

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 4, 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, May 4, 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
Matt Rahn, SDSU
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners
Roger Utt, County of San Diego
John F. Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Dale Shockley, Member-at-large
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
David Boyer, MCAS Miramar
Nancy Acevedo, Member-at-large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Shannon O'Dunn, City of La Mesa

Members Absent

Gene Hatton, City of Santee, Excused
Mike Pent, Special Member, Excused
Donovan Geiger, Tierrasanta Community Council, Absent
Green, Norman, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, Absent

City of San Diego

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

Guests

Anne Wolfstange, DePratti, Inc., Representing Sprint/Clearwire
Jeff Harkness, Senior Planner, City of San Diego

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 (GADLER / O'DUNN) to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2010 meeting. The motion passed, with David Boyer abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Dorothy Leonard informed CAC that there was no Task Force Meeting on March 18, 2010. Dorothy presented some information on the proposed shade structure to be built by S.D. County Water Authority.

STAFF/RANGER REPORT

Mission Trails Senior Ranger, Rick Thompson updated the CAC on current operations and projects being done by staff. Equestrian Staging Area improvements are being completed in preparation for the upcoming Explore Mission Trails Day. Training events by Border Patrol, S.D. Sheriff Search & Rescue, Coast Guard, and Fire Rescue have been ongoing recently in the park. Senior Ranger Thompson provided information on various biological studies going on in the park, and an information tour provided to the Paleontological Research Institute Museum of Earth from Ithaca New York. Rick also discussed the planned filling of vacant Ranger positions in the City Open Space Division, and possible transfers from Developed Regional Parks. One of these positions is to backfill retiring Ranger Tom Miller, who will be leaving the City May 28, 2010. District Manager Steve Haupt explained other Open Space Ranger vacancies to be filled. April 27, 2010 Cowles encounter: A female visitor hiking the Cowles Mountain main trail at approximately 6:30 PM reported possible "stalking activity". She was able to contact family by cell phone to meet her at the end of the hike. In further discussions with her, she indicated possible other instances and SDPD was provided information. City staff will file a formal incident report on this for future reference. Dale Shockley advised contacting SDPD Lieutenant Ken Stewart. Deputy Director Chris Zirkle not in attendance.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT

No representative to give a report.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no new Communications to report. However there was a short discussion on MTRP staff trying to work with SDSU Geography Department to address concerns that the Cowles Summit Interpretive Panel was still a concern, and coordination of various representatives to discuss and evaluate was in process. Senior Ranger Thompson informed the CAC that he has been meeting with SDMBA representatives regarding direction and goals of the Deerfield BMX, as well as other trail issues.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Site Development permit for T-Mobile – Project No. SD06902 AT&T – Anne Wolflange, DePratti, Inc. (see note)
102. Site Development permit for Sprint/Clearwire* - Project No. 2101396 - Father Junipero Serra Trail. Anne Wolflange, DePratti, Inc. (see note)

Action items 101 and 102 are carriers that share a facility with Verizon and AT&T near Mast Blvd. and SR-52 Verizon was approved by the MTRP CAC on March 3, 2009, and AT&T on

March 2, 2010. Discussion of this application generated a request for additional information at the July, 6, 2010 CAC meeting. Concerns include planned landscaping (including irrigation), tower height and design, fire safety zone, and facility color selection. Open items on Development Services checklist to be completed and cleared by the July meeting.

MOTION: To approve in concept the applications of T-Mobile and Sprint/Clearwater with the understanding that the applicant will return to the July 6, 2010 meeting with drawings that provide clarification of antenna placement for all companies, landscape plans, proposed irrigation and facility color. Moved and seconded (MURPHY/PILCH). Motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

103. Trail Policies Amendments to the City General Plan: Trail Policy amendments would be included in the General Plan Recreational Element and Glossary. Senior Ranger Thompson explained the concept of including references to the Trails Master Plan in multiple elements in the General Plan. There would be some specific trail recommendations to Community Plans as amended. The Trail Standards (Guidelines) would be incorporated as an appendix. Trail standards would define trail types, widths, surface material, and designated use. Reference to the current “Draft” Trails Master Plan within the General Plan would provide for the eventual adoption of the Trails Master Plan as an independent document. Currently adopted Trail Standards are part of the Consultants Guidelines Handbook.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MURPHY/SHOCKLEY) to provide a letter of support for the inclusion of the Draft Trails Plan within the General Plan. The motion carried, with David Boyer abstaining.

104. Proposed Amendments to SDMC 63.0102. Use of Public Park and Beaches Regulated – The Park and Recreation Department requested endorsement of proposed amendments to SDMC 63.0102 to regulate dog of leash in approved areas to improve language reflecting three major changes including:

Section 1: Change of terminology from “Designated Dog Exercise Area” to “Dog Off-Leash Area” to more accurately describe activity.

Section 2: Limit the number of dogs to three (3) per person (eliminate use by professional dog walkers – multiple dogs). Dogs must be supervised. No dogs in heat. Current dog license mandatory.

