

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA (alternate)
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)

Members absent/Excused

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)

City of San Diego

Casey Smith, Park and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Park and Recreation Department
Levi Dean, Park and Recreation Department

GUESTS

Natasha Preece, Kindness Matters Foundation
Kristin Camper, MCAS Miramar
Colonel Woodworth, MCAS Miramar

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Acevedo/Gadler) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Dorothy Leonard, Chair

- There was no task force meeting in September, they are waiting for some appointments to be made.

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

- Thank you to Rangers Heidi and Rebecca for filling in during the absence of a Senior Ranger both at Mission Trails and Otay Valley Regional Park. They did a great job.
- Introduction of Casey Smith, new Open Space Division, Deputy Director and Ryan Robertson, new Senior Park Ranger for Mission Trails Regional Park.

RANGERS REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- Ryan introduced himself and provided a brief background of his employment with the City of San Diego.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT

None

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT - Jay Wilson

- Over 3,000 students were booked for fieldtrips for the 2016/17 school year
- Muir Magnet School was the first 6th grade class from the San Diego Unified School District to participate in the Thursday/Friday overnight program. There were 37 students and five adults.
- The Foundation e-newsletter is now reaching over 7,500 individuals, with an opening percentage between 28 and 30. This is above the national average.
- After hours special events for nonprofit fundraisers and weddings are continuing to be booked.
- The Foundation is now official partners with the San Diego Girl Scout Council.
- This week the Foundation is beginning a project to provide maintenance to all the large monument signs in the park including reinstalling the monument sign at Father Junipero Serra Trail leading up to the Visitor Center

COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)

None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Children for Children 5K run, April 8, 2017 – Natasha Preece, Kindness Matters Foundation

MOTION: That the MTRP CAC support the staff recommendation to approve the 3rd year Children for Children 5k run. Moved/seconded (Pent/Murphy). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining and prior acknowledgement from Preece that the backup day needs to change. The stated backup day conflicts with Explore Mission Trails Day.

102. Naming unnamed trails in the Fortuna area of the Park – Ranger Levi Dean

MOTION: That the MTRP CAC support the staff recommendation to name two trails in Suycott Valley (Suycott Valley Alternate Trail, future Suycott Valley North Trail, and Suycott Valley Connector Trail). Moved/seconded (Murphy/Gadler). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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103. San Diego Regional Park Improvement Fund allocation recommendations – Casey Smith, Open Space Division Deputy Director
NO CAC ACTION TAKEN: The RPIF is generated by lease revenues. Currently the available \$2.5 Million is allocated to existing CIP's and no new projects have been added to the current project list. Since 2010, \$800,000 from the fund has been allocated to Mission Trails. Staff is in the process of meeting with advisory groups to solicit ideas for new projects that could be added to the project list. Ballot measure J would add approximately \$1 Million/year to the RPIF.
104. MTRP CAC 2017 Meeting Schedule – Dorothy Leonard, CAC Chair
MOTION: That the MTRP CAC approve the 2017 meeting schedule. Moved/seconded (Bathrick/Acevedo). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.
105. MTRP FY2017/2018 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List – Dorothy Leonard
MOTION: That the MTRP CAC approve the MTRP FY2017/2018 Project Funding Priorities and Future Needs List. Moved/Seconded (Loomis/Murphy). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Opening a portion of the Stowe Trail – Colonel Woodworth, MCAS Miramar
- Miramar is planning to open the four mile section of Stowe Trail that runs through Federal property to users via a permit system. Miramar staff have been coordinating with Kevin Loomis from the SDMBA on the permit system. Permits would be valid for one year and would be required for everyone over the age of sixteen. Those sixteen and under would need to be accompanied by a permit holder. The permits will be free but Miramar will require a permit application, a signed hold harmless agreement, and a completed background check. The trail would be open to only non-motorized conveyances. MP's will patrol the area and take any enforcement actions deemed necessary. The hope is that the system will be up and running by January 2017.
302. Kumeyaay Campground reservation system update – Casey Smith, Open Space Division Deputy Director
- The IT Department is looking into the issues with the reservation system. They are working on solutions within the City's Activenet system. Hopefully there will be a resolution in the next couple of months.
303. Mission Trails Field Station project update – Steve Haupt for Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.
- The design consultant continues to develop design revisions to the canopy's roof, exterior lighting, and the outdoor gathering area. Upon completion of these revisions, plans will be re-submitted tentatively by November 7, 2016 to development services department for building permitting. It is anticipated that the building permit will be obtained early spring 2017.
304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan presentation – Steve Haupt for Jeff Harkness, City of Sand Diego Planning Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A
- The Draft Environmental Impact Report has been completed and is anticipated to be out for public review the latter part of November. The County will be presenting the MPU and NRMP to the Board of Supervisors and has requested review of the EIR prior to distributing it for public review.

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- Staff plans on beginning the process of presenting Community Plan Amendments to the various Community Planning Groups in Dec. and January, as well as presenting the MPU to the CAC and Task Force in January of next year. Close of public review of the EIR will be the latter part of January. It is anticipated that the Final Draft of the EIR will be ready to move forward for a recommendation of Community Plan Amendments by the Planning Commission in February. The MPU, NRMP, and Community Plan Amendments would go to City Council for action in the April/May time frame, as well as to the Board of Supervisors for the MPU and NRMP action.

305. SDSU Park Use Survey – Paul Ganster, SDSU CAC representative

- After review of the draft Master Plan Update, the question came up of what kind of data was used to develop priorities. It was determined that there was no hard data so a survey has been put together that includes several factors. The idea is to pilot the survey this semester and continue it for a whole year in order to account for seasonality. At some point the survey could be conducted online, but for now it needs to be administered by trained Students.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Next meeting, January 3, 2017