

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 7, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Jay Wilson, Navajo Community Planners
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Kim Wiley, User Group Representative, SDMBA
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Mike Pent, Special Member
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)

Members Absent/Excused

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University

City of San Diego

Andy Quinn, Park and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Levi Dean, Park and Recreation Department
Araceli Dominguez, Park and Recreation Department
Andrew Miller, Park and Recreation Department
Liz Saidkhanian, Council District 7

Guests

Kevin Loomis, SDMBA
Kerrigan Diehl, Plancom Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Pilch/Ogilvie) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2015. The motion passed with David Boyer and Dick Gadler abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair*

No report.

STAFF/RANGERS REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Andy Quinn

- Explore Mission Trails Day was held on Saturday, May 16. Thanks to the MTRP Foundation and Councilmember Scott Sherman's office for the support. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event successful.
- There were two successful 5K's that took place in the park, Miles for Music 5K on May 23 and REI's 5K on June 13. Thanks to Ranger Mel Naidas for coordinating both events.
- The Open Space Division has hired a new Center Director I for the campgrounds. The new hire is in the process of getting his clearance through fingerprints and medical evaluation. This position is half-time, 20 hours a week.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT– Sr. Park Ranger Andy Quinn reported for Gayle Havens

- Water levels at the lake have been staying at a consistent level of operation.
- Fishing has been steady, catching a lot of Large Mouth Bass and Bluegill.
- Being very aggressive with the illegal encampments behind Murray Dam. The City of San Diego has been working with Code Compliance Officers and Alpha Crews to eradicate this growing problem. We have had three major cleanups, 2/26/2015 and two back to back in the month of June, 6/17/2015 & 6/25/2015, SDPD reported seven arrests made. No Trespassing signs have been posted at entry points and we are still discussing our strategy moving forward. On this issue please feel free to contact Gayle Havens Reservoir Keeper, Lake Murray (619) 668-2078 or SDPD
- Just completed 3 miles of clearing on the lake road, for safety.
- Working on fire break around the houses that surrounds our facility.
- Have seen several Rattle Snakes on and around the lake road.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – Jay Wilson, MTRP Foundation Executive Director

- We have started a new children's education program, "Tales and Trails" with Cindy Christ. She is taking the place of Linda Hawley who taught "Nature Adventures" for over a decade.
- We are also starting a new environmental art program with Art Smart's – primarily directed at children ages 5-12. They have an established base of students as they already have successful programs at several City of San Diego and county recreation centers and schools.
- The Fourth Annual Art in the Park fundraiser is set for Saturday evening, October 10. MTRP Foundation Board members Nancy Acevedo and Shannon O'Dunn are co-chairing this year's event. It will be very fun evening with great hors d'oeuvres from the outstanding culinary program at Morse High School, good wine donated by the event co-chairs, plus Rita's Frozen Italian Ice, entertainment by renowned guitarist Fred Benedetti, an outstanding array of silent auction items, and high quality nature-related art waiting to be purchased and hang on your wall. Tickets will be \$50.00. If you have a contact or suggestion for a silent auction item, please let Jay know.
- The school education fieldtrip program for the 2014/15 school year winds up on July 20. The program will have positively impacted over 5,000 students.

- MTRP social media continues to expand. There are over 3,200 Likes and over 22,000 visits on the MTRP facebook page. There are over 4,900 emails on the Constant Contacts list

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Verizon Wireless, Neighborhood Use Permit/Neighborhood Development Permit application for an existing wireless communication facility at 7880 Golfcrest Drive (Project No. 374509) – *Kerrigan Diehl, PLAN COM*
Verizon Wireless proposes to modify an unoccupied telecommunications facility. The main goal is technology upgrades so people can use their cell phones to do everything that the cell phone is capable of doing. One of the upgrades includes remote radio units. Verizon Wireless is increasing the density of the branching for this particular tree, and increasing the height above the antennas to provide a more conical crown that's at 34 feet. Navajo Planners approved the project.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Pent/Utt) to support the application for an existing wireless communication facility at 7880 Golfcrest Drive (Project No. 374509). The motion passed with Boyer abstaining and Pilch opposing.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Presentation on new trail signs for MTRP – *Rangers Levi Dean, Andrew Miller, Araceli Dominguez*

- Ranger trail sign committee which includes Ranger Miller, Ranger Dean, Ranger Dominguez and several volunteer patrol members have been doing an extensive study on all current signage in the park.
- Rangers brought in a current MTRP trail sign and presented new prototypes of the new signs for MTRP. The new signs clearly state the trail names, have directional arrows, what to expect on the trail, what's authorized on the trail and upcoming features. Rangers have addressed the color blind concern by outlining the red line with white. The park signs are in compliance with the City of San Diego being brown with white lettering.
- It was agreed to place a separate smaller sign just underneath the new trail signs, to add the MTRP logo along with the City of San Diego logo.
- Easy, moderate and difficult icons will be used on the new trail signs.
- The idea of numbering each sign in the park was brought up for emergency situations. The Ranger committee will look into it.

302. East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building (Community Support Facility) –

- Report from CAC ad hoc subcommittee – *Frank Bathrick*
There was a review meeting today July 7, 2015 for the landscape preliminary design and the architectural review of the building floor plan. After a long discussion and comments on the building interior floor plan with several minor changes a motion was made by Dick Murphy and seconded by Nancy Acevedo to approve the modified drawings. The motion passed with

a vote of 5-0. With this approval it will allow the architects to proceed with further development of the drawing.

1. Some of the changes noted are:
2. Change the name on the Restrooms 18 and 19 to Unisex
3. Relocate the door in Storage Room 9 to inside Office Area 4
4. Delete the outside door to Janitor/Storage Room 16
5. Move the window between Volunteer Area 5 and Lobby 1 to the East
6. Revised the Shower 11 to make it ADA Accessible
7. Reconfigure the Kitchenette 8 by moving the refrigerator to the South end of the cabinets.
8. Relocate the Electrical Room door.

Revised drawing showing these changes will be available for further review next week.

A review meeting for the landscape design and architectural changes will be scheduled sometime in August.

- Report from Project Manager – *Jason Grani, Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*

No report

303. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update – *Steve Haupt*

- The contract is currently at Public Works going through an extensive review. The next big hurdle is to get a silt estimate before we can move any further with the contract. We're meeting with the consultant next week to make sure everything that's in the silt estimate is what Public Works needs for the contact.

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

- No report

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, at 6:30 PM.