

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

April 27, 2026

4:00 PM

Location: Zoom and City Council Chambers, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Komatinsky called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present (6): Allen, Aggarwal, Doran, Schreiner, Zimbalist, Vice Chair Komatinsky

Absent: (2) Chair Windes, Zimbalist

Others present: Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman, Senior Recreation Supervisor (SRS) Archie Sherman, Senior Management Analyst (SMA) Linda Robb, Recording Secretary Rosemary Lackow

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Komatinsky/Schreiner) to approve; motion passed 6-0-2 (Zimbalist, Windes absent) by voice vote.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026

It was moved and seconded (Schreiner/Aggarwal) to approve as submitted. Motion passed 6-0-2 (Zimbalist, Windes absent) by voice vote.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3-Minute Limit) – None

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Consideration of Girl Scout Silver Award Project Proposal – Coyote Awareness Signage at Local Parks

A brief staff report was given by SMA Robb followed by proposal presentation by applicant/girl scout Sohni Chopra. Ms. Chopra proposes to earn a “Silver Award” by completing a community service project. The project is to fabricate and install signs in the Veteran’s Parkway greenbelt, Polliwog Park, and Sand Dune Park informing about how to stay safe if a coyote is encountered. The project will also include a small-scale awareness campaign to ensure the information reaches the community. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by MBPD and Public Works Departments. MBPD recommends in addition: 1) adding more sign locations including Manhattan Village, the Manhattan Village soccer fields, and Senior Villas; and 2) to include in the sign info, phone numbers for police dispatch, to enable city reporting and monitoring of coyote activity.

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission review and approve, enabling the project to move forward to City Council for its consideration.

The Commission reviewed and received clarifications from the applicant and staff (e.g. 8 signs estimated, cost \$200 per location for at least three locations). Commissioner Schreiner suggested that Sand Dune Park be considered for the signage.

It was moved and seconded (Aggarwal/Allen) that the Commission **APPROVE** the subject proposal. The motion passed 5-0-2 (Zimbalist, Windes absent) by voice vote.

3. Parks and Recreation 2026/2027 Work Plan

SRS Sherman presented updates:

- Pay 'N Play: A timeline is being developed for the building demo; the bid package is ready for advertisement next month; demolition will occur in the fall. The Committee will later review permanent uses (after the Library Needs Assessment is completed).
- Veterans' Day Event: Commissioner Aggarwal updated: the committee has decided to NOT shut the public roadway down to traffic; if more space is needed the Joslyn Center parking lot will be used. Stay tuned for more information.
- FIFA 26: City Council has directed staff to proceed with installing 100 +/- banners, to be sold after the event. More information is forthcoming.
- Olympics LA28; an Ad Hoc committee will be planning activities per council direction.

H. STAFF ITEMS

4. Presentation on 2026 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

City Engineer Gil Gamboa presented the proposed CIP highlighting:

- Council scheduled to review, adopt June 2nd.
- 13 parks related programs/projects \$9,737,097 finding total; +/- 30% of all CIP.
- Project categories: Annual Programs, Deferred Park Maintenance, Replacement Projects, and major improvements (e.g. Manhattan Heights restrooms, Sand Dune Park (final design), Begg Pool repairs (top ten needed), Manhattan Village Aquatics Pool complex (costing exercise if City were to build pool).
- City Council has full discretion and no action needed from Parks and Rec Commission.

5. Parks and Recreation Department Updates. SRS Sherman reported parks improvements:

- Pier plaques (stolen) have been replaced (better adhesive used)
- Athletic field expansions- to be inspected and fences installed by fall.
- Athletic fields with turf - fence project out to bid, groundbreaking will be mid-summer.
- Manhattan Height rock wall removal and replacement: 6-week project
- Manhattan Village soccer field LED light conversion (with remote on/off)

6. City Council action (April 7, 2026 meeting)

City council approved (one no vote) an amendment of Public Arts Fund (PAF) ordinance – to allow city to use the PAF for performing arts (e.g. Concerts in the Park.)

I. COMMISSION ITEMS

Older Adults Update: Commissioner Schreiner reported on the April 14 Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, including:

- MB Emergency Operations Presentation by the city EOP team comprised of Fire Chief (lead role) Emergency Preparedness Administrator, and Communications Manager. The team recommends that all citizens subscribe to alertsouthbay.com to receive alerts of local emergencies via app on their mobile phone, or watch channel 35 on TV, or keep a radio for emergency broadcasts. If do not phone/email can watch channel 35 on TV and all should have a radio. Fire Chief Jesse Alexander is the lead in updating communications.
- City Council approved a new trial transportation program “CIRCUIT” offering seniors low-cost, door-to-door service.
- OA programs such as Coffee Tech and You, and ABC exercise and balance class, are doing very well. ABC instructor Shala Smith recognized by LA County as Volunteer of the year.

Student Update: Commissioner Aggarwal reported on several Mira Costa topics college acceptances have been received (he is deciding between Georgetown and UC Berkely). October 3, track and field League finals - the student body is excited as school records have been broken this year.

School District Update: Vice Chair Komatinsky reported: nothing significant regarding the school district, regarding LoveMB: 2 new benches with backs, have been installed in the new dog run.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 Vice Chair Komatinsky called for a motion to adjourn; moved and seconded (Doran/Aggarwal) to adjourn to Monday May 26, 2026 (a rescheduled date); motion passed 5-0-2 by voice vote.