Section 3: Addresses dogs outside of dog parks. Dog of 4 months requires a current license and information must be exchanged in the event of a bite that results in an injury requiring medical attention to another dog or human.

Nancy Acevedo requested a cross-out version to track changes, also addressed the lack of explanation or definition of where horses are allowed. There was additional discussion on enforcement responsibility. It was pointed out that this is merely an adopted change to existing municipal code which results in an *infraction* making it less difficult to enforce for repeat offenders. Signage reflecting liability and the Municipal Code was advised.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PILCH/ACEVEDO) to accept SDMC 63.0102 changes regarding “Dog Off Leash” proposed amendments. In addition, the MTRP CAC recommends that Section 63.0102(b)(2)(A) be amended to note that horses can only be led or

ridden on trails and service roads within open space parks that are designated for equestrian use. Motion carried with David Boyer abstaining.

105. Allocation of \$179,829 from MTRP Antenna Fund to MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (ACEVEDO/MURPHY) to recommend to the MTRP Task Force that \$179,829 from the MTRP Antenna Fund be allocated for the MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan. Motion carried with David Boyer abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Appropriation / Allocation of Regional Park Funds

Chair Dorothy Leonard reported she had reviewed the MTRP CIP projects in the proposed FY2011 budget and noted a disconnect on funds identified vs. fund expenditure for the MTRP Cowles Mountain Trail (S-10066) and MTRP Trail Realignment (S-10066) projects. No clarification was immediately available at this meeting regarding why the budget indicated work would be on-going or completed in 2011 but that no funds would be spent.

302. FY 2011 CIP proposed budget for MTRP projects

Leonard handed out a chart showing the FY2010/2011 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List, as approved by the MTRP CAC and Task Force in November 2009. The project information was updated to show existing and proposed funding sources and project status.

Item 1 – Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station (S-04073) – The FY2011 proposed CIP budget did not reflect the \$300,000 allocated/appropriated from the MTRP Antenna Fund. Ali Darvishi has contacted Financial Management and has been assured the error has been corrected and the next upload to the Internet will reflect the appropriation and show the full \$509,000 for the project.

Item 2 – Old Mission Dam Preservation (S-00611) – The FY2011 proposed CIP budget reflects an additional \$85,000 from the MTRP Trail Realignment fund for siltation removal mitigation and monitoring and \$170,000 from the Environmental Growth Fund (EGF) for long-term preservation permits.

Item 3 – MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan (S-01014) – The FY2011 proposed CIP budget reflects the following changes: \$170,000 from EGF moved from this project to the OMD Preservation Project; \$85,000 moved from Trail Realignment to this project; an additional \$179,829 to be allocated from the MTRP Antenna Fund for this project. The \$50,000 grant for the Natural Resource Management Plan is missing from the FY 2011 proposed budget as a funding source. While the funds have been spent, by excluding it from the document the City is not reflecting the total project cost. Jeff Harkness will follow up to determine why it is not included.

Item 4 – Kumeyaay Lake Outflow Bridge – Has not yet been established as a CIP and a funding source has not yet been identified.

303. CIP Project updates

a. MTRP Master Plan and Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) update –

Jeff Harkness reported that KTU&A came in high in their first proposal due to the inclusion of Rancho Encantada (West Sycamore area) and East Elliott boundaries (Phase 1 vegetation/biological study) for the Natural Resource Management Plan. The appropriation of \$527,912 for KTU&A includes contractual services plus additional services from the Development Services Department. Jeff estimates the contract will go to City Council for approval by July 2010. The chair requested an update on the status of the Natural Resource Plan at the July meeting.

Regarding project funding, Jeff Harkness explained that additional funds were needed to include the future West Sycamore and East Elliott areas in the NRMP and Master Plan update and that Deborah Sharpe is recommending the funds come from the MTRP Antenna Fund. It was further clarified that Financial Management has determined that since the Master Plan CIP was established prior to December 31, 2009 it is permissible to use MTRP Antenna Funds (which are restricted to capital improvement projects) for this project.

- b. Old Mission Dam Maintenance Project – Project staff was not available to provide an update on the mitigation and monitoring status nor on efforts to obtain on-going permits. Matt Rahn mentioned that the City is obtaining a Master Channel Clearing Permit for the San Diego River and suggested that the staff make inquiries regarding including MTRP river related projects in the permit. This could include Kumayaay Lake and Old Mission Dam projects.
- c. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station – Roger Utt, member of the CAC ad hoc committee to review the comfort station plan, provided a power point presentation of recent review and comments on the 30% drawing of the proposed facility. CAC members expressed concern regarding possible building vandalism and security. Suggestions made will be discussed during the upcoming 60% review meeting.

304. 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 on an upcoming City staff meeting with representatives from the Open Space Division of the P&R Department, the City Attorney's office and the Real Estate Assets Department to discuss McMillin issues concerning indemnification with SDG&E, encroachments north of Sycamore Canyon Road, and other incomplete obligations made before property can be transferred to the City of San Diego. This is to be a City staff only meeting, with future meetings to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Thompson, Staff Representative