

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, 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
Matt Rahn, San Diego State University

Members Absent/Excused

Mike Pent, Special Member

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Manager Open space Division
Matt Sanford, Senior Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Jeannette DeAngelis, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department

Guests

Kim Wiley, SD Mountain Bike Association
Beth Frice, Property owner
John Frice, Property Owner
Sandy Kuntz, Park volunteer and user
Brent Fountain, San Diego County Water Authority
Karen Henry, San Diego County Water Authority
Craig Balben, San Diego County Water Authority
Rudy Reyes, Santee Resident
Rima Dahdouh, Park User
Cristina Guenther, Santee Resident
Victor Runco

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GADLER/PETERSON) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2012 noting that Senior Ranger Sanford was present. The motion passed with David Boyer and Matt Rahn abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The chair announced that Gene Hatton has resigned representing the City of Santee and Francis Powers is to be appointed as the new representative.

The chair reported the following MTRP CAC appointments were approved by the MTRP Task Force:

- Dorothy Leonard, Member at Large and to continue as Chair of the CAC
- Dick Murphy to continue as Vice Chair of the CAC
- Dale Peterson representing Navajo Community Planners, Inc.
- Dick Gadler representing the City of El Cajon.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT

Senior Ranger Matt Sanford reported the following:

- There has been a lot more traffic in the park on weekends.
- Park staff is gearing up for Explore Mission Trails Day and some major large volunteer projects in the park.
- Over Super Bowl weekend we had items stolen from a connex box at Campground day-use parking lot. The break ins were on two consecutive nights. Police are investigating and new and more secure locks have been installed.
- The Master Plan Update Review Committee met with Mark Carpenter, the consultant from KTU+A to discuss the document. The next meeting of the committee will be on March 14 and that should complete the review.
- Coordinated new signs with MCAS Miramar staff to designate government property north of SR52. There has been a big increase in pedestrian traffic north of 52 and it is posing problems for the base.
- Trail Guide class continues with graduation scheduled for Saturday, March 31 at 9 AM in the Visitor Center outdoor amphitheater. All are invited to attend.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT – OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Open Space Manager Steve Haupt reported that Josh Garcia, the Park and Recreation Department's Resource Manager, has accepted a job in Colorado and that he will be missed. The chair asked for an update on the Resource Management Plan Josh was working on for the Mission Trails Master Plan update. Steve Haupt indicated he would follow up and report back.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S REPORT *by Gayle Havens, Reservoir Keeper for Lake Murray*

No Report

NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

The chair clarified for those in attendance that the CAC will be hearing the proposal from Cogentrix regarding the proposed co-generation plant at such time as it is referred by the Development Services Department. The plant is on private property and the CAC, as an advisory committee, will take a position only as the project relates to the Mission Trails Design District. The San Diego City Council will be hearing the matter as it relates to the project itself and granting any variances.

Speakers included:

- Sandy Kuntz resides in Santee and is a former park volunteer. She is concerned about the visual impact of the facility to such areas as the grasslands, the Kumeyaay Campground, the Equestrian Staging Area, and the Old Mission Dam.
- Beth Frice owns property adjacent to the MTRP. She and her family hike in the park on a regular basis. Concerns include noise and impact to the animals including the endangered checkerspot butterfly.

- Rudy Reyes resides in Santee and the energy plant will be a blight on the region. It does not belong in the area. It is out of design for the area. There is historical and cultural significance and there is a lot of ammunition on the site.

The chair reiterated the CAC can only comment in relation to the Mission Trails Design District ordinance with comments sent to the city's Development Services Department. The MTRP CAC does not have the authority to approve or disapprove the project.

ACTION ITEMS

101 Dirt Devil racing "Stairway to Heaven" 15K walk/run, August 12, 7-10 AM *Presentation by Dr. Victor Runco*

- Estimated attendance is 400. This will be the fourth year for this event. It starts and finishes at the Equestrian Staging Area by the main trail head. They will be cleaned up and gone by 10:30 AM. Setup time begins at 5 AM. Copies of the application were distributed.
- Senior Ranger Matt Sanford requested Dr. Runco provide an alternate date.
- In response to questions Dr. Runco responded that markers will include pink flags, tape and signs. There will be no decorations, just a couple of pop-up tents. In addition to the approximately 400 participants there will be 10 to 12 employees. Very few spectators attend the event. There is no amplification used at the event. A battery powered generator is used for the timer. The event is publicized on their website and through running magazines. Dr. Runco will send a pdf of the flyer so MTRP staff can inform park visitors of the upcoming event.
- The chair stated for any activity not included in the application or presented at the CAC meeting, the activity must be approved by the MTRP Senior Ranger or the Open Space District Manager.

