

**City of San Diego
Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023**

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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/Excused	City Staff Present
Nick Anastasopoulos- In-Person Jon Becker- In-Person Marcella Bothwell (Chair) – In-Person Shaina Gross – Virtual Rick Gulley- In-Person Dennis Otsuji (Vice Chair) – In-Person René Smith – In-Person Pita Verdin – Virtual	Molly Chase Evelyn Smith	Tom Tomlinson – In-Person Louis Merlin – In-Person Ryan Barbrick – In-Person Kathleen Brand – In-Person Michelle Abella-Shon- Virtual Elvi Ricafort – In-Person Gabby Verendia – In-Person

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Bothwell at 3:56 p.m..

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Gulley/Mr. Becker

A motion was made by Mr. Gulley and seconded by Mr. Becker to approve the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 8-0-2 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Molly Chase and Evelyn Smith.

NON-ADOPTION AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT – No non-adoption agenda public comment was submitted.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA – No items were submitted for the consent agenda.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE – No items were requested for continuance.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications we submitted.

(Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS – No committee member comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS:

101. Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Park Improvement Fund Budget – Proposed Allocations Recommendations

Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Supervising Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation Department

MOVED/SECONDED: Mr. Becker/Mr. Gulley

A motion was made by Mr. Becker and seconded by Mr. Gulley to approve the staff recommendation for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Regional Park Improvement Fund Budget – Proposed Allocations Recommendations. The motion was approved 7-0-3 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Jon Becker, Marcella Bothwell, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, Dennis Otsuji, René Smith, and Pita Verdin. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Not Present: Nick Anastasopoulos, Molly Chase, and Evelyn Smith.

Public Comment on Item #101:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
John Stump	<p>Please provide the proposed allocation of Regional Park Improvements prior to taking any actions. Chollas Heights Reservoir Lake is under review for safety and maintenance needs. When this study is completed the Lake Dam may need funding. Please continue funding decisions until City study is completed. Please see notice of availability of the study – attached. Also please see the extremely high failure scenario prepared by California Bureau of Dams – https://water.ca.gov/Programs/All-Programs/Division-of-Safety-of-Dams/Inundation-Maps.</p> <p>Mr. Stump also asked the Board if they had the chance to read his written comments. He shared that the Chollas Heights Reservoir Dam is under review and needs serious funding when the study is completed. He pointed out that the dam is unique and to think about the report of dam maintenance and how to solve the open pipe problem. He believes that Chollas Lake is for fishing and water is being used that needs to be treated first.</p>

Board Comment on Item # 101:

Board Member:	Summary of Comment:
René Smith	<p>Mr. Smith commented that he had insufficient time to review the report. He suggested the Board have more time to discuss and make recommendations. He asked if the Board didn't approve the action, if the projects listed would be delayed. Mr. Barbrick responded that the Board can make recommendations per the City Charter Section 55.2.</p> <p>Mr. Smith commented on the requested funds for Developed Regional Parks Administration building, asking for a better understanding of the strategy for the building. He indicated it is not seismically safe. He wondered why we are repairing the building versus replacing it. Mr. Smith also questioned the requested funding for the Santa Clara project when the CIP is not anticipated to be complete until 2030.</p> <p>Mr. Smith requested to create an ad-hoc working committee on the Board's roles.</p> <p>Ms. Bothwell questioned Mr. Smith as to what the ad-hoc committee would do. Mr. Smith would like a committee about the RPIF funds to better understand the budget so when Mr. Barbrick comes back next year the Board is prepared for his report.</p> <p>Mr. Barbrick shared that a memo with the projects listed was emailed to the Board on December 9th. The memo was also shared to other stakeholders to make them aware of the proposed funding allocations of the revenue received from Fiscal Year 2022. The memo's intent was to give enough time for all stakeholders to review the proposed allocation of the funding for Fiscal Year 2024 and to incorporate their comments and recommendations. In regard to the Santa Clara funding, he shared that the department reached out to Engineering and Capital Projects for their input on the projects listed in the report.</p>
Dennis Otsuji	<p>Mr. Otsuji asked if the Navy hospital (aka Developed Regional Parks Administration building) building is considered historical. He stated that if it is, then that is the main reason for renovations. Ms. Abella-Shon responded that the building is considered historical.</p>
Jon Becker	<p>Mr. Becker was pleased to know that there are projects listed from his community. He asked about the arsenic removal process in the area. Mr. Barbrick responded that Engineering and Capital Projects staff will be coming to report at the next meeting on projects funded from the RPIF.</p>

INFORMATION ITEMS:

201. Mission Bay Lease Revenue Statistics

Presenter: Ryan Barbrick, Supervising Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation

Department

Public Comment on Item #201:

Commenter Name:	Summary of Comment:
John Stump	Mr. Stump questioned the amount invoiced on the report. He didn't see payment from SeaWorld. He noticed that the Zoo does not pay anything. He recommended to look at the equity in Zoo versus SeaWorld. He also added that he knows the charter very well.

Board Comment on Item # 201:

Board Member:	Summary of Comment:
René Smith	Mr. Smith suggested for staff from Department Real Estate and Airport Management report on leases. Mr. Barbrick shared that the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee has the same request.
Marcella Bothwell	Ms. Bothwell commented that a future report from Department Real Estate and Airport Management would be helpful. Ms. Bothwell also asked about when permanent leases are reviewed.
Dennis Otsuji	Mr. Otsuji asked about if De Anza Cove has been completed. Mr. Tomlinson responded that the plan for environmental documents is still being prepared.

WORKSHOP ITEMS: There were no workshop items.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 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: February 16, 2023

Submitted by,

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