

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

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mike Pent, Special Member
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kim Wiley, User Group Representative, SDMBA
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa, Alternate
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University

Members Absent/Excused

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Craig Maxwell, City of La Mesa
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Rebecca Smart, Park and Recreation Department

Guests

Kevin Loomis, SDMBA (alternate)
Jack Zarour, East Elliott property owner
Jeanette Zarour, East Elliott property owner
Craig Balben, SDCWA
Aaron Trumm, SDCWA
Brent Fountain, SDCWA
Octavio Casavantes, SDCWA
Anna Shepherd, US Navy
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Gadler/Bathrick) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair*

- Dorothy Leonard introduced guest Mickey Zeichick who is the CAC nominee representing the San Carlos Area Council (SCAC). Terry Cords has been nominated as the SCAC alternate.

- The MTRP Task force met on May 19th and took the following action: Approved the CAC reappointments of Frank Bathrick, Marilyn Reed, Barbara Perkins, and Roger Utt.

RANGERS REPORT – *Park Ranger Rebecca Smart reported for Sr. Park Ranger Andy Quinn*

- In June we had three successful special events in the park. Miles for Music 5K, SDMBA, Take a kid mountain biking day, and Team Parker 5K. We have one more 15K/21K in August. This will be the last special event of 2016.
- American Conservation Experience completed four weeks of work in the park (Mon – Friday, 8am to 4:30pm). They occupied a few campsites at the campgrounds and worked closely with Ranger staff.
- May 21, Explore Mission Trails Day was a huge success, and very busy. Thanks to the Foundation for their tremendous support, and staff, volunteers and other community groups for all their hard work. Special thank you to Ranger Rebecca Smart who has taken the lead for three years now. The event is held in May every year and she begins the planning stages in November.
- Andy Quinn is thankful to have had the opportunity to work at MTRP. He really enjoyed working with the CAC, staff, volunteers, other agencies, partners and MTRP Foundation.

OPEN SPACE DIVISION REPORT - *Steve Haupt, District Manager, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*

- Chris Zirkle, Deputy Director, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept. will be retiring from City of San Diego in September 2016.

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

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – *presented by Betty Ogilvie*

- The first San Diego City Schools 6th grade classes have participated in an overnight camping program. Three groups, for a total of 156 students, have taken part in this pilot project offered by the MTRP Foundation and funded by an SDG&E Environmental Champions grant.
- The MTRP Foundation received an additional \$25,000 SDG&E Environmental Champions grant to fund field trips for K-8th graders for the FY 2016/17 school year.
- This past school year, the MTRP Foundation hosted over 4,700 students for field trips which included transportation costs.
- The 24th Annual Amateur Photo contest entries are on display in the Visitor Center Gallery. Betty chairs this event and 142 photos submitted with many new photographers, including photographers 17 and under. The display will be up through July 15.
- Alicia Berg, the Foundations Education Program Instructor, is offering four, week-long summer camps. \$125 per child, per week. Each week is a new topic.
- The first wedding on the Terrace will be on July 16 beginning at 6 pm.
- The MTRP Foundation completed a trail project on San Diego Unified School District property in Tierrasanta on behalf of the City of San Diego. Six unauthorized trail heads were blocked off so the San Diego Unified School District can grant an easement to the City of San Diego allowing a trail across school district property from Calle de Vida to Mission Trails. The city could not fund the project because it could be considered a “gift of public funds.” Materials - \$1,500 - 60 cubic yards of woodchips donated by Republic Services – in-kind value \$3,000 and donated labor 25 hours.

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

Ms. Jeanette Zarour and Mr. Jack Zarour, land owner's north of the SR 52 and just west of the landfill, presented a plan to feature a monastery, retreat center, and cemetery on this land. The area would be called East Elliott Village. The East Elliott Village proposal plan would support the homeless community; taking 9,000 homeless people off the streets of San Diego. Jeanette Zarour and Jack Zarour stated that East Elliott Village would consist of a retreat, shelter homes, volunteer managed clinics, and a monastery to be named St. James Monastery. The Zarour's are requesting that the City of San Diego donate 313 acres of land to the area. The Zarour's commented there are no designated trails north of the 52. Mr. Zarour has been asking for those to be closed and a gate to prevent people from trespassing and vandalism. The mountain bikers are illegitimate users of the private land. Mr. Zarour stated that he gave a plan for East Elliott Village in 2014, to the City of San Diego, and nothing has been done yet.

CAC member Paul Ganster, representing San Diego State University, presented the idea of a program to create Volunteer Protocol's for students and interns to utilize when conducting field work and surveys in Open Space areas; particularly MTRP. Mr. Ganster proposed that a Protocol Guide be created for tracking funding and field studies, for students to use. Steve Haupt responded to Mr. Ganster, stating that student Protocol Guides should be in cooperation with MTRP Master Plan. Mr. Haupt stated that Betsy Miller, City of San Diego Open Space Division, should also assist on approving and creating student/intern survey information for MTRP.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Amendment to the Mission Trails Regional Park Endowment Fund (#1029) Agreement with the San Diego Foundation – *Dorothy Leonard*
MOTION: That the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Committee grants all rights and responsibilities afforded to them in the original fund agreement as the "Founder" of the Mission Trails Regional Park Endowment Fund (#1029) to the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, Inc. Moved/seconded (Pent/Acevedo). The motion carried unanimously with Boyer abstaining.
102. Opportunity to obtain additional park land in exchange for permitting SDUSD to continue to use dedicated park land for a high school in Balboa Park, should a proposed San Diego City Charter Amendment be approved. – Nancy Acevedo
MOTION: The MTRP CAC recommends that the City of San Diego pursue for park use the acquisition of the SDUSD parcel of land located adjacent to MTRP near Calle de Vida in the Tierrasanta Community, as part of any lease negotiation for the continued use by San Diego High School of dedicated park land within Balboa Park. Moved/seconded (Gadler/Pent). Motion carried unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego County Water Authority FRS (Flow Regulatory Structure) II and Lake Murray relining updates – *Craig Balben and Brent Fountain, representing 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.

- Pipeline 4 relining at Lake Murray – The water provided to these agencies is conveyed through large-diameter pipes, commonly referred to as aqueducts. The relining of pipeline 4 is performed underground within existing pipe, with workers and equipment accessing the interior of the pipe through excavated access portals spaced out along the pipeline alignment. Work will begin in late September/early October.
 - FRS II – Pipeline vents have been removed. The drought has reduced water delivery usage from consumers resulting in SDCWA working on a new planning study. Will provide an update at next CAC meeting in September 2016.
302. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *District Manager Steve Haupt reported for Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capitol Projects Dept.*
- The project management team initiated the building permit review process and departments design review. The project team will make revisions to plans accordingly, based on reviewer comments.
 - The project is scheduled for design to be completed in October/November 2016. Then they'll start to advertise the project for construction.
 - The project is on schedule.
303. Kumeyaay Lake Campground update – Plan to permit overnight camping on Sunday night before a Monday holiday, and status of second camp host and new Center Director – *Steve Haupt and Rebecca Smart, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept.*
- On July 4 weekend, holiday camping on Sunday night began with check-out on Monday. It was a huge success, with campsites sold out on the holiday weekend.
 - The second camp host agreement is being reviewed and signed by the Chief Financial Officer. Once approved, advertising begins for our second camp host.
 - Jennifer Sanders was hired for the Center Director I position at the campground. She begins work on July 16th.
 - KLC online reservation system is being reviewed and revised to improve process for campers. There have been many frustrations with City online reservation system for camping.
304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan presentation – *District Manager Steve Haupt reported for Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*
- The second screen check of the supporting draft environmental document for MTRP MPU and NRMP has been submitted to the City for review and comment.
 - The project is on schedule for public review of the Programmatic EIR by end of October 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Next meeting, September 6, 2016.