Motion: On recommendation of the Senior Ranger that the MTRP CAC support the event. Moved and seconded (PILCH/SHOCKLEY). Motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

102 Electric car charging stations: MTRP Visitor Center Parking Lot

No one from ECOTality was present to provide an update

The chair reported that the proposal is for three stations, as presented at the January CAC meeting; one station in front of a handicapped site serving one vehicle and one next to the handicapped site that would serve two vehicles. The CAC's concern, at the previous meeting, was that the chargers would eliminate three valuable parking spaces. It is our understanding that the spaces will be available for use by any vehicle and that information signs to this effect will be posted.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301 SD County Water Authority

a. Pipeline 4 relining - MTRP to Lake Murray Project Manager Brent Fontain reported

- The purpose of this project is to line an existing pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe. Anticipated construction is fall 2012 through mid-2013.
- SDCWA has, over the years, had failures with pre-stressed concrete pipes. They have been relining since early 2000.

- This project will start at the northern end of Mission Trails Regional Park and end at the north end of Lake Murray.
 - There will be 20,000 feet of pipe for Line 3 and 1500 feet for line 4.
 - There are four portals in the park. There will be redirection signs for park users. They will be staging in the Jackson Drive parking lot from August 15, 2012 until early in 2013.
 - The last shutdown is in early May of 2013 and they will be gone by Explore Mission Trails Day 2013.
 - This is the last relining project within the park.
 - They should be into the five Jackson Drive portals the end of this year. Jackson Drive will remain open to through traffic; one lane in each direction adjacent to the construction project.
- b. Mission Trails FRS II
Craig Balben reported that the project was delayed until mid-2014 to postpone \$150 million in capital expenditures which, in turn, reduces wholesale rate increases from capital projects by nearly half. Construction now scheduled from mid-2014 through mid-2016.
- c. Lake Murray Control Valve
Project Manager Karen Henry reported the control valve will work in conjunction with FRS II to regulate water in pipeline 3 to the Lake Murray Treatment Plant and at Otay. Proposed site is on Baltimore Drive on the west side of the road. Construction timeline is late 2014 through mid-2016.

302 CIP Project Updates

- a. Master Plan and Resource Management Plan
The chair gave a brief update on the progress of the ad hoc subcommittee in reviewing a draft of the Master Plan. Murphy, Acevedo, Leonard and Sanford went on a field trip with consultant Mark Carpenter to the future East Elliott area.
- b. Old Mission Dam Enhancement Project
Project Manager Jeannette De Angelis reported
- We are a week away from the finalization of the implementation of the mitigation site for the past dredging behind the dam. Plants have been in the ground for a year and they are doing well. Consultant Dudek was brought on board and they have completed their initial report.
 - Jeannette and the consultant will be meeting with park staff on moving forward with permits for future dredging. There is a need to define the dredging periods and how to handle the vegetation during the non-dredging years. There is a 1601 permit from Fish and Game that expires in August 2012. The City can receive a five year extension. She will request a new 1601 from Fish and Game and seek a 15 to 20 year permit period. We should not need addendums to any permits. We should be submitting to the agency within the next four to five months. There will not be a lot to report to this group for the next seven to eight months. The permitting should take about a year and we should be able to do dredging in the fall of 2013.
 - This item will be put back on the CAC agenda in September 2012.
- c. ESA Comfort Station
Matt Sanford reported for the Project Manager.

- Roof and insulation has been installed.
- Concrete walk has been installed and the project is coming along fine.
- Completion date is the end of March.
- A dedication is planned, working with Councilmember Emerald's staff.

303 Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation

Jay Wilson, Executive Director reported the following:

- February attendance for the Visitor Center was 7139, a 19% increase over the same month in 2011.
- The concert series continues – March 11th the San Diego Native American Flute Players will perform in the outdoor amphitheater from 1 to 3 PM and on March 18th the Murray Hills Strings will perform at 3 PM in the Visitor Center theater.
- The new video display to welcome visitors to the Visitor Center has been installed. It lists the days' events, welcomes groups touring the Visitor Center, and includes park photos and a calendar for the month.

Question from the audience

Tina Nagel asked if Mission Trails Regional Park is going to come out in opposition to the Cogentrix power plant. The chair responded, with concurrence from City staff, that Mission Trails Regional Park staff will not be taking a position on the proposed plant since it is not within the boundaries of the Park. The chair reiterated what was stated at the beginning of the meeting that the MTRP CAC is responsible for positions on projects within the park boundaries and in the Mission Trails Design District. That is all that is within the CAC's jurisdiction which is an advisory entity to the City of San Diego.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 8:01 PM