Will It Look Like Tomorrow? (*continued*)**
 - **Strongly articulate the employee-centric organization we aspire to be:**
 - Pay increases
 - Salary studies
 - Rewards and recognition
 - Recruitment
 - Department culture
 - Career guidance

Parks and Recreation Tactical Plan

- **What Will It Look Like Tomorrow? (*continued*)**
 - **Focus on importance and benefit of our park ranger program:**
 - Park rangers should be integral to the department's full operation by serving not only regional parks and open space but also community and neighborhood parks
 - Need for park ranger consistency and clarity – unify policies, procedures, training, and communication
 - **Strongly articulate the importance of natural resource management, preservation, and restoration**

Parks and Recreation Tactical Plan

- **What Will It Look Like Tomorrow? (*continued*)**
 - **Connect with Climate Action Plan goals, including:**
 - Reduce 90% of fossil fuel use in buildings by 2035 through electrification, appliance swaps, and emerging technologies
 - Utilize 100% renewable electricity for all customers in San Diego by 2030
 - Shift 50% of all trips to walking, biking, or transit 2035
 - Transition from combustion to electric vehicles, to account for at least 25% of light-duty vehicle miles traveled by 2035
 - Reduce waste production and divert 90% of waste away from the landfill by 2035
 - Restore 700 acres of wetlands and related habitats to promote carbon storage and ecosystem health
 - Achieve 35% urban tree canopy coverage by 2035 by planting and maintaining tens of thousands of trees, focusing first on historically underserved communities that are vulnerable to extreme heat

Changes to SDMC 26.30 and 26.31

SDMC 26.30 and 26.31 concern Park and Recreation Board, Balboa Park Committee, and Mission Bay Park Committee, heard by Rules Committee on 10/19/22. Proposed changes to SDMC are as follows:

- Balboa Park Committee
 - Change “Balboa Park/Morley Field Recreation Council” to “Balboa Park/Morley Field Community Recreation Group”
- Mission Bay Park Committee
 - Due to redistricting, remove references to specific Council Districts for the Mission Bay Park Committee and replacing them with language that prioritizes the Council District that represents the biggest geographic area in Mission Bay Park

Changes to SDMC 26.30

- Park and Recreation Board:
 - Update name from “Park and Recreation Advisory Board” to “Park^s and Recreation Advisory Board”
- For the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park advisory body (*currently inactive*):
 - Update the U.S. Interior Department “Bureau of Sports Fishery and Wildlife” and “Bureau of Commercial Fisheries” to “U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service”
 - Update “State of California Department of Fish and Game” to “State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife”
 - Update “San Diego Council of Diving Clubs” to “San Diego Council of Divers”
 - Eliminate requirement for one member of the California State Advisory Board on Underwater Parks and Reserves
 - Add an at-large seat

Proposed Amendment to San Diego Charter Section 55 regarding childcare on dedicated parkland

- **Welcome Anthony George from the Office of Councilmember Chris Cate**

Upcoming Board Topics

- Chollas Creek Regional Park Master Plan Update
- Come Play Outside and Parks After Dark Year End Report
- DeAnza Natural Environmental Impact Report
- Fiesta Island Master Plan Update (information can be found here:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/parkplanning/fiesta-island>)
- Joint Use Program Update
- Restroom Condition Assessment and Maintenance
- Grants Update for all projects in the State program (in format similar to the regional park improvement fund projects presentation)

ATTACHMENT 3

Ballot Initiative – Adding Additional Allowable Park Use

Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6



Background

- In 2020, the City faced unprecedented challenges in the face of a global pandemic. Of particular concern was the ability of families to safely provide daycare opportunities for their children. With the goal of minimizing close contacts via reduced group size, physical distancing, and outdoor settings, families turned to the City to request access to parks for additional access to site such programs. The City Attorney's Office and Mayor's Office concluded that such an arrangement was not an allowable use.

