

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners  
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee  
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  
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University  
David Boyer, USMC Miramar  
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa  
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association  
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee  
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)  
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)  
Kevin Loomis, User Group Representative, SDMBA (alternate)

**Members Absent/Excused**

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large  
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon  
Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board  
Mike Pent, Special Member

**City of San Diego**

Andy Quinn, Park and Recreation Department  
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department  
Jim Winters, Park and Recreation Department  
Darren Greenhalgh, Environmental Services Department  
Dave Weil, Environmental Services Department  
Liz Saidkhanian, Council District 7

**Guests**

Dan Lee, AECOM  
David Goldgraben, SDGE  
Ben Stone, SDMBA  
Debra Colarusso, Lewis Inst. Middle School

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

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Pilch/Bathrick) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Roger Utt and David Boyer abstaining.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard, Chair**

Dorothy Leonard introduced new member Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association and alternate member Kevin Loomis, San Diego Mountain Bike Association.

September Task Force meeting report –

- Approved plans for the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration building and plant pallet as recommended by the CAC. This included changes so that only native plants found in the Park are included in the plant pallet.
- Approved Kevin Loomis as User Group alternate, representing the San Diego Mountain Bike Association.

**MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – presented by Betty Ogilvie**

- City Schools Board of Education approved the agreement between the school district and the City's Park and Recreation Department to allow for overnight camping at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground on a week night when the campground is not open to the public, for 6th graders to attend a one-night, two-day fieldtrip to Mission Trails. The MTRP Foundation will operate the program with funds from SDG&E's Environmental Champions Grants.
- SDG&E awarded the MTRP Foundation another Environmental Champions Grant for \$25,000 for fieldtrips to MTRP.
- Annual MTRP Arbor Day is Saturday, December 5, 9AM at the campground.
- Annual holiday party for volunteers and donors is Sunday, December 6 5:30 PM at the Visitor Center.

**STAFF/RANGERS REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Andy Quinn**

- We're getting an increase of vehicle break-ins, mostly at Cowles Mountain. We're also getting break-ins closer to the campgrounds and near the Visitor Center. Ranger staff and volunteer patrols will be beginning more foot/bike patrols in those areas. RSVP units also drive through the park. I've contacted Eastern Division SDPD to try and get more units to drive through the park on a daily basis.
- We're getting very close to supplying electricity to the Ranger Office Trailer at the West Sycamore area.
- Ranger staff is continuing to make contacts with dog owners educating them about heat exhaustion for their canines.
- On a weekly basis, Ranger staff continues to assist SDFD with rescues due to hiking injuries.

**WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT – Andy Quinn reported for Gayle Havens**

- Water level at Lake Murray is getting lowered like a foot a day due to a County Water Authority shut down. The project started on November 1 and runs until November 10. The El Monte pipeline that also fills the lake had a break and crews are repairing it as quick as possible to offset the CWA water we are not receiving.

**COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)**

Ben Stone from the San Diego Mountain Biking Association has been working closely with the County. He has been the liaison with them working closely on trail alignments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

101. Miles for Music 5K Run, May 7, 2016 – *Deborah Colarusso*

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Utt/Pilch) to support the recommendation of the Senior Ranger to approve the Miles for Music 5K Run on May 7, 2016. Motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

102. Solar at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center – *Darren Greenhalgh, P.E., Environmental Services Department*

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Olgilvie) to approve the Visitor Center Solar Project concept subject to review by a CAC ad hoc subcommittee of the exact location/design and to discuss with Ranger staff any landscaping issues that might be caused by the construction. Motion passed with Maxwell opposing and Boyer abstaining.

The ad-hoc subcommittee is:

Roger Utt

Dick Murphy

Frank Bathrick- Chair

Paul Ganster

Dorothy Leonard

Steve Haupt

Andy Quinn

103. San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund allocation recommendations – *Jim Winter, Park and Recreation Department*

Jim Winter distributed a memo from Herman Parker, Director of the Park and Recreation Department that outlines what our recommendations are for the fiscal year 2016 Regional Park improvement funds. The purpose of the RPIF is to support capital improvement projects within the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for San Diego Regional Parks. The Park and Recreation Department staff is recommending \$2,500,000 of the FY16 RPIF be allocated to existing CIP projects and to allow the initiation of new CIP projects in the FY17 CIP. All advisory groups concerned with Regional Park Improvement Fund allocations have been asked to discuss this year's recommendations and five-year plan adjustments and provide comments directly to their staff representative at upcoming meetings.

No action was taken on item #103.

104. MTRP CAC 2016 Meeting Schedule – *Dorothy Leonard, CAC Chair*

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Ganster/Olgilvie) to approve the MTRP CAC 2016 Meeting Schedule. Motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

105. Consideration of name for Administration Building at the East Fortuna Staging Area

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Bathrick) to recommend to the Task Force that the Administration Building at the East Fortuna Staging area be named Mission Trails Field Station. Motion carried unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

301. Designs for SDG&E's Mission Trails Gas Access Road Repair – *Dan Lee and David Goldgraben*
- AECOM is planning to begin the project in the summer of 2016.
  - Due to federal regulations, the gas transmission pipeline needs to be monitored on a quarterly basis through the existing access road that needs minor repair.
  - The project objective is to stabilize the access road in an environmentally sensitive manner. The subject access road is located immediately south of State Route 52 in the Mission Trails Park within the City of San Diego. The access road traverses steep terrain and well defined drainage courses within the project limits.
  - There are no plans of re-routing or widening of the access road, which will stay at 10-12 feet. There are 5 different areas that will be stabilized. This is essentially a public health and safety issue so that SDG&E can maintain this 20 inch high pressure gas line.
  - All sites will utilize a mix of concrete ford crossings and water bars. Each feature is an important component in reducing the erosional effects of water at the various sites.
  - Concrete ford crossings were chosen to provide a more durable driving surface at each stream crossing and minimize the improvement footprint of the surrounding terrain. This choice will prove to be a durable and long term solution. Rip rap is utilized to provide edge protection and prevent the flow of water from undermining the concrete crossing during major storms. To prevent future erosional rutting along the access road, water bars will be utilized to divert water away from the driving surface.
302. MTRP Antenna Fund balance – *Steve Haupt, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*  
As of 9/30/15, the fund balance was \$1,010,934.48, encumbrances of \$683,588.61 with cash available to budget of \$367,540.08.
303. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update – *Steve Haupt, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*  
Three bids were received. One of the higher bids has until this Friday to contest the lower bid. The higher bid is way above the budget. There's a possibility the lower bid could complete the job in six days. The purchasing department is in the process of approving their insurance (lower bid).
304. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – *Steve Haupt for Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*  
Staff and the consultant will be meeting with a tracking specialist on-site in the next couple of weeks to confirm the viability of two proposed trail alignment within the Master Plan Update to address Agency concerns with impacts to wildlife.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM.