

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Marti Emerald, City of San Diego
Councilmember Ruth Sterling, City of La Mesa
Dorothy Leonard, Chair of Citizens Advisory Committee

Members Absent

Councilmember Rob McNelis, City of Santee
Councilmember Lorie Zapf, City of San Diego
Supervisor Pam Slater, County of San Diego
Supervisor Diane Jacob, County of San Diego

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Matt Sanford, MTRP Senior Ranger
Steve Haupt, Manager, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.
Lane MacKenzie, Real Estate Assets Dept.
Gayle Havens, City Water Dept.
Jeannette De Angelis, Public Works – Engineering Dept.
Mary Ann Wallace, Office of Councilmember Marti Emerald

Guests

Don Steele

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Marti Emerald at 12:17 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION It was moved and seconded (STERLING/EMERALD) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2011. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES – NONE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Marti Emerald welcomed Matt Sanford as the park's new Senior Ranger. She also commented she had heard from the Fire Department that people are still confused about the signage along

the trails. Marti asked that we again look at the signs for a more friendly design. She also stated residents are asking about expanding the use of the facilities, and that we need to keep marketing Mission Trails.

Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Dorothy Leonard reported the following for the CAC meeting held on November 6, 2011.

- Supported and recommended Senior Ranger approval of three run/walk events, two in February and one in March 2012.
- Recommend approval of FY2012 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – Task Force agenda item 101.
- Recommend approval of second bench at the Seda Drive trailhead – Task Force agenda item 103.
- Heard a presentation by representatives from Cogentrix on the Quail Brush Generation Project which is in the Mission Trails Design District. The site for this cogeneration facility is just north of SR 52 and south of the Sycamore Landfill. It will consist of an engine building 400 feet long and 60 feet wide and 30 feet high. There will be 11 approximately 48-inch diameter by 100 foot tall stacks. The project will require a rezone to industrial land use and a variance from the 50 foot height limit. In addition, it will require approximately 40 acres of mitigation land. Cogentrix representatives have met with Lane MacKenzie, City of SD Real Estate Assets Department, and Matt Sanford, MTRP Senior Ranger, to determine priority parcels to be purchased for inclusion in the future East Elliott area of MTRP. MTRP CAC representatives requested that Cogentrix have (1) an architect look at their project design, (2) that they provide an aerial photo with an overlay of what the landfill will be doing with their land, and what Cogentrix will be doing, and (3) provide a topographical map, including the long range plans of the landfill. Dave Boyer, the CAC representative from USMC Miramar, stated his desire for all parties, City of San Diego, Cogentrix, and USMC Miramar, to work together on the priorities for purchasing mitigation parcels.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Water Department's Lake Murray Report – *Gayle Havens, Lake Murray Reservoir Keeper*
- At a previous meeting Councilmember Zapf inquired about the possibility of establishing a two tiered rate program for boat rentals at the Lake so city residents would receive a less expensive rate than those living outside the City. Gayle reported that the reservoir is to be self-supporting and this was established with the Self-Sustaining Reservoir Recreation Program Policy No. 400-03 as of December 15, 2008. It was originally developed to ensure the City Lakes Recreation Program operates on a self-sustaining basis with user fees offsetting all associated costs of the program. Rate increases for boat rentals are regulated through California Boating.
 - The Mission Trails sign at the entrance of Lake Murray Reservoir was refurbished recently and looks great.

- The Mission Trails sign that was adjacent to Baltimore Drive was removed because it was deteriorating. Mission Trails and Lake staff concurred it should be removed for safety reasons.
 - The concession stand at Lake Murray, operated by Rocky Mountain, is only open Wednesday through Sunday. Shoreline fishing and private launching are still allowed seven days a week.
 - Rainbow Trout are again being stocked by the Department of Fish and Game. We had two stocks and the fish look to be of descent size. The total stocked was 1,800 lbs. The last stock was Wednesday, November 16. We should be on a schedule of twice a month along with Otay Lake.
 - Staff is being reduced and the hourly Lake Aide positions will not be filled. There is some talk about having lake hosts at some of our reservoirs.
 - Dominic Maniscalco from Eagle Scout Troop 959 just completed a 170 foot lodge pole fence on the east side of Baltimore Drive. The funds for the material were donated by Ken Hanken, a local resident. Councilmember Emerald asked that the Eagle Scout and the resident receive recognition. Councilmember Sterling stated she would follow up on a certificate for the resident who donated the funds because he resides in La Mesa.
 - The next Eagle Scout project will be new roofs on the outhouses around the lake.
 - New signs are being made for the lake road to slow bikers down and to have the appropriate signage to allow for violators to be cited.
 - The water level of Lake Murray is good and the fishing is good as well.
 - There are several wet spots on the lake road most likely caused by the installation of the new sewer line through Lake Murray Community Park. The construction has changed the pattern of some of the underground water. City staff is aware of the matter and is working on a viable solution.
- B. City of Santee Community Services Department report – *Bill Maertz, Department Director*
- Quail Brush is the power plant being proposed by Cogentrix that is to be located west of the Sycamore Landfill. The City of Santee has not taken a stand on the facility, but they want to make sure it does not negatively impact the view shed for the entrance to Santee.
- C. Park Staff/ Ranger's Report – *Matt Sanford, MTRP Senior Ranger*
- Has been at the park for a month and is getting to know the facility.
 - Reported on the stolen signs on the Climbers Loop trail. All seven signs were stolen. An anonymous letter was received from the person who most likely took the signs complaining about the clutter of the signs. New signs have been ordered. Staff will be putting up some additional information about the signs and the purpose.
 - Park staff has been meeting with city staff regarding the MTRP Master Plan update and regarding the priorities of acquisition of new property in the East Elliott area.

