

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 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  
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council Alternate  
Shannon O'Dunn, City of La Mesa  
Dale Shockley, Member-at-large  
Gene Hatton, City of Santee  
Mike Pent, Special Member

Members Absent

Judy McCarty, Special Member, excused  
David Boyer, MCAS Miramar, excused  
Donovan Geiger, Tierrasanta Community Council, excused  
Norman Greene, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board  
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners  
Matt Rahn, SDSU, excused

City of San Diego

Chirs Zirkle, Open Space Deputy Director, Steve Haupt Open Space District Manager  
Chris Pearson, Councilmember Emerald's Office

Guests

Mojgan Poursadighi, Mark Tegio, Craig Balben, San Diego County Water Authority  
Gardner Grady, San Diego Mountain Bike Association  
Peter Tomsovic, Recon  
Darrell Daugherty, PLANCOM, inc

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 (ACEVEDO / GADLER) to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Dorothy Leonard reported:

- At the last MTRP Task Force meeting all July CAC action items were approved including: The River Net project, Arbor Day recommendation and the CAC review of Park Use Permits.

### STAFF/RANGER REPORT

- Senior Ranger Walker reported: Ranger Heidi Gutknecht was hit by a San Diego Transit System Bus and knocked to the ground, breaking her shoulder and arm in three places. Heidi is resting at home and is expected to make a full recovery. We all wish her well.
- Some park patrons noted some smoke coming up from a brush covered area on the Barker Trail on Cowles Mountain. The two patrons (off duty SD Sheriff Officers) contacted five youths and held them for Ranger staff to transport SD Police and Metro Arson to the site. It was determined that the five (misguided) youth were cooking marshmallows over a campfire in the middle of a heavily brushed area. All five were cited and released.
- Fire and Ranger programs will meet to discuss improved communications on a semi regular basis. The meeting held this week was well received and very productive.

### WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT

No representative to give a report.

### ACTION ITEMS

101. T-Mobil wireless facility permit.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MURPHY / HATTON) to continue action item #101 for two months. Recommendations including the paint color, fire and vandalism issues should be passed on to DSD for comment. The motion passed unanimously.

102. MTRP Ground Use Permit Process. The final draft for the permitting process was discussed. Several issues were brought up regarding permit content, resulting in a motion to bring Item # 102 back for discussion at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> CAC meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MURPHY / ACEVEDO ) to return Item # 102 for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> CAC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

103. SDCWA Habitat Restoration Plan – Recommendations from MTRP CAC subcommittee. Subcommittee Chair Dale Shockley described the process the committee underwent in reviewing the SDCWA Habitat Restoration Plan. Dale offered kudos to his committee for the effort put forth. It was noted that this plan was “born out of the Good Neighbor Policy”. The review process was conducted in

what was described as a positive “this is our plan” atmosphere. Open Space Division Deputy Director Chris Zirkle asked that any agreements should not result in any additional future costs to the City of San Diego.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (SHOCKLEY / PILCH) to approve the RECON report with the subcommittee’s comments incorporated into the final plan, and make a recommendation for support to the MTRP Task Force. It was asked that the San Diego County Water Authority forward a copy of the final plan to all CAC members and City Staff. The project should not result in any additional long term costs or responsibilities to the City of San Diego. The motion passed unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

201. Lake Murray Committee Park playground upgrades. A report on planning efforts to date on upgrading the Lake Murray Park playground area was presented. The committee, composed of community volunteers, is working on several funding options for this potentially very expensive project. The condition of the playground was discussed, along with proposed upgrades. It was requested that this item be placed on the November CAC meeting agenda as an Action item. The committee is seeking CAC and Task Force support of the project.

202. Mountain Bike Skills Park proposal for Deerfield BMX area status report. Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt discussed the status of the ongoing project. The project is currently with the offices of the City Attorney and Risk Management. Steve noted that a study on how other municipalities deal with their Skills Park risk issues is underway.

203. San Diego County Water Authority Projects. SDCWA staff reported on the ongoing construction work going on in the park.

- One of the landmark Mission Trails towers has been removed.
- The tunnel project is proceeding well, with the contractor on schedule. Updates will be forthcoming as they become available. Construction is scheduled to be completed in summer of 2011.
- The San Diego River Crossing / Arizona crossing project will begin on September 15. The project should take no more than a couple of weeks.

### 204. CIP Project Updates

- a. Old Mission Dam Maintenance Project. Staff continues to work with CPCI (Community Planning and Community Investments) and DSD (Development Services Department) staff to update the certified MND (Mitigated Negative Declaration) that will bring the environmental document up to date. Not until this is brought up to date can the city proceed with the long term Old Mission Dam dredging and associated permit application. No word yet from purchasing regarding the contract with Urban Corps of San Diego allowing them to resume work on the project mitigation site.
- b. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station status report. The project manager is awaiting a proposal from the consultant. Design start date depends on when council approves the as-needed consultant contract. In the meantime, staff will be finalizing scope of services and will begin fee negotiations as soon as the proposal is received.

- c. MTRP Resource Management Plan update. Five consultant interviews were conducted on August 4th. The results will be confidential until the notification letters are sent.

205. MTRP Foundation Report. Chair Dorothy Leonard introduced the Foundation's Executive Director Jay Wilson. Jay gave a report on the Foundation's new education and related grant opportunities program. Two Foundation employees were hired to offer educational programming at the Visitor Center. Education Program advertising avenues were discussed as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Walker, Staff Representative