

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 2, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA
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
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee

Members absent/Excused

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Rebecca Smart, Park and Recreation Department
Jennifer Sanders, Park and Recreation Department
Donny Nguyen, Park and Recreation Department

GUESTS

Victor Runco, Dirt Devil Racing
Christal Shaw, Team Parker for Life

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Acevedo/Bathrick) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2016. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer and Utt abstaining.

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CHAIR'S REPORT - Dorothy Leonard reported the following, MTRP Task Force met in March and approved:

- Reappointments of the following MTRP CAC members to terms ending in January 2019: Nancy Acevedo, member-at-large; David Boyer, MCAS Miramar; Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa; Kevin Loomis, MTRP User Group; Mickey Zeichick with Terry Cords alternate, San Carlos Area Council.
- Appointments/reappointments pending for the next Task Force meeting include representatives from City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, SDSU College of Sciences, Tierrasanta Community Council.
- Approved placing summit monuments on Pyles, KwaayPaay, South Fortuna and North Fortuna peaks.
- Approved the MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan with the recommendation that the San Diego City Council and the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors also approve.
- The May meeting of the Task Force has been canceled. The next meeting will be July 20, 2017.

RANGERS REPORT – Rebecca Smart reported the following,

- We are happy to introduce the Mission Trails Kumeyaay Lake Campground Director, Jennifer Sanders. Jennifer works part time ensuring that the Campground is running smoothly; taking reservations, issuing permits, and providing customer service to the public.
- City of San Diego and Mission Trails hosted the Annual County wildland drill trainings April 19th through the 21st. This was a 3 day real life scenario drill for first responders to train and prepare. The participants worked together from all across San Diego County and Imperial County. Over 750 public safety staff participated in the training drills hosted at Mission Trails.
- Rangers and trail volunteers recently completed a 6 month trail restoration project at North Fortuna, focusing on rolling grade dips, habitat restoration, and localized reroutes to help trail sustainably.
- We are gearing up for the 15th annual Explore Mission Trails Day (EMTD) outdoor festival at East Fortuna staging area. This will be our Grand Finale celebration of this very popular event due to the construction of the Mission Trails Field Station at East Fortuna later this year. We are expecting about 2,000 guests to attend EMTD this year. We are excited to be able to work with both the city and the foundation to help connect our community to the outdoors and the inspiration of nature and science.

Dorothy Leonard also added to the report that the new cross walk has been installed right before turning into the Visitors Center parking lot.

Steve Haupt wanted to just say thank you again to Rebecca Smart for all of her hard work with the Wildland drill trainings, and Jennifer Sanders for all her work at the Campground.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Betty Ogilvie

- The MTRP Foundation has ordered 5,000 additional 5-Peak Challenge Pins – the program continues at a very good pace.
- We have applied to SDG&E for a new \$25,000 grant through their Environmental Champions program for the 2017/18 school year.

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- The MTRP Foundation funded an upgrade to the audio and visual system in the Theater. There is now a much more efficient system using only the front projector.
- Copies of the new Spring newsletter are available on the handout table.
- We are continuing to book an increasing number of after-hour events from nonprofit fundraisers, to celebrations of life, retirement parties and weddings.
- The 25th Annual Amateur Photo Contest is on-going through the end of May for children, teenagers and adults.
- We are offering four, 1-week summer camps for children 5 through 12 and targeting the home school students.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Dirt Devil Racing 15K and 21K, August, 12 2017

Victor Runco provided an overview of the race with additional information on overflow parking at West Hills Elementary

MOTION: That the MTRP CAC support the staff recommendation to approve the race on August 12th. Moved/seconded (Pent/Utt). The motion passed with Boyer abstaining.

102. Team Parker for life 5K and 10K race – Christal Shaw provided an overview of the 2nd annual race here at MTRP.

MOTION: The MTRP CAC support the staff recommendation to approve the race. Moved/seconded (Loomis/Bathrick) The motion passed with Boyer abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

302. MTRP Solar project update - Frank Bathrick reported the following:

We met with city staff Jack Clark and walked the Campground day-use parking lot. Mission Trails staff believes the campground day-use lot would be the better place rather than the Bushy Hill parking lot. City staff said they would look into it and get some information back to us but they want to start construction towards the end of June. They are in the process of meeting with the solar provider as soon as possible. Roger Utt brought up a concern that it will be nesting season soon.

303. Kumeyaay Campground reservation system update – Jennifer Sanders reported the following:

The Campground is doing great with the weather getting warmer. We are seeing reservations at about 75 percent full on Fridays and it has been fully booked on Saturdays for the last couple of months. The rangers say we are busier than last year. We just received a couple new buttons on our Point of Sale transactions to help those people who didn't pay for their pets or extra vehicles and have to pay the day of and add the \$2.00 transaction fee. With these new buttons, we can just collect the \$1.00 of \$4.00 fee without inconveniencing them with the additional transaction fee which has made the process much smoother when checking people in. There are still a few hang ups that we are having trouble with but we are working with Activenet to trouble shoot those areas. We have also added a Reserve by map feature which makes the process much easier for those who use it. Mike Pent asked about our availability later in the summer and on holidays and then mentioned that we should do a survey of the campground to see which days the public would like to see it open. We all agreed that a survey for the campground is a good idea however it would have to be a hard copy survey not on online survey due to privacy policies. The board members also thought the

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Campground should be opened for July 4th weekend. They all agreed that it would be beneficial for the campground to be open to the public.

304. Mission Trails Field Station project update - Steve Haupt reported the following on behalf of Jorge Acevedo

We will be securing the building permit this month. Upon obtaining all construction funds, the project will be advertised for construction bidding in summer 2017. Upon having a successful bidding/awarding process, construction is set to commence tentatively by winter 2018. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2019.

Dorothy Leonard mentioned that there is a public art project associated with the building and MTRP has two representatives assisting with the process. She represents the Foundation and Rodger Utt represents the CAC. Mr. Utt reported the following: There were 40 artists from around the country responding to the Call for Artists. The project budget is \$46,000. After a long day of reviewing the artists' work the selection committee narrowed it down to three finalists.

Mike Pent made a comment asking if we get to review the bid document before it goes out. Dorothy Leonard said that the agreement with the Foundation does allow them to review the bids before they go out.

Dorothy Leonard reminded the board that the July 4th meeting will be moved to June 27th and that she will not be attending the meeting and Dick Murphy will be filling in for her.

301. Mayor's Fiscal year 2017/2018 Budget as it impacts the Open Space Division and Mission Trails Regional Park – Donny Nguyen reported the following"

In the next two years the City will be in a little short fall with a 3.5 percent decrease for both years. The good news in FY18 is that we will be getting a mandatory increase of 2.0 FTE positions for Park and Recreation so we will increase a little and add in other areas. A couple of places where we are having a deduction will be contractor services and brush management for Open Space Division. What all this means for Mission Trails is a \$3500.00 deduction.

Dorothy Leonard mentioned that new carpet was installed last week at the Visitor Center theater.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Next meeting, June 27, 2017