

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAY 17, 2012  
MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Supervisor Diane Jacob, County of San Diego  
Councilmember Marti Emerald, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Lorie Zapf, City of San Diego  
Councilmember Ruth Sterling, City of La Mesa  
Councilmember Rob McNelis, City of Santee  
Dorothy Leonard, Chair of MTRP Citizens Advisory Committee

Members Absent

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, County of San Diego

City of San Diego

Matt Sanford, Senior Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park  
Chris Zirkle, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.  
Gayle Havens, Water Department  
Chris Pearson, Office of Councilmember Marti Emerald  
Shirley Owen, Office of Councilmember Lori Zapf

County of San Diego

Janice Downs, Office of Supervisor Diane Jacob

City of Santee

Bill Maertz, Director, Community Services Department

Guests

Stephen Houlahan  
Roslind Varghese  
Van Collinsworth  
Theresa McCarthy  
Judi Ravetti  
Norma Maiet  
Stephen Goldfarb  
Sonja Ramos  
Patricia Murphy  
Vicki Call  
Donna Byczkiewicz

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Councilmember Marti Emerald at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (LEONARD/STERLING) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2012. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUENCES – NONE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Had a great time at the East Fortuna Comfort Station & Service Building Dedication this past weekend. The San Diego City Council approved a resolution to support the County of San Diego in their efforts to get the Stowe trail easement built through MCAS Miramar.

Citizens Advisory Committee Report - *Dorothy Leonard reported the following for the CAC meeting held on May, 1 2012.*

- Authorized the Chair to send a letter of support of efforts by the County of San Diego to acquire land for the historic Stowe Trail from MTRP to Sycamore Canyon Preserve.
- Approved a recommendation asking that the Task Force support funding in the FY2013 Park & Recreation Department budget to reopen the Kumeyaay Lake Campground for overnight camping on Friday and Saturday nights. Item 103 is on today's meeting agenda.

MTRP Foundation Report – *Dorothy Leonard reported the following.*

- The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Explore Mission Trails Day is Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a joint project between the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department and the MTRP Foundation. The theme of the event is *Connecting Children with Nature*. Activities are planned for children of all ages from pony rides to interactive Discovery and Exploration Stations, to a rock climbing wall and other outdoor recreation activities. As in past years, participants have been asked to include an interactive activity for children as part of their information booth.
- Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> is an "Art in the Park" fundraiser. The MTRP Foundation is teaming with the California Art Club for this joint wine, cheese and chocolate fund-raiser. Art club members are being invited to create a painting at MTRP. The best paintings will be for sale at the event with the proceeds benefiting the MTRP Foundation and the California Art Club.

STAFF REPORTSA. Water Department's Lake Murray Report – *Gayle Havens, Lake Murray Reservoir Keeper*

- Fishing is great, a lot of Bass and Blue Gill being caught. The Bass and Blue Gill are spawning, and we're seeing a lot of new fish.
- There will be a CWA water shut down this week, but we should see the lake come up next week.
- "Generations on the Move" are having a 3k run/walk on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Fifty people are expected.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> is the San Diego River Park youth service day. 100+ people expected. Will be mulching planters, picking up trash, and washing/painting picnic tables. The paint was donated by the Friends of Lake Murray, and a donation of \$200 was provided by LPL Financial to offset the price of the paint.

B. City of Santee Community Services Department Report – *Bill Maertz, Department Director*

- The San Diego River Conservancy board approved a work plan that takes the Carlton Oaks trail segment that leads from Santee to MTRP as one of their top priorities.
- Recently met with some staff from SANDAG about them potentially taking on a role as project managers, similar to what has been done with the Bayshore Bikeway. Very preliminary at this point.
- Councilmember Rob McNelis reported that the Santee City Council recently voted unanimously to oppose the proposed Quail Brush peaker power plant.

C. Park Staff/ Ranger's Report – *Matt Sanford, MTRP Senior Ranger*

- Park staff have been preparing for this weekend's Explore Mission Trails Day.
- Three emergency marker signs were re-installed in the Climbers Loop area. The signs were stolen last year, and are used by Park Ranger and SDFD staff to help locate injured people in this area. Park staff will monitor the effectiveness of the signs throughout the year.
- Construction of trails in the West Sycamore area began recently. Brookfield Estates contractors are building several miles of trails, a park entrance sign, trail markers, and several kiosks for us. Park staff has been advising the contractors on the trail construction, including locations for better drainage solutions.
- The Kumeyaay Flag Raising and Jane Dumas Celebration was a big success. Roughly 100 people attended. The Kumeyaay flag will be displayed daily at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground entrance.
- The Dedication for the East Fortuna Comfort Station and Service Building was held on Saturday, May 12th. Thirty-seven people attended. We're waiting on the installation of boulders and logs to be installed so that no vehicles drive onto the concrete around the building. The facility will be open for this weekend's EMTD.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The following people spoke out against the proposed Quail Brush/Cogentrix peaker power plant: David Richardson, Roslind Varghese, Sonja Ramos, Stephen Houlahan, Al Sully, Dana Fleming, Van Collinsworth, Patricia Murphy, Hugh Moore, Vicki Call, Theresa McCarthy.

A discussion ensued about docketing the Quail Brush project in the next Task Force agenda, and whether or not the City of San Diego Councilmembers, and CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard can participate in this discussion if the project is included on the agenda. Chris Zirkle was going to seek an opinion from the City Attorney's office about this, and also check with the Developmental Service Department on the project timeline, including when the project will come to the CAC for design district review and the various steps through the City of San Diego process.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 101. CAC appointments – *Chair, Marti Emerald*

- a) Kathy Warburton, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Committee.
- b) Francis Eamonn Powers, City of Santee

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (JACOB/LEONARD) to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

### 102. MTRP Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendation to include funding in the FY2013 City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department budget to open the Kumeyaay Lake Campground for overnight camping on Friday and Saturday nights.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MCNELIS/JACOB) to approve this recommendation. Emerald and Zapf abstained. Motion carried.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 301. CIP Project Updates

- a) MTRP Master Plan & Natural Resource Management Plan – *Senior Ranger Matt Sanford for Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Development Services Department and Mark Carpenter, KTU+A.*

- *Master Plan Update* – The CAC adhoc subcommittee and various City departments have provided comments on the initial draft of the Master Plan Update (MPU). These comments are currently being processed to address revisions and identify topics that may require further discussion prior to preparing a full draft MPU. Incorporation of comments may require modification to some recommendation maps. Once any modifications have

been reviewed and supported, technical studies for the environmental document can be developed at the same time as completion of the draft MPU. Once the draft MPU has been reviewed and is ready for public distribution, a public scoping meeting on the environmental document will be scheduled, hopefully in June or July.

- *Natural Resource Management Plan* – City Open Space staff has provided Recon with comments on the initial draft of the NRMP and revisions are currently being processed.

#### AJOURNMENT

The Task Force meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 PM.

#### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 1:00 PM.