

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large  
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee  
David Boyer, USMC Miramar  
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon  
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large  
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa  
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member  
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council  
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)  
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners  
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee  
Mike Pent, Special Member

**Members absent/Excused**

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board  
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council  
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)  
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University  
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association  
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA

**City of San Diego**

Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department  
Casey Smith, Park and Recreation Department  
Ryan Robertson, Park and Recreation Department  
J Noland, Commission for Arts and Culture

**GUESTS**

Eric Bowlby, Executive Director, San Diego Canyonlands  
Ramon De Salvo, Artist

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (GADLER/BATHRICK) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2017. The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

## MTRP CAC MEETING MINUTES- NOVEMBER 7, 2017

### CHAIR'S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard*

At the September meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force, all of the following items were approved; \$100,000 to be transferred from the antenna fund into a newly formed CIP fund dedicated to purchasing property in the East Elliott region of the park, the reappointment of Ogilvie, Thesing (alternate for Ogilvie), and Ganster to the CAC, amending the CAC operating rules to include a Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation Board Member to the CAC, and to establish a working group that will discuss and develop Task Force operating rules.

### RANGERS REPORT – *Ryan Robertson*

- Staff completed a minor re-route of the Visitor Center Loop Trail in the area where it crosses Father Serra. The trail now crosses the road at a crosswalk and there are stop signs on both sides for vehicles. This work was done in an effort to increase safety for park patrons.
- Staff is waiting on final sign off to construct a minor re-route on the Beeler Canyon trail in West Sycamore. The re-route will move the trail to the originally proposed location and assist with the long term stability of the trail.
- The new gate closure time is 5 PM. Closure time is adjusted bi-annually to coincide with daylight savings.
- City wide support services staff will be on site Thursday, November 9 to repair and replace the wood benches at the group fire pit area next to the campground.

**WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT** - Steve Haupt reported the following information provided to him from Gayle Havens, Reservoir Keeper, Murray Reservoir:

- We are having a CWA shutdown and the water level is coming down ending on November 14<sup>th</sup>
- No major projects at the lake, but the CWA does have a relining project on Baltimore Dr.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will continue at the lake next year along with a music fest on the Park and Rec. side at the playground
- Concession stand has new days of operation. They are now open Wednesday to Sunday for rentals, closed Monday and Tuesday. The lake is open all week for fishing and launching boats etc.
- New PM gate time is 6:30 PM

### FOUNDATION REPORT – *Betty Ogilvie reported the following*

Kristin Sweeney has been hired and begun working as the Administrative Assistant for the Foundation. The fall season of educational school trips is underway. Funding is being pursued for a new bird box interpretive exhibit. Grant funding is being applied for and the Foundation has approved moving reserve funds into the project. The Foundation will be the owner and publisher of Dr. Pat Abbott's new book about the Geology of Mission Trails. Arbor Day is scheduled to take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the East Fortuna Staging Area. Ten Coast Live Oaks will be planted.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None

### ACTION ITEMS

**101.** Proposed AT&T Telecommunication Site – *Morgan Norville, M&M Telecom, Inc.*

**MOTION:** The MTRP CAC has no objection to installing a cell tower in the proposed location. However, due to concerns about the design of the tower, the CAC supports appointing an ad hoc

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subcommittee of Bathrick and Utt to consult with AT&T in an effort to redesign the tower with AT&T reporting back to the CAC at the January 2018 meeting for final approval. (MURPHY/PENT) The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

### **102. MTRP FY2018/2019 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – *Dorothy Leonard***

**MOTION:** That the MTRP CAC approve and recommend MTRP Task Force approval of the FY2019 MTRP Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List. (PENT/BATHRICK) The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining

### **103. MTRP CAC 2018 Meeting Schedule- *Dorothy Leonard***

**MOTION:** That the MTRP CAC 2018 Meeting Schedule be approved. (GADLER/ACEVEDO) The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining

### **104. San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund allocation recommendations – *Ryan Robertson***

**MOTION:** The MTRP CAC approve the RPIF allocation recommendations. (MURPHY/BATHRICK) The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **301. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Steve Haupt, District manager, Open Space Division, Park and Recreation Dept. for Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects***

The building permitting process has been completed and we are currently working on finalizing the contract that will be advertised for bids. The contribution from the MTRP Foundation was reflected in the project's budget this week. We are hoping the project goes to bid in mid-November or early December. We are also aware that the 100% plans need to be routed through the CAC ad hoc subcommittee and the Foundation Board representatives for review.

### **302. Mission Trails Field Station Public Art project – *J. Noland, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, and Ramon De Salvo, artist selected to develop public art component to the facility***

The CAC was given a presentation about the Commission for Arts and Culture followed by a presentation from Ramon De Salvo. Ramon's presentation focused on his past works and his proposal for the art installation at the Field Station.

### **303 MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – *Steve Haupt for Robin Shifflet, City of San Diego Planning Department***

City staff is currently working with the Resource Agencies and Mountain Bike stakeholders on the proposed trail locations in East Elliott. An on-site meeting is being scheduled for early December. It is anticipated that issues will be resolved and the project will move forward for approval. At this time, Robin Shifflet of the Planning Department has been assigned as the Project Manager to the MPU.

### **304. MTRP Solar project at Kumeyaay Lake Campground- *Senior Park Ranger Ryan Robertson and CAC member Frank Bathrick***

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City staff met with the CAC solar project ad hoc subcommittee. The ad hoc subcommittee provided recommendations to install all solar panels in a single row rather than being offset. Environmental Services Dept. staff stated that they would take the recommendations back to the contractor for discussion and comment. An updated design will be provided once any revisions are made.

**305.** Use of the West Fortuna Staging Area as the staging area and temporary trail closure for a project to remove palm trees from nearby Rueda canyon – *Eric Bowlby, executive Director, San Diego Canyonlands*

San Diego Canyonlands is working with the City to remove 260 palm trees from Rueda canyon. The trees will be removed via helicopter and staged temporarily in the West Fortuna Staging area. At the staging area, the trees will be loaded onto trucks and removed from the area. Work is expected to start this winter and should only take two days to complete.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Next meeting, January 2, 2018