

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Jay Wilson, Navajo Community Planners
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Kim Wiley, User Group Representative, SDMBA
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon

Members Absent/Excused

Roger Utt, County of San Diego Park & Recreation Department
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Jim McGinn, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Mike Pent, Special Member

City of San Diego

Andy Quinn, Park and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Liz Saidkhanian, Councilmember Sherman's office
Jim Winter, Project Officer II

Guests

Eric Marenburg, High Performance Movement
Karla Preece, Children for Children
Natasha Preece, Children for Children

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by CAC chair Dorothy Leonard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Bathrick/Ogilvie) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2014, with the following corrections, on page 2 under approval of minutes, should read: The motion passed with David Boyer abstaining. On page 4 under ad hoc subcommittee report, line 6 should read: We looked at funding for a Bike Skills Park. The motion passed with David Boyer, Dick Gadler, Richard Chavez and Craig Maxwell abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair*

At the September 18 meeting the Task Force took the following actions –

- Approved appointments of Richard Gadler, representing City of El Cajon, Craig Maxwell as representative and Carol Lockwood as alternate for City of La Mesa, and Kim Wiley as the MTRP User Group representative.
- Approved the CAC recommendation regarding proposed park equivalencies within MTRP for the Bike Skills Area, Deerfield Canyon Nature Park and San Diego River Pathway.
- Approved the CAC recommendation for renaming two quarries, the two main Fortuna entrances, and one trail, and naming three unnamed trails as shown in the MTRP MPU.

Referral to the CAC ad hoc trail naming subcommittee of Murphy, Pent and Gadler, possible renaming of the North Perimeter trail in the Fortuna area in conjunction with the approval of the MTRP MPU with recommendation to come back to the CAC at the January 6, 2015 meeting.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT – *Andy Quinn, MTRP Senior Park Ranger*

- In the past few weeks we've had a suicide and an attempted suicide both in Spring Canyon off the 52. The rescues on Cowles Mountain continue on a weekly basis.
- In our last meeting, there were new trail names created. We have a Ranger Committee that will begin the process of placing new signs and creating a new map to be handed out to the public. We're thinking of possibly using carsonite signs rather than the metal telspar poles.
- Ranger Mel Naidas submitted an application to Americorp a few months ago and it was approved. Beginning November 7, for six weeks, 12 members of Americorp will be assisting park rangers and volunteers to restore/rehabilitate Kwaay Paay Summit, Climbers Loop trail system, and other fire damaged areas. They'll be residing at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground (designated campsites). Their work hours will be 8am to 5pm. They're off Sat/Sun.
- PO for West Sycamore trailer has been approved. The next step is getting the electrical installed by the City of San Diego.
- This past Saturday, the Park Beautification Crew, which was led by Rangers Araceli and Andrew along with 13 volunteers, planted 94 native plants (SD sunflower, Black sage, Buckwheat, CA Coastal Sage Scrub) and spread wood chips at the corner of Navajo and Golfcrest.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S REPORT – *Sr. Ranger Andy Quinn reported for Gayle Havens, Lake Murray Reservoir Keeper*

- The water level has been fluctuating due to a 10 day California Water Authority shut down. Water level will start coming up the week of October 27th. Fishing is good, with some nice size Blue Gill being caught and a 9lb catfish on October 24th.
- The algae bloom was addressed by adding some blended water with oxygenated water into the reservoir. Water is looking great at this time.
- We are now working with Cal Fire crews and our support crews, as time and schedules permit, to clear blind corners on our lake road for safety. We apologize for any inconvenience to our users. There will be sections closed for safety at times.
- We are pleased to have the privilege of working with our local Eagle Scouts. They have completed another outhouse roof. That makes 6 out of 7.

- I Love a Clean San Diego cleanup was a great success. District 7 Councilmember Scott Sherman and his staff helped the sponsor and city staff by donating their time, refreshments and snacks.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – Jay Wilson, MTRP Foundation Executive Director

- There is a new virtual tour of the Kumeyaay Lake Campground that has just been added to Google Maps - There is now a virtual tour of the Visitor Center and the Campground. Louis Nava, with Google Maps, took 1,100 photos to complete the virtual tour of the campground. There will be a link on the MTRP website shortly.
- Through a SDG&E Environmental Champions Grants, to date 95 school groups have booked field trips to Mission Trails for the current school year.
- The Third annual *Art in the Park* fundraiser was held on Saturday evening, October 11, raising approximately \$4,000.
- The 4th annual Spooktacular in the outdoor amphitheater, sponsored by Team Northcutt Realty, was held on October 18 with 86 goblins and parents attending.

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

John Pilch reported that at the last Navajo Community Planners meeting the parking issue of the trail head for Cowles Mountain was brought up. Three residents spoke in opposition to having the red curbing removed from Golfcrest Drive at the trailhead area. On November 5, 6:00 p.m. at the San Carlos library, the community is invited to make recommendations which will be presented to the Navajo Planning group at a meeting on Monday, November 17. It's a drastic parking situation.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Children for Children 5k

A brief power point presentation was made by Natasha Preece. *Children for Children* is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for less fortunate children who don't get the opportunity to experience outdoor special events. All funds will go to charity. They would like a permit for a 5K walk/run on Saturday, April 25, 2015. *Children for Children* want to raise awareness by protecting our trails. Karla Preece (Natasha's mother) informed the CAC that she would be signing all the necessary paperwork, permit, acquiring the certificate of liability insurance, and Eric Marenburg (High Performance Movement) has volunteered his time to assist with the logistics of the 5K.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Pilch/Gadler) to support the Sr. Ranger's recommendation of approving the *Children for Children* 5K at MTRP. Motion passed with David Boyer abstaining.

102. MTRP FY2015/2016 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – Dorothy Leonard

MOTION; It was moved/seconded (Wilson/Bathrick) to recommend approval to the Task Force of the MTRP FY2015/2016 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List. Motion passed with David Boyer abstaining. *(Copy attached to the minutes.)*

103. San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund allocation recommendations – *Project Officer II- Jim Winter*

Jim Winter distributed a memo from Park and Recreation Director Herman Parker which outlined recommendations for the fiscal year 2014 and 2015 Regional Park Improvement Fund revenue.

- Last year the idea of a five year plan was introduced for allocation of regional park funds, because we're now getting to the point where we're starting to try to fund larger projects. Adjustments are being made this year, and probably will need to be made every year, based on what happens out in the real world. Based on the 2014 revenue, the Park and Recreation Department is recommending money go into five different projects.
- The P&R Department is seeking input from all the advisory groups concerned with the Regional Park Improvement Fund allocations to discuss this year's recommendations and five-year plan adjustments, and provide comments directly to their staff representative at upcoming meetings.
- It is anticipated the recommendations will be presented to the Fund Oversight Committee on November 20, 2014.
- Ranking scores are based on Council Policy 800-14 for ranking CIP projects and Project Readiness. As projects get designed, they get a higher score in their category which bumps up their total score. What helps prioritize a project is additional funding from other sources, community support and environmental concerns.

104. MTRP CAC 2015 Meeting Schedule – *Dorothy Leonard*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Pilch/Wilson) to approve the MTRP CAC 2015 Meeting Schedule. Motion passed with David Boyer abstaining. (*Copy attached to the minutes.*)

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. MTRP Antenna Fund balance – *Steve Haupt reported:*

Preliminary 9/30/2014 Fund balance	\$977,477.99
Less Available Balance as of 9/30/2014	(\$607,995.75)
Less Encumbrances as of 9/30/2014	(\$159,373.77)
200403 Cash available to budget	\$210,108.47

302. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update – *Steve Haupt reported for Jeannette DeAngelis, City of San Diego Public Works Department*

The U.S. Army Corps upper management and legal counsel are reviewing, what we hope, is the final iteration of the permit. Staff stands by to respond to any questions from the Corps staff, otherwise, we continue in an anxiously anticipating a decision mode.

303. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – *Steve Haupt reported for Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*

- Staff met with State and Federal Agencies in October to further review the MTRP MPU and NRMP. Additional meetings have been scheduled to continue discussion of the MPU trails plan and the addition of biological information in the NRMP to garner Agency

support for both the plans. The first screen check of the Environmental Document has been placed on hold until resolution of the documents issues has been achieved.

- The additional meetings have impacted the project schedule and will result in the need to extend the contract with the consultants.
- Staff will meet with the agencies again in November. After this meeting staff will begin the process of Council approval for this extension of time.

304. Status of planning for administration building and shade structure at Equestrian Staging Area – *Steve Haupt reported for Jason Grani, Project Manager, Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*

- A scoping meeting with the consultant was held on October 16. Staff would like to have one additional meeting with the Rangers and others to get a final idea of what they are looking for, for the interior of the building.
- Davy Architecture's contract with the city still has not been approved by the City Council. Once it has been approved we should be able to get a cost proposal from them.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

**Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee and Task Force
FY2015/2016 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List**

Approved by MTRP CAC October 28, 2014 and MTRP Task Force _____

MTRP Projects	Agency/Organization Responsible	Funding Source
Ensure adequate funding for the following projects.		
Capital Improvement Projects		
<p>1. MTRP Master Plan update including future West Sycamore and East Elliott areas and Natural Resource Management Plan S01014 (\$884,829 + \$50,000 grant not shown in FY2011 proposed budget = \$934,829) <i>Consultant began work in December 2010.</i> <i>Estimated completion end of 2015.</i></p>	<p>City of San Diego – Planning, Neighborhood and Economic Development Dept. (<i>Jeff Harkness, Park Designer</i>) <i>Working with Open Space Division and MTRP CAC</i></p>	<p>Grant for NRMP - \$50,000 Regional Park Improvement Fund - \$233,000 MTRP Antenna Fund - \$651,829</p>
<p>2. Equestrian Staging Area Administrative Building and Covered Group Picnic Shelter (Site Development Permit 40-0524) <i>MTRP CAC and Task Force approved project at September 2013 meetings. Next step is to establish CIP and encumber funds.</i> <i>Phase I: Community outreach, construction documents and cost estimates. To City Council to create CIP – January 2014. Six to 12 months to complete documents and cost estimates after transfer to Engineering and Architectural Dept.</i> <i>Phase II: Construction</i></p>	<p>City of San Diego – Planning, Neighborhood and Economic Development Dept. (<i>Jeff Harkness, Park Designer</i>) Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept. (<i>Jason Grani, Project Manager</i>) <i>Working with Open Space Division and MTRP CAC</i></p>	<p>Phase I: MTRP Antenna Fund - \$500,000 Phase II: On the <i>Regional Park Improvement Fund Five-Year Recommended Allocations</i> list for future funding. Estimated cost TBD</p>

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3. MTRP Cowles Mountain Trail rehabilitation – S10065 (\$400,000) AGG00001 (\$200,000)	City of San Diego – Park and Recreation Dept. Open Space Division (<i>Laura Ball</i>)	Regional Park Improvement Fund – \$400,000 Environmental Growth Fund - \$200,000
4. MTRP Trail Realignments S10066 (\$130,000)	City of San Diego – Park and Recreation Dept. Open Space Division (<i>Laura Ball</i>)	Regional Park Improvement Fund – \$130,000
Public Works Projects		
5. Old Mission Dam Preservation S00611 A. Siltation removal and wetland mitigation (short-term permits). (\$1,577,336) <i>Siltation removal completed in Fall 2007 (FY2008). Wetland mitigation began in FY2008 and continues annually.</i> B. Long-term preservation permits <i>Started long-term permit process in Fall 2011. All permits to be secured Fall/Winter 2014.</i> C. Periodic siltation removal to protect dam structure <i>To Public Works Winter 2014 after all permits secured. Siltation removal Fall 2015.</i>	City of San Diego – Engineering & Capital Projects Dept. Environmental Support Division (<i>Jeannette DeAngelis</i>) <i>Working with Open Space Division of P&R Dept.</i>	A. Environmental Growth Fund - \$323,594 MTRP Antenna Fund – \$16,000 State grant - \$489,809 Regional Park Improvement Fund - \$747,933 B. Funding included in A. C. Regency Hills – Fund 400217 to get project started.
6. Periodic grading of Cowles Mountain service road Funding for Engineering work in FY2014 budget.		Environmental Growth Fund - \$35,000.

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MTRP FUTURE PROJECTS LIST

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project</u>
1	Visitor & Interpretive Center energy efficiency improvements
1	Land acquisition for park expansion East Elliott and Stowe Trail which will link Goodan Ranch and Sycamore Canyon Preserves to Mission Trails Regional Park
1	Construct a suspension or truss pedestrian bridge across the San Diego River on the San Diego River Crossing trail
1	Build a new, more accessible, maintainable and environmentally sensitive trail from the existing Cowles Mountain Staging Area to the summit.
1	Kumayaay Lake berm restoration and dredging
1	Trail improvements to Oak Grove Loop trail
1	Install shade structure, picnic tables, and other improvements to the West Sycamore Staging area once the land has been transferred to the City of San Diego.
2	Park entry sign – Entrance at the east end of Father Junipero Serra Trail and Mission Gorge Road
2	Trail system with parking areas
2	Visitor & Interpretive Center enhancements
2	Enhancement of planting (includes design and irrigation system) on San Carlos point at Lake Murray.
2	Identify areas in the Park that might be available for additional rock climbing activities and identify funding for appropriate studies to facilitate CEQA compliance
3	Install a permanent restroom at Old Mission Dam
3	Create a small off-street parking area at the Barker Way entrance to the Barker Way trail.
3	Expand parking on the easterly side of Father Junipero Serra Trail between Mission Gorge Road and the Visitor and Interpretive Center driveway entrance.

**MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
2015 Meeting Schedule**

Mission Trails Visitor & Interpretive Center
First Tuesday of odd-numbered months except as noted.

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM

January 6

March 3

May 5

July 7

September 1

November 3