

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 5, 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
Kevin Loomis, SD MBA
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
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)
Mike Pent, Special Member

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Park and Recreation Department
Casey Smith, Park and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Park and Recreation Department
Christine Jones, Commission for Arts and Culture
Jack Clark, Environmental Services Department
James Chen, Environmental Services Department

GUESTS

Leslie Perkins
Stephen Goldfarb

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GADLER/BATHRICK) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2017 with a correction on page two changing the word costumer to customer. The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT None

RANGERS REPORT – Ryan Robertson thanked everyone that was involved in the Explore Mission Trails Day event. It was a great success even though the event was held only at the East Fortuna Staging Area and did not include any activities at the Visitor Center. Over the long, hot summer there were lots of rescues of both pedestrians and dogs. The 5 peak monument signs are completed and delivered. We are now working on getting them placed at the peaks. The new directional signs for the main section of the park are going through the final review process and the project should be completed within the next couple of weeks. The monthly and weekly volunteer crews will be starting back up next month after the summer break. The school field trip will also begin in the next week or two.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT None

FOUNDATION REPORT- Dorothy Leonard introduced Leslie Perkins as the new MTRP Foundation Executive Director that will be replacing the retired Jay Wilson. Leslie has over eight years of experience working on the staff of various San Diego City Council members and a Deputy Mayor. She filled several roles during this time including serving as a liaison between the Councilmembers and community organizations, City Departments, and Governmental Agencies. Leslie also has prior experience working for the Foundation as an independent consultant. During that time she was responsible for implementing fundraising goals, utilizing strategies to increase contributions, and securing new corporate sponsors.

Leslie announced that the Foundation had been nominated as one of six finalists for an eco-ambassador grant that will be awarded based on public voting. She asked that everyone please vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Use of MTRP Antenna Funds to purchase land in the future East Elliot area of the Park. – *Casey Smith, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, City of San Diego P&R Department.*

Casey explained that the Park and Recreation Department is in the process of creating a new CIP fund. The fund would be dedicated to the purchase of properties within the MHPA area. Currently, monies directed to the fund would come from the environmental growth fund and the habitat acquisition fund. Casey is asking for approval that a portion of the MTRP Antenna Funds also be allocated to the fund on an annual basis. The creation of this CIP would assist in ensuring that funds are available to purchase properties when they become available. In the past, the City has run into the issue of knowing properties are available for purchase but not having sufficient funding.

MOTION: That the MTRP CAC recommend to the MTRP Task Force that an allocation of \$100,000 be transferred from the MTRP Antenna Fund into the new MTRP CIP fund being created for the purpose of land acquisition and future trail improvements. Any future

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allocations would have to also be approved by both the MTRP CAC and MTRP Task Force. (MURPHY/BATHRICK) The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects*

Jorge reported that all of the necessary approvals have been acquired from Development Services. They are now waiting for the City Council to approve the Agreement with the Foundation to accept up to \$1.5 million dollars from the MTRP Foundation Endowment and Public Funds for the project. Once that is complete, the project can be advertised for bid. It is anticipated that construction will begin in Spring 2018 and be completed by Spring 2019. The only other step is to have the CAC Subcommittee and MTRP Foundation representatives review the final construction drawings.

302. Mission Trails Field Station Public Art project – *Christine Jones, Senior Public Art Manager, City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture*

Christine provided a brief overview of what the Commission does and explained that one of their primary functions is to fund public art projects. The Commission will be managing the public art component to of the field station. Artist Ramon De Salvo has been selected to create the component. He has already participated in a “meet the artist” public forum that was held at the Visitor Center and has meet with the CAC subcommittee. Once Ramon has developed a proposal, it will be routed through the approval process and he will present it to the committee. Ramon is based in San Diego and is considered a conceptual artist. He typically likes to create works that have some sort of interactive component.

303 MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – *Steve Haupt for Robin Shifflet, City of San Diego Planning Department*

The City is working with the Resource Agencies to address issues on trail usage in the East Elliott area and will be working on providing additional information to the Agencies during the month of September. We hope to come to the MTRP CAC and Task Force in November with a full update and next steps for approval.

304. MTRP Solar project at Kumeyaay Lake Campground- *Jack Clark, Deputy Director, City of San Diego Environmental Services Department*

Jack announced that Dorothy had reached out to him in the Spring to discuss some concerns regarding the proposed placement of the solar panels. As a result of that conversation, an onsite meeting was held with the subcommittee and it was decided that the day use lot would be utilized for the project. As of now, there are no design drawings. As soon as drawings are received, they will be shared with the group. As of now, the construction completion date is set for November 30, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting, November 7, 2017