

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Nancy Acevedo, Member-at-large
David Boyer, MCAS Miramar
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Shannon O'Dunn, City of La Mesa
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mike Pent, Special Member
John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Dale Shockley, Member-at-large

Members Excused/Absent

Norman Greene, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
Gene Hatton, City of Santee
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners (excused)
Matt Rahn, SDSU
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Park & Recreation Committee

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Manager, Open Space Division, Park and Recreation Dept.
Ranger Mel Naidas, MTRP

GUESTS

Mark Carpenter, KTU&A
Jay Wilson, MTRP Foundation, Executive Director
Kim Wiley SDMBA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by chair Dorothy Leonard at 6:32 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Pilch requested his absence from the July 5th meeting be listed excused instead of absent.

MOTION It was moved and seconded (PILCH/OGILVIE) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with Boyer, Pent, Gadler, Pilch, and Shockley abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Dorothy Leonard reported the following:

- The retirement party for Senior Ranger Rick Thompson will be on September 15 at 1:00 pm in the visitor center classrooms following the Task Force meeting.

- Leonard and Acting Senior Ranger Naidas attended a meeting sponsored by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding ordinance removal in the future MTRP East Elliott area. The project will be divided into four sections. Pardee Construction has requested that their property be expedited because of the pending Castlerock development.
- A proposal from Cogentrix to develop a co-generation plant on property west of the Sycamore Landfill will be presented as an information item at the November CAC meeting. The proposed Quail Brush Generation Project is also in the future MTRP East Elliott area.

STAFF RANGER REPORT by Acting Senior Ranger Mel Naidas

- The Kumeyaay Lake Campground is closed for overnight camping as of September 4, 2011 until further notice. Only day-use will be allowed. Signs have been placed at the campground to alert campers and the website is being updated to reflect there is no longer overnight camping.
- Steve Haupt, District Manager in the Park and Recreation Department Open Space Division, stated a permanent Senior Ranger for Mission Trails should be appointed shortly.

TASK FORCE REPORT

Nancy Acevedo represented the MTRP CAC at the July Task Force meeting. The Task Force approved the appointment of Betty Ogilvie as CAC representative for Tierrasanta Community Council and Donovan Geiger as alternate.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY No Report

COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Approval of proposed small monument sign at the San Diego River Crossing trailhead parking lot (Mission Gorge Road and Jackson Drive).

The proposed sign is to be installed behind the road barricade at the parking lot entrance and will be visible from two approaches: northbound traffic on Jackson Drive and westbound traffic on Mission Gorge Road. In addition, there will be two directional signs in the Mission Gorge Road median; one from the each direction. New signs have been installed at the entrance to the Visitor Center to inform drivers there is additional parking at Jackson Drive. A sample of the sign was displayed followed by discussion on revisions to the text.

MOTION It was moved and seconded (PENT/PILCH) to approve the proposed small monument sign at the San Diego River crossing trailhead parking lot with text to read "San Diego River Crossing Trail" "Visitor Center Overflow Parking .03 miles to Center." Motion approved with David Boyer abstaining. Actual distance to be inserted.

This item will be forwarded to the MTRP Task Force for final approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS301 Construction of a suspension and/or truss bridge across the SD River on the SD River Crossing

Mark Carpenter with KTU&A reported that a little momentum was lost during the summer because of Park and Recreation Department staff moving to a new location and a backlog of other projects.

302 CIP Project Updatesa. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan

Mark Carpenter with KTU&A reported that two sections of the draft Master Plan are being reviewed by City staff. The project is approximately 30 days behind the initial schedule. It is hoped that a scoping meeting can be held the end of September or early October. The bridge (item 301 above) is being incorporated into the overall Master Plan.

b. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station/Service Building

Ranger Mel Naidas reported for Ali Darvishi. Four of the five bids submitted failed to include required information and the fifth was well over budget. The project is being rebid and construction is now scheduled to start after Explore Mission Trails Day, May 19, 2012.

c. Old Mission Dam Enhancement Project

Ranger Mel Naidas reported for Jeanette DeAngelis. Funds have been approved and once they are available she can, once again, move forward on the project.

303 MTRP Foundation Report

Executive Director Jay Wilson gave the following report:

- Attendance at the Visitor Center is up 16 percent over last year.
- The Environmental Education program, funded by a grant from SDG&E/Sempra Energy, reached over 2,500 children in the past 18 months and 400 adults.
- On August 30, Leonard and Wilson attended a briefing by SDG&E on their next round of Environmental Champion Grants. They are emphasizing underserved children and volunteering. The Foundation is considering a joint venture with the YMCA's of San Diego County to incorporate an MTRP volunteer project into the existing environmental education program.
- The Nature Adventures! classes taught by Linda Hawley have reached over 1,100 pre-school age children and 1,000 adults during the last school. There is also a two page story on Linda and her program in the September issue of San Diego Family Magazine (circulation of 120,000).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, at 6:30 PM