

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Marilyn Reed, 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
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University

Members Absent/Excused

David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Mike Pent, Special Member

City of San Diego

Andy Quinn, Park and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Jason Grani, City of San Diego, Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects
Liz Saidkhanian, Council District 7

Guests

Kevin Loomis, SDMBA
Jerry Bierman
Craig Balben, SDCWA
Mark Tegio, SDCWA
Brennan Linder, Xterra
Jim Fisher, SDCWA
Kelly Price, SPLA
Enrique Rodriguez, Davy Architecture
Ric Davy, Davy Architecture
Kirt Hunker, Davy Architecture
Brent Fountain, SDCWA
Natasha Preece, Children for Children 5K

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

Dorothy Leonard introduced new member Marilyn Reed. Mrs. Reed is a Science Teacher at a Middle School and is representing the Navajo Community Planners.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Gadler/Bathrick) to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard, Chair

Task force met on July 30th and took the following actions

- Approved the following CAC reappointments – David Boyer, MCAS Miramar; Betty Ogilvie representative and Rich Thesing alternate, Tierrasanta Community Council; John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council.
- Approved the following CAC replacements – Marilyn Reed for Jay Wilson, Navajo Community Planners; Barbara Perkins for Jim McGinn, Scripps Ranch Civic Association.
- Approved the transfer of \$1,355.02 from The San Diego Foundation MTRP Endowment Fund to the Foundation as recommended by the CAC.
- Approved the naming of two unnamed trails on Cowles Mountain as recommended by the CAC

STAFF/RANGERS REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Andy Quinn

- On Sunday, August 16, the San Diego Runners Institute completed their 15K/21K run in the park. There were close to 250 participants. It was one of the hottest days of the year. There were 5 heat fatigued incidents.
- The summer has been very busy for Ranger staff. Rangers have been rescuing many canines. Rangers have placed more heat advisory signage at major trail heads and continuing to make contact with hikers/dog owners.
- Our new Center Director I, Chris Betancourt, has cleared medical and fingerprints and is now working at the campground.
- Schools have started back up and we're prepared to begin our Ranger led education program on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT– No report

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – presented by Betty Ogilvie

- October 10th is the Foundation's fourth annual "Art in the Park" fundraiser with proceeds benefiting the Park.
- The MTRP Foundation has launched two educational programs for the school year. "Nature Tales and Trails" for children 4 and up - scheduled twice a month on designated Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30. Art Smarts art classes for children 7 and up and adults is scheduled on two designated Saturdays each month beginning September 5. Beginner's classes meet from 12:30 to 2:30 and advanced classes from 2:45 to 4:45.
- Education Program Instructor Alicia Berg has already conducted fieldtrips funded by SDG&E Environmental Champions Grants for the 2015/16 school year.

- The Amateur Photo Contest entries will be on display in the Gallery from September 12 through October 9.
- Meeting room bookings have picked up dramatically in the past 10 days. The first wedding has been booked for August of 2016 for 150 people.
- During the last four week art exhibition \$7,495 in art was sold with the Foundation realizing 25 percent of the sales. (\$1,873.75). The current art exhibition featuring photographer Dolwain Green runs through September 11.
- The next concert is this Sunday, September 6 at 3 p.m. featuring the Peter Popping Quartet.

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

Rich Thesing commented on the numerous citations from SDPD and Parking Enforcement Officers at Cowles Mountain in regards to vehicle tires being turned in. Mr. Thesing feels more warning signs should be used.

ACTION ITEMS

101. XTERRA Mission Gorge Trail Run 5k & 15k run, February 7, 2016 – *Brennan Lindner*
MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Gadler/Ganster) to recommend the Senior Ranger approve the XTERRA Mission Gorge Trail Run 5k & 15k run on February 7, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
102. Children for Children 5K run, April 9, 2016 – *Natasha Preece*
MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Pilch/Bathrick) to recommend the Senior Ranger approve the Children for Children 5K run on April 9, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.
103. Presentation of plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building (Community Support Facility) – *Jason Grani, Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*
Enrique Rodriguez, lead architect of Davy Architecture gave a presentation of the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building (Community Support Facility). Landscape Architect, Kelly Price, gave a presentation on the overall site plan.
MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bathrick/Murphy) to support the recommendations of the sub-committee with the plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building, to also re-look at the plant pallet, and to move forward to the Task Force for their approval. Motion passed unanimously.
A long discussion took place in regards to naming the building. Dorothy Leonard recommended this item be included on the next CAC agenda for the meeting in November. Suggested names included *Resource Station* and *Field Station*. Members were asked to come to the November meeting with additional suggestions.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Pipeline 4 Relining at Lake Murray – *Mark Tegio, Jim Fisher, Brent Fontain and Craig Balben San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)*
- The San Diego County Water Authority is a public agency supplying wholesale water to agencies throughout San Diego County. The water provided to these agencies is conveyed

through large-diameter pipelines, commonly referred to as aqueducts. A few projects will be taking place at Mission Trails Regional Park and Lake Murray.

- Pipeline 3 which was shut down in 2006 will be reactivated. The system requires it to be put back in service. One vent has already been removed and replaced with a valve structure. The other vent will be demolished and replaced with a valve structure. Work will begin the week of October 12th and be completed the week of December 14th. The Water Authority periodically inspects these pipelines to maintain the integrity of the delivery system. The inspection is done from inside the pipe, requiring the pipeline to be shut down, drained, inspected and refilled. The Water Authority will begin draining one of its pipelines on November 1, 2015. The water will be released from the drainage structure into natural or man-made channels. The Water Authority does not anticipate the discharge rate will exceed the capacity of these channels, and crews will monitor the draining to ensure no problems arise. The draining will be completed by November 10, 2015. The reactivation of pipeline 3 is to be complete before the relining project in Lake Murray.
- The relining of pipeline 4 is performed underground within the existing pipeline, with workers and equipment accessing the interior of the pipeline through excavated access portals spaced out along the pipeline alignment. A new steel pipe is to be installed inside the old concrete pipe. The majority of the work is underground. The schedule is to award a contract next summer, start work next fall and complete in the spring of 2017. SDCWA is currently going through environmental process.

302. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update – *Steve Haupt, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*

The contract is in Public Works and is approximately 90% complete. Insurance requirements are being checked for engineering and risk management. We're hoping it's ready to be put out for bid within the next two weeks.

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

- Staff did not receive input from the Wildlife Agencies on two remaining trail alignments within MTRP as requested. The consultant has prepared a Trails Implementation Plan as an appendices to the Master Plan as requested by the Agencies which staff is currently reviewing. Staff and the consultant will begin the process of completing the draft Master Plan for MTRP CAC subcommittee review and comment. We anticipate that this will be sometime the later part of October or mid-November. We will then again adjust the schedule and begin the process of environmental review by DSD staff prior to publically noticing.
- Kevin Loomis from the San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) responded, they're pushing through the channels and placing some pressure on the Agencies. SDMBA representatives met with the County of San Diego last week doing a site assessment of potential easements to be able to get the trail to go around the military property. Mr. Loomis visited the firing range on the Marine base and was able to view the area in person. SDMBA has alerted the community and have really pushed for compliance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.