

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JANUARY 21, 2016 MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK TASK FORCE

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Scott Sherman, City of San Diego
Councilmember Lorie Zapf, City of San Diego
Councilmember Kristine Alessio, City of La Mesa
Dorothy Leonard, Chair of MTRP Citizens Advisory Committee

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego
Councilmember Ronn Hall, City of Santee
Supervisor Dave Roberts, County of San Diego

City of San Diego

Araceli Dominguez, Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Chris Zirkle, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Liz Saidkhanian, City of San Diego
Jason Grani, City of San Diego
Dave Weil, City of San Diego
James Mcguire, City of San Diego
Andy Field, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department

County of San Diego

Evan Bollinger, for Supervisor Dave Roberts

Guests

Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA
Mark Moore, SDMBA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Sherman at 10:11 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved by consent with no objections.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES – NONE

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Scott Sherman welcomed Lorie Zapf. Over a thousand hikers have participated in the Five Peak Challenge.

MTRP CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dorothy Leonard reported the following:

At the January 5, 2016 meeting the CAC took the following actions:

- Supported use of an additional \$367,540 from the MTRP Antenna fund for the Mission Trails Field Station at the East Fortuna Staging Area. Item 101 on the Task Force agenda.
- Approved the following motion regarding solar electricity for Mission Trails Regional Park facilities. "The MTRP CAC supports 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 requests authorization for the CAC solar panel ad hoc subcommittee to make final approval after reviewing city staff submitted details and color selection." Item 102 on the Task Force agenda.
- Approved the FY2016/2017 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List. Item 103 on the Task Force agenda.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT

Dorothy Leonard reported the following:

- 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 Environmental Education Program funded through SDG&E grants continues to at a strong pace with over 1,600 students participating since the first of the school year and another 1,400 anticipated through June of this year.
- It is anticipated that the new Rock Cycle exhibit will be completed within the next few weeks, followed by the new Wildlife and Wildfire exhibits.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Water Department's Lake Murray Report – No Report
- B. City of Santee Community Services Department –No Report
- C. Park Staff/ Sr. Ranger's Report – *Ranger Dominguez reported for Senior Ranger Quinn*
 - Arbor Day was held on Saturday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m. Eleven coastal live oaks were planted in the Kumeyaay Lake Campground. Approximately 45 participants joined in.
 - We are closer in getting electricity at West Sycamore for the Ranger Trailer. The City is going to release the meter (inspection), but first needs a label/sticker on the meter provided by SDG&E.

- With the heavy rains, we had mud/rock slides on Father Junipero Serra Trail Road. The vehicle lane was closed for a week. Thank you to Neil and Gabe from the Sycamore Landfill in assisting with the removal of spoils.
- The heavy rains have also created more erosion on Barker Service Road. We're hoping Public Utilities Department can assist with the repairing and maintenance of the road.
- On Saturday, February 6, at 530 p.m., we'll be hosting the MTRP Volunteer Recognition event. Thank you to the MTRP Foundation for their assistance.

D. Open Space Division Staff Report – No report

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Mission Trails Field Station project update and Funding for Mission Trails Field Station construction from MTRP Antenna Fund– *Andy Field, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation Department and Jason Grani, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects 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 Capital Projects.
- There are unencumbered funds in the Mission Trails Antenna Fund in the amount of \$367,540. Mr. Field is seeking support for use of those funds for the Field Station construction project as recommended by the MTRP CAC.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/ALESSIO) to approve the use of \$367,540 unencumbered funds in the Antenna Fund for construction of the Mission Trails Field Station. Motion carried unanimously.

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

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/ALESSIO) to support the MTRP CAC recommendation to install 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 authorized the CAC solar panel ad hoc subcommittee to make final approval after reviewing city staff submitted details and color selection. Motion carried unanimously.

103. MTRP FY2016/2017 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – *Dorothy Leonard*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/ZAPF) to approve the MTRP FY2016/2017 Project Funding and Future Needs list as recommended by the MTRP CAC. Motion carried unanimously.

104. MTRP CAC Appointments/Reappointments – *Chairman Sherman*

- Member at Large – Dorothy Leonard
- City of Santee -
- City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board –
- City of El Cajon – Richard Gadler
- Scripps Ranch Civic Association –
- Navajo Community Planners –
- County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Committee –

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (ZAPF/ALESSIO) to reappoint member at large Dorothy Leonard and City of El Cajon representative Richard Gadler to the MTRP CAC. Motion carried unanimously.

105. Appointment/Reappointment of CAC chair and Vice chair

- Chair – Dorothy Leonard
- Vice Chair – Dick Murphy

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (ALESSIO/ZAPF) to reappoint Chair of the CAC Dorothy Leonard and Vice Chair of the CAC Dick Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS301. Old Mission Dam Dredging/Maintenance project update- *Chris Zirkle, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.*

This project was rebid a few weeks ago. The dredge work itself has to be done before March 15.

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

Kevin Loomis from SDMBA reported that many people riding on U.S. Marine property had their bikes confiscated and most of them complained their wasn't enough signage provided. SDMBA is having an advocacy meeting on Feb. 1. Everyone is invited. This is the best way to communicate with everyone (mountain bikers). Mission Trails has 53 miles of trails, but 33 miles of it are roads. Nine are mountain biking trails. The lack of legal options has caused illegal trails on the marine base. This is the real cause. The problem with legal trails is the lack of them. People start to build where they shouldn't. Mr. Loomis is working closely with Jeff Harkness, Mark Carpenter and the agencies. We're working with a private property homeowner to be able to use their property. SDMBA,

Ben Stone is working on the Stowe trail connection that bypasses the Marine base so they can get an easement through SDGE. SDMBA stands ready with resources, money, design, trail work, and is readily available to assist and help out in anyway.

303. East Elliott trail restoration and closures – *Chris Zirkle, Open Space Division, P&R Dept.*
No report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m.