

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 06, 2009
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 06, 2009, 6:30 P.M. at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center, One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, California.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member-at-large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
John F. Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Roger Utt, County of San Diego
Nancy Acevedo, Member-at-large
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners
Gene Hatton, City of Santee
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council Alternate
David Boyer, MCAS Miramar
Donovan Geiger, Tierrasanta Community Council
Norman Greene, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
Pete Cuthbert, City of La Mesa
Matt Rahn, SDSU

Members Absent

Judy McCarty, Special Member, excused
Mike Pent, Special Member, excused
Walter Odening, PhD, Member-at-large, excused

City of San Diego

Chirs Zirkle, Open Space Deputy Director, Steve Haupt Open Space District Manager, Tracey Walker Senior Park Ranger Mission Trails Open Space Division
Nathan Batchelder, Councilmember Emerald's Office

Guests

Mojgan Poursadighi, Gary Eaton, William Busch, Mark Tegio, San Diego County Water Authority
Richard Julien, Minette Ozaki, San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Naveen Waney, Platt / Whitelaw Architects
Norm Mac Leod, Verizon Wireless

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dorothy Leonard at 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PILCH / HATTON) to approve the minutes of the October 28th, 2008 meeting. It was noted that Nancy Acevedo and Walter Odenning are Members-at- large, not special members as listed in the narrative. The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Dorothy Leonard reported:

- Introduction of Nathan Batchleder, the new District 7 Representative, for Councilmember Marti Emerald.
- Introduction of Jay Wilson, the new Executive Director of the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation. Jay will take over some of the tasks currently being done by Dorothy Leonard.
- At the Task Force meeting on November 19th, the following actions were taken.
 - The Task Force approved the CAC's recommendation on the upgrade Phase 2 Ozone Project North Wall Architectural Alternative.
 - The Task Force also approved the project funding priorities for the next year and the 20-year needs list.
 - Nancy Acevedo and Walter Odening were both re-appointed to the MTRP CAC for two more years as At-Large members. Donovan Geiger was appointed to the MTRP CAC for the Tierrasanta Community Council with Betty Ogilvie as alternate. John Pilch was re-appointed to the MTRP CAC with April Boling as alternate for the San Carlos Community Council. The Task Force has a letter from SDSU President Weber endorsing the re-appointment of Matt Rahn.
- The Master Plan update and Resource Management Plan (1472) council paperwork was approved by City Council. Deborah Sharpe of Park Planning says they are involved in selecting the project consultant. They may have to go through a RFP process for that. Chair Dorothy Leonard has asked that Nancy Acevedo and Walter Odening be on that selection panel for the consultant.

STAFF/RANGER REPORT

Senior Ranger Walker reported:

- Introduction of Communications Volunteer Danny Briggs. Danny explained how short wave radios could be of help during extreme emergencies if normal 800 kHz and cell phone communications are down.
- Ranger staff is continuing to work with SDPD on “smash and grab” vehicle vandalism issues around MTRP.
- No mountain lions sighted in the last few weeks.
- \$200K is available for trail maintenance on Cowles Mt. Ranger Walker will be talking with staff on beginning a coordinated effort to improve this heavily damaged (and most popular) trail.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT

No representative to give a report.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Sycamore Landfill Antenna Facility - Project No. 88040: Postponed till the March 3rd CAC meeting at the request of the applicant.

202. Verizon Wireless Navajo – Project No. 162690. The project's generator location and noise issues were discussed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GREEN / RAHN) to support the application for the amendment to their permit for use of the generator. The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

203. Crown Castle Mission Gorge – Project No. 105832. Crown Castle staff interested in extending the conditional use permit. Due to building around the facility, signal coverage is lost to the South. This proposal simply does not meet the Mission Trails Design District guidelines; therefore the motion to oppose the request was made.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PILCH / HATTON) to oppose the application for the conditional use permit extension. The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

204. San Diego County Water Authority FRS II Project delay. It was reported that due to unforeseen cash flow issues and a variety of other serious concerns including the San Vicente Dam Project, the MTRP FRS II Project duration would need to be extended two years. Due to this, it was agreed that a request for additional mitigation be sought. Possible mitigation opportunities are being compiled at this time. Member Norman Green suggested that the CAC go on record in requesting additional mitigation for every year the project is delayed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GREEN / MURPHY) that the CAC go on record requesting additional mitigation for each year the FRS-II project is delayed. The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

205. Park Use Permit approvals. It was suggested that the MTRP CAC might be interested in reviewing some of the larger special events that are held at MTRP. There was some concern about the number of events that were coming into the park and the drain created on park staff. If interested, it was recommended that some of the larger event permits would be brought before the CAC for review and recommendation for approval or disapproval. It was noted that both Mission Bay Park and Balboa Park have a similar process. It was suggested that the proposed event be submitted to the Senior Ranger for consideration and possible docketing on an upcoming CAC meeting agenda, giving the applicant as opportunity to present their event proposal to the CAC. At that meeting, a recommendation would be made to either approve or disapprove the proposed event. The city would consider that recommendation prior to issuance of a formal event permit.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MURPHY / PILCH) that Ranger staff be asked to bring any permit that would involve more than 75 persons during 2009 to the CAC for review unless they have already been approved. The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP

301. Bike Skills Park. The San Diego Mountain Bike Association offered a proposal for a Bike Skills Park in Mission Trails. The proposed location is the current BMX site located behind the Deerfield pump station. The area would be developed into a variety of skills courses targeted at helping young bikers better understand safety and environmental issues. It was stressed that the City Attorney and Risk Management would have to comment prior to any further action on the proposal. Maintenance of the area would be taken care of by the users and their families. It was stressed that it was unlikely that any additional staff to help patrol the area would be forthcoming. The presentation generally received positive comments from CAC members.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. San Diego County Water Authority Projects. SDCWA staff reported on the Pipeline 4 urgent repair work. Failure cause and necessity for tunneling under the San Diego River to complete the 1,200' reline of the 72" pipe was described. Project completion is set for March 15th 2009. A variety of project related mitigation options were discussed.

402. CIP Project Updates.

- a. Old Mission Dam Maintenance Project. The CAC had asked that CIP monies from the Cowles Mt. Realignment project be moved to the Old Mission Dam Project to pursue permits in perpetuity for periodic dredging. Council will be asked to move approximately \$110,000.00 from the MTRP Trail Realignment CIP to the Old Mission Dam Dredging Project.
- b. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station status report. A 1472 is being routed to include the project in the FY 09 CIP Budget, hopefully getting it to council by late January or early February of 2009. It should be transferred to Design late January.

403. Status of the process to officially name the street at the Equestrian Staging Area "Equestrian Circle." An application is on file with Development Services and the project is moving forward. An opinion from the Deputy City Attorney on how the street naming would restrict access to property owners north of Hwy. 52 is being sought.

COMMUNICATIONS

San Diego State University Representative Matt Rahn offered an update on the status of the "largest wireless watershed monitoring system in the United States" called RiverNet. With support from SDSU President Weber, the President's Leadership Fund has awarded funds for the project allowing the sensor installation portion of this project to begin. The initial sensing effort will take place at the Old Mission Dam location and be transmitted to a receiver at the Mission Trails Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Walker, Staff Representative