

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Task Force was held on Wednesday July 16, 2008. City Administration Building, 12th 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
Councilmember Ruth Sterling, City of La Mesa
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, Senior Ranger Tracey Walker
San Diego City Water Department: Nelson Manville
Council District 7 Staff Representatives: Marisa Luque
Michell Abella-Shon, CPCI

Members Absent

Supervisor Pam Slater, County of San Diego
Supervisor Diane Jacob, County of San Diego

Guests

San Diego County Water Authority: Martin Coghill, Craig Balben
John Hoglen, AIA JWDA
ACSD: Stacey Roberts, Keli Balo, John Vawter, Chris Hubbard, Tom Donnelly, Adam Kimmerly, Bob Swift, Michael Boves, Stein Lundby

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 March 19, 2008 (Leonard / Madaffer) carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES

None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Due to the length of the agenda, Chair Madaffer moved to the Water Department's report.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE / FOUNDATION REPORT

Dorothy Leonard reported the CAC recommendations are included in the Task Force meeting Action items and that the Mission Trails Foundation has added a CAC / Task Force page to the MTRP web site for posting meeting agendas, minutes and other meeting related information.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Lake Murray Report: Nelson Manville reported that the lake is full and the fisheries, etc. are doing well. There are no serious issues at this time. Bass are biting well, with Bluegill slowing down a bit. The Fourth of July celebration went well. There was some vandalism noted regarding the electrical system and the severing of a major power cable. Senior Ranger Walker and SDPD Eastern Division Sgt. Shockley assisted in the establishment of some control signage around the lake.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Senior Ranger Walker reported that the mosquito abatement program at MTRP has been successful in reducing the number of mosquito larva generated in the area. The July 2nd mosquito count reflected a dramatic reduction in trapped mosquitoes. Open Space Deputy Director Chris Zirkle noted that this first phase program saved time and money from the alternative of removing shoreline vegetation around Kumeyaay Lake.

The new in ground trash and recyclable bins are ready for installation. Training will be held on July 29th at MTRP. This program will decrease the number of required trash runs and provide added security for recyclables.

Senior Ranger Walker mentioned that a new Cowles Mountain monument sign would be placed at the corner of Navajo and Golfcrest. The existing sign at the Cowles Mountain trail head / staging area, which is in need of replacement, is hidden by trees and can't be seen from the street.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station / Service Building Feasibility Study – *John Hogen, JWDA*

This Power Point presentation provided information on two possible configurations of the proposed building. One configuration is based on a prefabricated building the other on traditional construction, looking very much like other buildings at MTRP. Both structures provide the same capability. Park Planning will come back to the CAC and Task Force with more on the full feasibility study. The City will be receiving \$209,000 from the Water Authority for easements and property purchase for their pipeline tunneling / flow regulatory structure. Chair Madaffer is recommending that these funds be allocated to the comfort station project. The CAC is recommending that \$300,000 from the antenna fund be

allocated for this project as well. The Engineering Department will provide a project timeline.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD / STERLING) to support the CAC recommendation to accept the “Comfort Station Feasibility Study” report from JWDA which includes a cost comparison of a traditional construction building and a prefabricated building. Further, that the MTRP Task Force concur with the CAC in stating its preference for a traditional building consistent with the style and character of other structures in the Park, should funding be available. Full details will come back to the CAC and Task Force prior to construction. The motion passed unanimously.

202. 2008 Mission Trails Regional Park Master Development Plan – *Dorothy Leonard, CAC Chair.*

Leonard provided a brief history of previous discussions with groups such as the San Diego Mountain Bike Association and the rock climbers, who are interested in expanding their approved use areas in Mission Trails. Their input has been considered. Once approved in concept by the CAC and Task Force, the document will be ready to turn over to Park Planning and a consultant. It was noted that there have been public hearings on this document for over a year and half. The review process for this document will be ongoing to include Park Planning public hearings, and additional CAC and Task Force public meetings. Eventually, the document will go to the Planning Commission and City Council, and then to the County Board of Supervisors. It was noted that this is still the beginning of the process, not the end. Further, the Resource Management Plan will be a part of the MTRP Regional Park Master Development Plan. Many of the issues concerning habitat will be discussed further as we do the Resource Management Plan.

A series of speakers from the Allied Climbers of San Diego were heard expressing their desire that the quarry area west of the San Diego River at the SD River Crossing trail be opened for rock climbing. Further, it was suggested that all areas in MTRP that could possibly be used for rock climbing be considered as well.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD / MADAFFER) that the concept for the Master Development Plan be adopted, with the direction to work further on the specific language relating to rock climbing. The document with any modified language will be brought back to the CAC in September. The document, including any additional changes, will be brought back to the MTRP Task Force in September. The motion passed unanimously.

203. Mission Trails Regional Park Endowment Fund with the San Diego Foundation - Transfer of the distributable balance (2007 earnings less San Diego Foundation management fee) in amount of \$1,390.85 to MTRP Foundation for a project to be determined at a later date.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD / STERLING) to approve item #203 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

204. Amendment to MTRP CAC Operating Rules to include a representative from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD / MADAFFER) to approve the above amendment to MTRP CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

205. Appointment of representatives to the MTRP.
- a. Tierrasanta Community Council representative Donovan Geiger
 - b. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar representative David Boyer, Manager, Natural Resources Division Environmental Management Department.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (JONES / MADAFFER) to approve the above appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

206. Use of MTRP Antenna funds for the following projects.
- a. Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station / Service Building.
 - b. Mission Trails Regional Park Master Development Plan update

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD /MADAFFER) to approve \$300,000 from the MTRP Antenna Funds for the Equestrian Staging Area Comfort Station / Service Building as recommended by the MTRP CAC. The motion passed unanimously.

The use of antenna funds for the MTRP Master Development Plan will be deferred to the September meeting pending a determination from Financial Management regarding the use of CIP designated funds for Master Development Plans.

207. West Sycamore Area trail names.

Dorothy Leonard provided a West Sycamore Area trails map which included trails names as recommended by the MTRP CAC.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (JONES / MADAFFER) to accept the proposed trails names for the future West Sycamore Area of MTRP as shown on the West Sycamore Area trail map. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego County Water Authority Projects Report. *Craig Balben, SDCWA staff*
- Provided tentative project dates for the Mission Trails projects.
 - Provided a final draft of the trails closures.
 - Reported that the relining project has started with the trailers and equipment moved into the Jackson staging area.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Senior Park Ranger
Tracey Walker
Staff Representative

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 2008 12:15 p.m.
Location: City Administration Building, 12th floor