

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Kim Wiley, User Group Representative, SDMBA
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)

Members Absent/Excused

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
John Pilch, San Carlos Area Council
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Mike Pent, Special Member
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA (alternate)

City of San Diego

Andy Quinn, Park and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Andy Field, Park and Recreation Department
Jason Grani, Public Works
Darren Greenhalgh, Environmental Services Department

Guests

Ben Stone, SDMBA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Bathrick/Ogilvie) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2015. The motion passed unanimously with Gadler abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair*

The MTRP Task force met on November 19th and took the following actions:

- Approved City of San Diego staff and the CAC ad-hoc subcommittee working together to find alternatives to the proposal for solar at the visitor center, incorporating charging stations if possible.
- Approved the CAC recommendation to rename the East Fortuna Staging Area Administration Building the Mission Trails Field Station.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – *presented by Betty Ogilvie*

- At the request of the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, the Board of Directors approved the use of up to \$1.5 million from the Foundation’s Sycamore Estates Endowment and Public Funds for the Mission Trails Field Station project.
- The Foundation’s educational fieldtrip program continues at a strong pace. For the 2015/16 school year to date, we have interacted with 1,614 students and approximately 100 parents with an additional 1,419 students are booked through the end of the school year.
- The concert series continues on a solid pace with an average of two concerts a month and an average attendance of 85 per concert.
- MTRP social media interaction programs continue to grow with updates on programs and events at MTRP.
- The MTRP Foundation has ordered a total of 1,500 pins for the 5-Peak Challenge.

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

- In late November, Open Space Brush Management scheduled Aztec Landscape to thin the normal defensible space around the Visitor Center.
- Thank you to the MTRP Foundation for their assistance and support of the 5-Peak Challenge program.
- The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Volunteer Recognition event took place on Saturday, November 7 at the Visitor Center.
- Campground attendance has been pretty low.
- The rescues continue mostly at Cowles Mountain.

WATER DEPARTMENT’S LAKE MURRAY REPORT– *No Report*

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

Ben Stone from the San Diego Mountain Biking Association spoke on a potential trail alignment between MTRP and Sycamore Canyon Preserve. He has recently met with Pardee Homes and County of San Diego representatives. The County of San Diego recently approved significant funding to re-examine the entire Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Management Plan.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Dirt Devil Racing 15K and 21K, August 13, 2016 – Victor Runco will present at the March 1, 2016 meeting.
102. Funding for Mission Trails Field Station construction from MTRP Antenna Fund – *Andy Field, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department*
Andy Field distributed a handout titled, Mission Trails Field Station Funding Sources.

- Environmental Growth Fund (EGF) is a chartered fund that comes from SDGE's franchise fees. A portion of those fees flow into the EGF and of that money, a portion flows into operations of the Park and Recreation Department, and a portion flows into the Park Capitol program.
- A request for FY 2017, 2018 and 2019 EGF funds for the Mission Trails Field Station construction project has been submitted to the City Council as part of a five year financial outlook for Capitol Projects.
- There are unencumbered funds in the Mission Trails Antenna Fund in the amount of \$367,540. Mr. Field is seeking MTRP CAC support for use of those funds for the Field Station construction project.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Bathrick) to recommend Task Force approval of the use of \$367,540 unencumbered funds in the Antenna Fund for construction of the Mission Trails Field Station. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- There are difficulties in placing solar panels near the Visitor Center parking lot.
- The East Fortuna Staging area, Bushy Hill parking lot and the campground day use parking lot are alternative locations. The day use lot would be the primary location and we'd like to authorize the ad hoc subcommittee to review detailed plans of what's going to go in.
- There are 220 kilowatts in the park that we're trying to offset. We can size the facility at the campground to handle all of that. In addition, when the roof is replaced at the Visitor Center, we can place another 30 kilowatts of solar on the flat roof over the classrooms. We're working with Jason Grani to determine how much additional load is coming with the new Field Station. We'll size the panels at the day use lot to match all of the needs in the park.
- Frank Bathrick reported for the CAC ad hoc solar panel subcommittee which met on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. Ad hoc subcommittee members in attendance included Frank Bathrick (Chair), Dorothy Leonard, Dick Murphy, Roger Utt, and Senior Ranger Andy Quinn. Also attending was MTRP Ranger Heidi Gutknecht. Members not able to attend included CAC member Paul Ganster and Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt. Representing the Environmental Services Department were Darren Greenhalgh and David Weil. The ad hoc subcommittee made the following recommendations: (1) The best locations for the solar panels are the campground day use parking area and the flat roof area over the visitor center classrooms. (2) That the subcommittee be authorized to review and approve submitted details and colors presented by City staff. The Bushy Hill parking lot was not identified as an alternate location at the time of the December meeting.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Bathrick/Murphy) to recommend to the Task Force support for solar panels on the Visitor Center flat roof over the classrooms, at the campground day use area, and at the Bushy Hill parking lot on Father Junipero Serra Trail, and that the Task Force authorize the CAC solar panel ad hoc subcommittee to make final

approval after reviewing city staff submitted details and color selection. Motion carried unanimously.

104. MTRP FY2016/2017 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – *Dorothy Leonard*
Dorothy presented the FY2016/17 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List which has been updated from the FY2015/16. With concurrence from Open Space District Manager Steve Haupt, Old Mission Dam Preservation was moved from a Public Works Project to an MTRP Project and Periodic Grading of Cowles Mountain service road was removed from the list as it is now an ongoing park maintenance project.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Gadler/Ogilvie) to recommend Task Force approval of the MTRP FY2016/2017 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs list. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Jason Grani, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*
Davy Architecture has started work on the construction documents. We're approximately 20 to 30% into that process. We anticipate the completion of the design and building permits by the end November/December 2016 and to start construction by April/May of 2017. Davy Architecture is looking into the feasibility of solar panels requested by the MTRP Foundation. Construction is scheduled for 18 months. Because of Explore Mission Trails Day, CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard requested the construction begin after the third Saturday of May.
302. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update – *Steve Haupt, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*
We have a low bidder. They're in their seventh day of their 10 day protest period. With this invitation to bid, attorney approval is basically rubber stamped. Dredging is estimated to take six days. We still have time up until March 15 to complete the work. The good news is we are back on track.
303. MTRP Master Plan and Resource Management Plan – *Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning, Neighborhoods and Economic Development Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*
- The field observation of wildlife movement (tracking) that KTU&A had consulted out was completed just before the holidays. We are expecting a report of the results by the end of this week. This information will be used to complete the trails plan for the East Elliott area of the Master Plan Update.
 - Staff and the consultant will begin the process of completing the draft Master Plan for MTRP CAC ad hoc subcommittee review and comment. We anticipate this will be sometime the later part of February. We will then again adjust the schedule and begin the process of environmental review by DSD staff prior to publically noticing.
 - It is anticipated that revisions made, based on public input, will be completed by mid to late February.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM.