

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Shannon O'Dunn, City of La Mesa
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Dale Shockley, Member at-large
John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Dale Peterson, Navajo Community Planners
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Park and Recreation Department
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon

Members Absent/Excused

Gene Hatton, City of Santee
Matt Rahn, SDSU

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Jeff Harkness, Development Services Department
Lane MacKenzie, Real Estate Assets Department
Carlos Contreras, Public Works Engineering Department

Guests

Eric Bolby, San Diego Canyonlands
Phil Connor, Sunset Greens
Phil Moses, San Diego Mountain Biking Association
Mark Carpenter, KTU+A
Fred Kramer, MTRP Volunteer
Andy Hoskinson, ECOtality
Rick Neff, Cogentrix
Gary Paco, Cogentrix
Lori Ziebart, Cogentrix
Frank Tirpak, Park User

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PENT/MURPHY) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2011 noting that Senior Ranger Matt Sanford was present. The motion passed with David Boyer and Dick Gadler abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Dorothy Leonard reported that the Task Force meeting start time is being moved from 12:15 to 1 PM.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT – *Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, Park and Recreation Department reported for Senior Ranger Matt Sanford*

- Urban Corps has almost completed the vegetation removal around Old Mission Dam. The bulk of vegetation has been removed and some minor cleaning may still be needed, but they have done a very good job working in a sensitive area. Many park visitors have been thanking the crews for all their hard work.
- The flag poles at the Visitor Center and Kumeyaay Camp Ground were recently repaired. There were some issues with the rope clips.
- The Camp Hosts have been emptying the trash cans along Father Junipero Serra Trail, Old Mission Dam and the Kumeyaay Campground. They are also sweeping debris off the road, and have removed many of the old orange gravel bags along Father Junipero Serra Trail. They have been doing a great job and park staff appreciate their assistance.
- Ranger Mel has been working with the County Probation Crew on removing the remaining orange gravel bags along Father Junipero Serra Trail, and building water bars to slow the speed of water alongside the road. They will also be trimming back much of the vegetation along Father Junipero Serra Trail when work recommences.
- SDG&E has been doing grading work in their roads. They have been coordinating with Ranger Mel on the installation of water bars and other repairs.
- The US Geology Survey recently conducted a badger survey at MTRP near the grasslands. There was an article about it in the Union Tribune. Results have not been shared with park staff yet, but Senior Ranger Sanford will follow up with them.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S REPORT – No report

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment.) – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Parkland Dedication Initiative – *Eric Bowlby for San Diego Canyonlands*

Mr. Bowlby presented information on the proposed San Diego Canyon Lands (SDCL) "Canyon Enhancement Planning". Currently the property in question is Designated and SDCL is proposing to have it declared as Dedicated Open Space at no cost to the City.

Council Policy 700-17 is the guideline for Dedication of Park Lands. SDCL is proposing to go through the State Legislature. There is no cost to the city and the State designation gives the same rights as if the City Council approved it. The policy calls for an annual inventory of city park lands to prioritize. There is currently a backlog in the city of 6,600 acres. The last canyon lands were dedicated in 2007. The SDCL is asking for CAC support for this proposal.

- Acevedo asked if SDCL is proposing Lake Murray and the Golf Course be included and what provision of encroachment is there where private property owners have illegally encroached on city owned land?
- Murphy expressed concerns about dedicating the golf course. What does that do to the golf course?

ANS: Dedication would keep the golf course intact.

- Murphy asked city staff Lane MacKenzie, Steve Haupt and Jeff Harkness if there was any reason not to support this request?
ANS: MacKenzie stated within Mission Trails Regional he did not see a problem.
- Leonard asked if there was any Water Department land within MTRP?
ANS: Staff was not certain
- Boyer asked if all the property designations were listed on the map?
ANS: No
- Utt asked if once it is dedicated open space, can the property have active park uses such as trails and structures?
ANS: Yes the dedicated property within MTRP would be the same as the current property.
- Gadler asked what the heavy black border is on the map – what do they show?
ANS: New Council District 7 boundaries.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (MURPHY/PENT) to recommend to the Open Space Division of the Park and Recreation Department, support of the proposal to dedicate land within MTRP, and the proposed expanded Master Plan Area that is City owned and administered by the Park and Recreation Department, excluding property owned by the City Water Department. Motion carried with Boyer abstaining

102. Electric Car charging stations: MTRP Visitor Center parking lot – Andy Hoskinson, ECOtality

The proposal is to install up to three electric car charging stations at the head of an existing parking stall. There would be wheel stops to protect the unit. The unit could serve three vehicles at one time and there would be no cost to the city.

- Pilch asked if this is part of the Park and Drop program where you pick up a car at a location and drive it to another location, and leave it?
ANS: This is not part of CartoGo. Currently they would not be able to leave a car here.
- Leonard asked if we could possibly gain two additional parking lots along Father Junipero Trail by changing the red curb to legal parking?
- Murphy asked if there is any place other than the parking lot where the unit could be installed and suggested Lake Murray.
ANS: We have looked at Lake Murray by the concession stand.
Mr. Hoskinson further stated, we assume people are parked here for two hours or more and that is a good charging time.
- Acevedo asked if there would be any city staff responsibility at MTRP?
ANS: No, there is a 24 hour toll free service.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (PILCH/SHOCKLEY) that the MTRP CAC support in concept the proposal to install electric car charging stations in the visitor center parking lot, with reservations due to the current lack of adequate parking on heavy park use days, and that the staff report back to the MTRP CAC on how the spaces will be managed. It is further recommended that a maximum of two spaces be installed for the one year trial period.

Discussion: We should endorse this as a good thing for the world, but express some of our reservations. Leonard suggested that if this is adopted staff come back with a management

plan. Utt stated we also want to see additional information. Mr. Hoskinson from ECOTality stated the contract would be good through April 2013.

Motion carried with Boyer Abstaining.

It was requested that Mr. Hoskinson return to the March CAC meeting with additional information including a management plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Quail Brush Generation Project Update – *Rick Neff, Vice President, Cogentrix*

The site location is adjacent to the west side of the Sycamore Landfill site. There will be a California Energy Commission hearing on January 25 to be held in the Mission Trails Visitor Center meeting rooms. The hearing will include a site visit. This hearing is similar to a public scoping meeting. Cogentrix is looking at purchasing about 40 acres of mitigation land that will be donated to the City of San Diego for Mission Trails. Mr. Neff introduced Lorie Ziebart who handles public outreach for Cogentrix.

- Murphy asked if the CAC will have to take a vote on this project?
ANS: Yes because it is within the Mission Trails Design District.
- Utt stated in the package sent previously, it showed a view shed of the building, but not the stacks. The mitigation is for the visual impact?
ANS: No, because the project is within the MSCP and because it is a 22 acre site which will result in 10 acres of disturbance.
- Utt asked what is the mitigation process and does it include color, etc.?
ANS: Yes it includes color and the structure itself.
- Utt asked if Cogentrix looked at any of the mitigation sites as being the actual site as opposed to where it is?
ANS: We looked at all the property, and agreed with the City of San Diego that the site selected was the best option.
- Utt asked what kind of feedback from the City of Santee?
ANS: We have met with four of five councilmembers and staff. Meetings have been positive. We recommend that the question be directed to the City of Santee.
- Leonard stated that Santee representatives at the Task Force meeting have indicated concern with the visual impact.
- Phil Conner, president of the homeowners association of the closest neighbors to the site expressed concerns by the residents relating to pollution and devaluation of property value. The visual is less of a concern. This is a possible degrading of property values matter.
ANS: Cogentrix staff will be glad to meet with Mr. Conner and the residents.

302 Mission Trails Park Expansion – *Lane MacKenzie, City of San Diego Real Estates Assets Department*

- a. East Elliott – All the city land acquisition to date has been purchased through grants. He is talking to the property owners and to date there are more than enough sellers. He has met with Cogentrix representatives regarding the City priorities for land acquisition.
 - Murphy asked what about the Castle Rock property and mitigation land.
ANS: Any required mitigation land will be retained by the City of San Diego.
 - Murphy asked if the city is concentrating on the west side?

ANS: Yes, MacKenzie stated he has blanket authority from the City Council to purchase land on the west side of the landfill.

- Phil Moses asked about the East Elliott property and will it ever connect between West Sycamore and East Elliott, and what type of a staging area will be built at the north end?
ANS: Supervisor Dianne Jacob has been working with Miramar to secure an access on the eastern portion of Miramar to allow access with an easement.

- Mark Carpenter (KTU+A and Master Plan update consultant) stated, initially the target conservation area has been 75% with the acquisition of the new property via grants. He asked does that alter the 75% conservation requirements for MCSP and MHPA?
ANS: No.

- Leonard commented that the Army Corps of Engineers is ready to begin working on ordinance removal. They have indicated they may not be able to maneuver their equipment to all the East Elliott areas because of the steep terrain. Leonard recommended to the Army Corps of Engineers staff that they meet with Mark Carpenter regarding the proposed East Elliott trail alignments.

- b. Sycamore Canyon – This future area of MTRP includes 1,500 acres to be donated by McMillin. The City is in the final throws of finishing the acquisition. There are 20 acres of various encroachments by adjacent private property owners and the City is working on having the 20 acres transferred to the private property owners.

- Boyer asked what about the property to the north of the road. Should the city keep any property north of the road?

ANS: We will retain all required easements to maintain the road.

- Acevedo asked if 20 additional acres is being granted to the city to make up for the 20 acres being deeded to the private property owners?

ANS: No, the agreement with McMillin is written so there is not an exact amount of property to be deeded to the City.

303. CIP Project Updates

- a. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – *Jeff Harkness, Development Services Department, and Mark Carpenter, Consultant with KTU+A*

The Draft Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) is being reviewed by the Open Space Division staff. An internal review of the Draft Master Plan is being done by Open Space Division staff and the MTRP CAC Ad Hoc subcommittee. It is anticipated that an EIR scoping meeting will be held in April. The Draft EIR should be completed in September 2012 with the EIR public review period being December 2012 to February 2013.

- b. Equestrian staging Area Comfort Station/Service Building – *Carlos Contreras, City Engineering Department*

There was a problem with the soil (lots of clay), along with the rain, causing a slow start to the project. The waste water storage tank has been installed. The project is behind schedule by two weeks. They are now working on plumbing and electrical. Next week they are to begin the rebar.

- c. Old Mission Dam Enhancement – *Steve Haupt for Jeanette DeAngelis, Engineering Department*. The city is now working with the consultant regarding long term permitting. Mitigation is going along well and the cattails have been removed from behind the dam.

304. MTRP Antenna Fund leases – *Steve Haupt*

Monthly lease revenue is \$10,000. The Channel 10 lease goes through 2013, the Channel 9 lease goes through 2013, the Padre Dam lease is through 2018, the SANDAG lease is through 2018, the SDG&E lease is through 2013, and the City and County leases are forever.

305. MTRP Foundation Report – *Jay Wilson, Executive Director. MTRP Foundation*

Visitor Center attendance for 2011 was 85,088 - an increase of 14% over 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 6:30 PM.