

**City of San Diego**  
**Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

*“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.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>City Staff Present</b>
Nick Anastasopoulos Jon Becker Shaina Gross (left at 5:20 p.m.) Rick Gulley Daniele Laman Evelyn Smith (left at 5:10 p.m.) René Smith	Marcella Bothwell Dennis Otsuji Pita Verdin	Ryan Barbrick Andy Field Louis Merlin Michelle Abella-Shon (Virtual) Gabriela Verendia Jason Grani Tom Tomlinson Elvi Ricafort

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Gulley at 5:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2023 AND JULY 20, 2023**

**MOTION:                      MOVED/SECONDED                      Mr. Anastasopoulos/Mr. Smith**

A motion was made by Mr. Anastasopoulos and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Regional Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 6-0-0 and passed with the following vote: Yea: Nick Anastasopoulos, Jon Becker, Shaina Gross, Rick Gulley, and René Smith. Recused: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Marcella Bothwell, Dennis Otsuji, Evelyn Smith, and Pita Verdin.

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

**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 will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable.)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**201. Regional Parks Improvement Fund Projects Update**

Mr. Grani made a presentation outlining the status of each project within the Regional Parks Improvement Fund program.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comments:**

**Mr. Smith** appreciates the data but requested the report include the council district and project number. He then asked if there is an easier way to follow these projects through the process, as some of the projects have been in design for an extended period of time. Mr. Grani will provide the Board with the updated project information in writing. He noted that many projects have heavy environmental processing that requires additional time and effort to complete. SDG&E prevented quick completion of the electrical upgrade of Chollas Lake.

**Mr. Becker** asked about the status of Black Mountain Arsenic Mine remediation. Mr. Grani stated that the Department of Toxic Substances Control will work with the Department to determine the next steps with the project.

**Ms. Laman** appreciated the update on Chollas Lake Electrical. She asked if the City Council or community should become involved to assist the project to move forward. Mr. Grani noted that SDG&E is trying but has numerous priority projects, and it is hoped that the work should start next month. Ms. Laman is glad to see North Chollas move forward and hopes the current phase can move forward. Mr. Grani noted that trails in the environmentally sensitive areas are of concern and will require environmental review.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS:** There were no workshop items.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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>.

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**Next Calendared Meeting: October 19, at 2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by,

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