Challenges

- Charter section 55 states, in part:
All real property owned in fee by the City heretofore or hereafter *formally dedicated in perpetuity by ordinance of the Council or by statute of the State Legislature for park, recreation or cemetery purposes* shall not be used for any but park, recreation or cemetery purposes without such changed use or purpose having been first authorized or later ratified by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors of the City voting at an election for such purpose.
- In short:
Childcare activities in City parks is not an allowable use and thus does not offer flexibility for families and Childcare Providers that are looking for alternative, safe options to use park land.

Proposed Additional Language

Adding to Section 55: Park and Recreation, in part:

The City Manager may, without a vote of the people, authorize childcare at recreation facilities and buildings on real property owned in fee by the City heretofore or hereafter formally dedicated in perpetuity by ordinance of the Council or by statute of the State Legislature for park or recreation purposes.

Childcare Definition

Definition:

For purposes of this section, childcare means any State-licensed childcare facility, other than in-home family day care, in which nonmedical care and supervision is provided for children under age 18 in a group setting for less than 24 hours per day, excluding educational or instructional use provided by public, private, home, or charter schools.

P&R Board Meeting, October 20, 2022

René Smith's

Item 101 Comments – Mira Mesa Community Plan Update

Macro issues:

1. Parks Master Plan. City staff worked assiduously, in concert with the public to craft the recently approved Parks Mast Plan. Huzzah all around. Now, it is important to ensure that the 106 policies in that plan are carefully tied to all future planning initiatives. I would request that any future Community Plan Updates coming to this Board include meaningful and specific, tight linkages to those policies. This plan appears to closely align with the two other and coequal components of Complete Communities: Housing and Transportation.
2. Plans should come to us earlier in the process because I believe that we can be a valuable resource. Toward that end, I would like to ask Planning, with Chair's approval, to provide us with the status of plans currently, "in the hopper". Specifically, which plans do you expect to take to Council in the next 2 years, in what order, what is their current stage of development and when do we see them here.
3. The Community makes specific reference to ties to the Public Facilities Financing Plan. I, for one, could better understand that part of the process and its linkage to Community Plan Updates now and in the future.
4. This being the first CPU through the gate of the new PMP, I think we should ask that at the worst, the recreation values cannot be negative. To me, to accept this plan means that we accept that we can never be more than we are today. Plans should set our sights higher, I believe.

Micro or plan issues:

1. Alex and his team were specifically recognized by the Mira Mesa CPG Monday Night when several people went out of their way to commend him. And I would add doing this work and having to incorporate the Series 14 RHINA updates in midstream must have meant a lot of late night and weekend work. Thank you.
2. I support what the community and Jon pointed out, we are quadrupling the recreation value deficit and that this plan does not reach to PMP 20% land RV component. Further, while the report makes a point about the 58 acres of proposed parkland, 48 of that is nearly collocated in the southeastern tier of 3 Roots and Stone Creek. This land issue is particularly worrisome in the western tier. Further, the plan leaves Mira Mesa well short on both recreation centers and aquatic centers. Land value is only 11% according to a review, based on available information, by a member of the public.
3. Industrial Flex. I found the open-ended housing commitment for Industrial Flex without a clear understanding of the amount of housing and the concomitant effects on parks and recreation to be concerning and warranting further discussion and understanding.
4. Not now but I would like to have a conversation, Scott, about item 31 in your list of park units that is 0.03 of an acre and yet accrues over 40 points. As I'm sure you

recall, there was much debate about the RV point system specifically as it applies to points for signage, benches, etc. Knowing this will help me better understand the PMP RV implementation.

5. The Mayor committed to 10 new acres of parks in the next 10 years. This plan very nicely identifies several near-term opportunities both on public land and with private acquisition. How do those opportunities become translated into immediate actions since we know that properties come and go in the market with great frequency?
6. And, the inclusion of SDG&E easements is particularly noted. Thank you for including this added recreation opportunity.