

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008  
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Task Force was held on Wednesday November 19, 2008. City Administration Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 202 C Street, San Diego

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Jim Madaffer, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Donna Frye, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Brian Jones, City of Santee  
Dorothy Leonard, Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee Chair

City of San Diego

Park and Recreation Department: Open Space Deputy Director Chris Zirkle, Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt, Mission Trails Regional Park Senior Ranger Tracey Walker  
San Diego City Water Department: Nelson Manville  
Council District 7 Staff Representatives: Marisa Luque  
San Diego City CPCI, Michelle Abella-Shon,  
San Diego City Engineering and Capital Projects, Ed Fordan, Michelle Garcia-Quillico

Members Absent

Supervisor Pam Slater, County of San Diego  
Supervisor Diane Jacob, County of San Diego  
Councilmember Ruth Sterling, City of La Mesa

Guests

San Diego County Water Authority: Mojgan Poursadighi, Martin Coghill, Craig Balben, and John Galleho  
City of Santee, John Coates  
Platt /Whitelaw Architects, Naveen Waney  
Allied Climbers of San Diego, Keli Balo

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Madaffer at 12:15 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of September 17, 2008 (Leonard / Jones) carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None

### CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chair Madaffer reported:

- This marks the last Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force Meeting that Councilmember Jim Madaffer will chair. Jim thanked everyone for all the dedication and focus on Mission Trails Regional Park issues and projects.

### CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE / FOUNDATION REPORT

On behalf of the Mission Trails Regional Park CAC and Foundation Board of Directors, Chair Dorothy Leonard thanked Task Force Chair Jim Madaffer for all the support and dedication to projects and issues related to Mission Trails Regional Park over the years. It was noted that much of the forward progress made to date would not have been possible without Jim's substantial professional commitments.

- Copies of the Draft of the MTRP Master Plan as approved by the Task Force and forwarded over to Park Planning and Community Development were provided. This is the updated document that will be used as the process moves forward.
- The Stowe Trail acreage at the end of MCAS Miramar was appraised at \$ 26,000 an acre, which makes the entire purchase price over \$7,000,000. Since the County of San Diego does not have that amount at this time, the purchase is on hold. Councilmember Brian Jones noted that San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob is still interested and has not given up seeking a way to purchase the land. Jacob has scheduled a meeting with MCAS Miramar administration to go over the appraisal. There is some question as to whether or not the land has been used for mitigation or is still available as mitigation. This item will be added to the next Mission Trails Task Force meeting agenda for an update.
- Open Space Park use permits were discussed at the last MTRP CAC meeting. It was noted that some of the more complex event approvals should involve the MTRP CAC as well as city staff. The necessity for enhancement of how to better channel the required 10% gross Mission Trails Foundation donation was discussed as well.
- The San Diego County Water Authority bench and shade structure and location were discussed. It was noted that the location should be changed to the Elliott vent #5 (twin towers) location.
- Arbor Day will be held on Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Oak Grove Picnic area. Also, the Holiday Party will be held on Sunday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Lake Murray Report: Nelson Manville reported:

- The lake is very high (93') at this time. The launch ramp is in good shape and facilities are also in good condition.
- Two events were held last month; National Hunting and Fishing Day and I Love a Clean San Diego.
- 2k Catfish and 1.5k Trout were planted in Lake Murray this period.

### STAFF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Senior Ranger Tracey Walker reported on the attempt to finish off the Kumeyaay Lake Restoration Grant. Contractors are being sought at this time.
- The Kumeyaay Lake Campground staff produced and directed a great Kids Night Out Program for area youth and their parents. Many interpretive attributes found around Kumeyaay Lake and Campground were used to offer the children and parents a unique view of the wilderness eco world.
- Ranger Walker hosted two classes of San Diego State University Environmental Education students. Both classes were shown what issues resource managers must deal with in Mission Trail's compressed environment, stressing the balance between Open Space and Urban interface.
- "Smash and grab" incidents are down, although they still are occurring.
- The new in-ground trash / recyclable container program continues to be quite successful.

### ACTION ITEMS

201. Alvarado Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Upgrade Phase IV – Ozone Project – North Wall architectural alternative. After a review and discussion of the newly proposed changes, it was decided to reactivate the MTRP CAC adhoc sub committee to work with ECP on an improved North Wall architectural rendering proposal. The MTRP CAC approved the proposed changes.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Madaffer) to approve the proposed changes as recommended by the CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

202. MTRP FY 2009 / 2010 Project Funding Priorities and 20 Year Needs List. The 20 year needs list was reviewed with emphasis on priority issues from the draft master plan. CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard reported on monetary requirements for listed projects.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Jones) to approve the 20 Year Needs List as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

203. MTRP Task Force FY 2009 meeting dates.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Jones / Leonard) to approve the FY 2009 Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously

204. Appointments reappointments to the MTRP CAC.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Leonard / Jones) to reappoint Nancy Acevedo and Walter Odening as Special Members to the CAC, as well as Donovan

Geiger as Tierrasanta Community Council Representative and Betty Ogilvie as the alternate, and John Pilch as San Carlos Community Council Representative member with April Boling as alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Alvarado Water Treatment Plant Expansion and Upgrade Phase III – Flocculation / Sedimentation Basins Rehabilitation – 100% design phase. The notice to proceed is expected to commence in May of 2009. Construction should take 14 months.
302. San Diego County Water Authority Projects:
  - a. Relining project finish date September of 2009.
  - b. Ongoing construction of the Mission Trails Tunnel will begin by the end of November of this year. Estimated completion date is June of 2010.
  - c. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure 2 construction is scheduled to start in January of 2009.
  - d. Pipeline 4 emergency repairs. The reason for the break was a catastrophic joint failure. After the forensic excavation, it was clear that the section of pipe in question was sitting on a section of pointed rock. Not 100% clear as to primary cause creating the joint failure.
303. CIP Project Updates. Comfort station report: The 1472 for the comfort station has been drafted and is currently under review. It was noted that this process seems to be getting more complex as time passes. Since the project is fully funded, the council office was asked to follow up on the process and planned timeline.
304. MTRP Master Plan Agreement between City Planning and Community Investment and the MTRP CAC and Task Force status report. The MTRP Master Plan Agreement will go to City Council on Dec 2, 2008 for approval.
305. Status of process to officially name the street at the Equestrian Staging Area. It was noted that the Park and Recreation Department has to pay \$1,500.00 to have the street name officially recognized. It was suggested that the Mission Trails Foundation cover the cost by using monies from the Public Fund to finish the process.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Keli Balo from the Allied Climbers of San Diego noted that on page 11 of the Master Plan, the last paragraph under Concepts, one of the wording changes that was voted on was not implemented. Keli noted that it was agreed to change “as planned, Mission Trails Regional Park is San Diego’s Natural Wilderness Park to retain the 1985 language which is Urban Regional Park”. Member Dorothy Leonard noted that they had voted to retain the 1985 language on the Vision Statement. No motion in reference to page 11 was made. The change had been made to the Vision Statement as directed. Retaining the term Urban Park when describing Mission Trails does not distinguish it from Balboa

Park or Mission Bay Park, also urban regional parks. Mission Trails is a completely different concept than the more developed urban parks. It was suggested that if the term wilderness is somehow a problem, that another agreeable descriptive term should be sought.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Senior Park Ranger  
Tracey Walker  
Staff Representative

Next meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 12:15 p.m.  
Location: City Administration Building, 12<sup>th</sup> floor