ACTION ITEMS

101. FY2012/13 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List - *CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard*
This is basically the same as FY2011/2012 with the following CIP projects included: Old Mission Dam, Master Plan Update, Equestrian Staging Area, Bridge Repair at Kumeyaay Lake, Cowles Mt. Trail rehabilitation, and other trail alignments. Two items on the future needs list, Master Plan for the future West Sycamore and East Elliott areas of MTRP, were removed as they are now included in the Master Plan Update.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (EMERALD/LEONARD) to approve the FY2012/13 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List as presented and recommended by the MTRP CAC. Motion carried.

102. 2012 MTRP Task Force Meeting Schedule

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD/STERLING) to approve the 2012 Task Force meeting schedule as presented, with the recommendation that the meetings begin at 1:00 PM. Motion carried.

103. Second bench at Seda Drive trailhead – *Presented by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard*

The MTRP CAC recommends approval of a second bench at the Sedra Drive trailhead in the community of Tierrasanta. The donor would like the bench, in memory of her nephew, in proximity to a bench donated previously in memory of her mother. The proposed location is on the opposite side of the trail from the existing bench. Photos of the proposed location were presented. Senior Ranger Sanford approves the location.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD/STERLING) that the proposed location of a second bench at the Seda Drive trailhead be approved. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Park Expansion – *Lane MacKenzie, City of San Diego Real Estate Assets Department*
a. Status of transfer of future west Sycamore area of MTRP from McMillin to City of San Diego

It is anticipated that the transfer of approximately 1,500 acres from McMillin to the city of San Diego will take place the first part of 2012. Certain trails need to be completed first. About 18 months later the City will acquire the final 150 acres when SDG&E completes their staging area for Sunrise Powerlink. North of Sycamore Canyon Road there are 20 acres which were included in the Sycamore Estates proposal to be transferred to the City. The City does not want this property because of encroachments by adjacent property owners, consequently, it will be removed from the pending transfer.

- b. Status of City acquisitions of property in the future East Elliott area of MTRP Foundation

The City Real Estate Assets Department has been acquiring land west of Sycamore landfill. Lane showed a map outlining the current ownership of the property. There is mitigation property from Poway Unified School District and Sycamore Landfill that is being transferred to the City. The City has no more money to purchase the land. Cogentrix will need to purchase mitigation land for their proposed Quail Brush project. Lane met with MTRP staff to prioritize parcels for future acquisition with the information being shared with Cogentrix representatives. Most of the land is being offered for sale by the owners.

302. CIP Project Updates

a. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – *Matt Sanford for Project Manager Jeff Harkness*

The consultant and city staff have been meeting regarding proposed new trails. The timeline has been adjusted because the work could not be processed concurrently through several departments.

b. Equestrian staging Area Comfort Station/Service Building – *Matt Sanford for Resident Engineer Carlos Contreras*

The project is underway. Choctaw Construction is the contractor for this 425 square foot restroom and service building. It also includes an 11,000 gallon holding tank for sewage. The contractor is planning to be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.

c. Old Mission Dam Enhancement Project – *Project Manager Jeannette DeAngelis*

The mitigation for the prior dredging is coming along well. The 120 day establishment period has been completed and additional services for Dudek for the long term permitting process are being authorized. The required vegetative surveys will be started prior to putting together the new application for a 15-20 year permit. We will be doing an environmental assessment. There is no need to update the existing CEQA report. The permit will also need to be approved by the County Water Quality Control Board. The current Fish and Game permit is good for another 5 years, however, the plan is to update that permit so all permits will run concurrently. Dredging will begin in fall of 2013.

AJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting January 19, 2012 at 1:00 PM.