

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2010
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, March 2, 2010, 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
Gene Hatton, City of Santee
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners
John F. Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Dale Shockley, Member-at-large
David Boyer, MCAS Miramar
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Shannon O'Dunn, City of La Mesa
Mike Pent, Special Member

Members Absent

Matt Rahn, SDSU, Excused
Roger Utt, County of San Diego, Absent
Nancy Acevedo, Member-at-large, Excused
Donovan Geiger, Tierrasanta Community Council, Excused
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon, Excused
Green, Norman, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, Absent

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Open Space District Manager, Tracey Walker Senior Park Ranger, Rick Thompson Senior Park Ranger

Guests

Mojgan Poursadighi, San Diego County Water Authority
Gardner Grady, Kim Wiley, San Diego Mountain Bike Association

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 (HATTON / PETERSON) to approve the minutes of the January 5th, 2010 meeting. The motion passed, with David Boyer and O'Dunn abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Dorothy Leonard invited everyone to Senior Ranger Walker's good-by party on Friday, March 5, 2010. Senior Ranger Thompson's entrance will also be celebrated.

STAFF/RANGER REPORT

Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt introduced the new Mission Trails Senior Ranger, Rick Thompson. Rick has been the San Diego City Trails Manager for Open Space Parks. Due to recent staff reductions, Rick will be replacing the current Mission Trails Senior Ranger Tracey Walker. Walker will be transferring to Tri-Canyon Parks. The CAC welcomed Rick and wished Tracey all the best. Rick was a Ranger at MTRP 8 years ago and knows the park well. He brings a special skills set that will be a great asset to our programming. Walker opened the Tecolote Nature Center and is looking forward to finishing off his Open Space career at Tri-Canyon parks. Walker thanked everyone on the CAC for their commitment to the citizens of the City of San Diego and expressed his enjoyment in working with them.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT

No representative to give a report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bill Evans had concerns over the mountain peak panorama display at Cowles Summit. He believes that several of the peaks on the interpretive panel are named incorrectly. One year ago, Senior Ranger Walker drove Mr. Evans to Cowles Summit to take a look. Subsequently, Walker has asked for assistance from SDSU Geology Department's Dr. Pat Abbott and others in indentifying the peaks. There seems to be quite a difference of opinion on several peaks. Therefore, this is an ongoing process. Along with possible corrections, new formats are being considered for the display that will eliminate a possible digital distorted horizon that may be the cause of the problem.

San Diego Mountain Bike Association member, Kim Wiley described the marginal success of the bike bell project. Many of the bells are being taken and not replaced.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Site Development permit for AT&T – Mast Blvd. wireless communication facility. (Project No.199531)

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (SHOCKLEY / MURPHY) to support the AT&T-Mast Boulevard application to renew their current permit for wireless communication equipment. The motion passed with Pilch voting no and Boyer abstaining.

102. Mission Trails Regional Park Endowment Fund with San Diego Foundation: Transfer of the distributable balance of \$ 1217.96 (2009 earnings less San Diego Foundation management fee of .05%) to MTRP Foundation.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PENT/ HATTON) to approve item # 102. The motion passed, with David Boyer abstaining.

103. Use of “The San Diego Foundation” fund income from 2008 and 2009 in the amount of \$2,638.99 toward the new water and conservation exhibit to replace the current history of water exhibit installed in 1995.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PENT/HATTON) to recommend Task Force approval of item 103. The motion passed, with David Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP

201. Naming mountain bike areas in the Fortuna Mountain area of MTRP. It was suggested by Senior Ranger Walker and Kim Wiley of SDMBA that three small signs noting the (urban) historic area names universally used by mountain bikers in MTRP be installed at several locations adjacent to trails. These signs would not change the name of the trail, but rather add a historic note. The project would entail the installation of three signs noting what the early users called the area. They are: E-Ticket, S-Curve and Rock Garden. Again, these signs would only draw attention to the early area names and draw attention to the extensive work the mountain bike community has donated to maintaining trails in MTRP. Members of the CAC discussed pros and cons of the signs and requested that Senior Ranger Thompson work with the SDMBA to further develop the proposal and return to the CAC for an additional Workshop on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego County Water Authority Projects. Mojgan Poursadighi reported that all projects are progressing well. Wet conditions are slowing several projects. It is believed that this will not have a significant impact on the completion dates. Several wash outs are being graded and filled in due to recent rain related erosion. It was noted that the maintenance road access was also in need of fill and grading. CWA staff will take a look and see if this access can be graded and filled.
302. CIP Project updates. No report.
303. Status of the transfer of the future West Sycamore area of MTRP from McMillin Land Development to the City of San Diego. Rick Thompson reported that negotiations continue between the City Real Estate Assets Department and McMillin.
304. Report on Cowles Mountain lease income into the MTRP Antenna Fund. As of February 25, 2010, the fund unencumbered balance stands at \$218,463.00. There are six tenants on Cowles at this time. They include: McGraw Hill Broadcasting (\$1,436.73 per month), McKinnon Broadcasting (\$918.75 per month), Padre Dam Municipal Water District (\$1,490.00 per month), SANDAG (rent credit) and SDG&E (\$6,242.24 per month). The monthly revenues for the current fiscal year are \$10,087.72.
305. Mountain Bike Skills Park. Members of the San Diego Mountain Bike Association noted that no movement has taken place to unresolved operational / liability issues. Further the association has lost one of their primary financial backers during this process due to the current economic crisis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Walker, Staff Representative