

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 7, 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  
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large  
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member  
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council  
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association  
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners  
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council  
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)  
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA

**Members absent/Excused**

Robert Chavez, City of San Diego Park & Recreation Board  
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University  
Mike Pent, Special Member  
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee  
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)  
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community 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  
Andrew Miller, Park and Recreation Department  
Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego Planning Department

**GUESTS**

Mark Carpenter, KTU+A  
Darren Lachel, SDMBA  
Jack Zarour, East Elliot Property Owner  
Daniel Briceno, SDMBA  
Jose Galaz, SDMBA  
Toby Brown, Santee Resident

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Bob Ponting, SDMBA  
Jenne Carson, Santee Resident  
Kirk Riley, SDMBA  
Alan Riley, SDMBA  
Eric Leenevus, SDMBA  
Everett Neuman, SDMBA  
Rob Aaronson, SDMBA  
Jim Baethol  
Laura Buase, SDMBA  
Susie Murphy, SDMBA  
Don Dias, SDMBA  
Kirk Bennett, SDMBA  
John Nobil, SDMBA  
Stephen Goldfarb  
Karen St. Germain, SDMBA  
Alison Harrvasp, SDMBA  
Sue Brophy  
Philip Erdelsky, SDMBA  
Andy Darragh, SDMBA  
Keli Balo, Community  
Scott Broden, Community  
Doug Provins, SDMBA/Neighbor

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

**ROLL CALL****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**RANGERS REPORT – Ryan Robertson**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS (Non-agenda public comment)**

Toby Brown informed the Committee that he is a Santee Resident that lives along the unpaved section of Mesa Road. Brown stated that Mesa Rd. used to be a main road into Santee but that the City of Santee has now disclaimed ownership of the unpaved section claiming that the homeowners never deeded the land to the City of Santee. Brown proposed that the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and the City of Santee all work together on a paving project to pave the unpaved section of Mesa Rd.

**MTRP CAC MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 7, 2017****ACTION ITEMS**

101. Approval to place summit monuments on the following MTRP peaks – Pyles, KwaayPaay, South Fortuna, North Fortuna – Ranger Levi Dean

Ranger Dean provided an overview of the project

**MOTION:** That the MTRP CAC support the staff recommendation to place summit monuments on the four peaks. Moved/seconded (Murphy/Ogilvie). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

102. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – Jeff Harkness, City of San Diego/ Mark Carpenter, KTU+A

Mark Carpenter and Jeff Harkness provided an overview of the MPU

**Public Comments:**

Susie Murphy, Executive Director SDMBA, wished to thank everyone involved in the MPU process and stated that 1160 members of the SDMBA fully support the MPU.

Jack Zarour, East Elliott property owner, expressed his displeasure with the MPU as detailed in a letter he presented to the Committee. (Letter attached)

Kelly Balo attending as a community member expressed that what everyone is seeing today is an effort to compromise and involve the community. She is happy to see that there are opportunities for rock climbers but is concerned about the potential for trail closures that do not coincide with trail openings. Regarding East Elliott, please keep some of the trails open rather than closing all of them.

Andy Darragh with SDMBA thanked everyone for their years of commitment and relayed the sentiment of keep going and get projects ready to dig in the dirt.

Steven Goldfarb, an East Elliott property owner expressed his displeasure with the City stating that property owners were misled about their ability to develop their property. The City restricted property owner's options of development in 1997 with the implementation of MHPA, MSCP, and new community plan. Prior to 1997, property owners had the ability to build one dwelling per acre owned. After 1997, only one dwelling could be built per parcel no matter the size of the parcel.

Sue Brophy, neighboring homeowner, appreciates the East Elliott area. She asked that if there is a way to work together with the property owners and respect MCAS Miramar in order to keep the area open to recreational use, it would be a good thing for all of San Diego.

**CAC Member Comments:**

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Dick Murphy, CAC member, relayed that he was asked to rejoin the CAC in order to help work on the MPU. He accepted and now here it is 10 years later. Staff has done a great job and Mark Carpenter has put in an enormous amount of effort.

**MOTION:** That the MTRP CAC approve the MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan. Moved/seconded (Murphy/Bathrick). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM

Next meeting, May 2, 2017

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March 7, 2017 - 6:30 PM

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Good evening everyone,

Jack Zarour, East Elliott Property Owner, speaking against Action Item 102. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan. In particular, I am against the proposed East Elliot MTRP extension north of HWY 52 as proposed.

The MTRP MPU fails to address the impact on the East Elliott Property Owners, past and present, and does not contain any economic studies or financial provisions for the proper compensation for any future park use on past or currently privately-owned properties. Until this condition is met, MTRP MPU must keep any Park Extension north of HWY 52 strictly on land that is owned by the City of San Diego, not on privately owned parcels, ours' in particular, and not to proceed any further without conducting such studies!

Mr. Harkness and Mr. Carpenter, have you ever surveyed or asked East Elliott Property Owners if they wished to be included in MTRP Park Extension? No. Of the multiple times that you have heard me speak over the many years, have you ever stopped to ask me, "why I am not in favor of a park on our property?" Never! Not once! It is rather irresponsible for the City of San Diego to move forward with planning without the consultation or consent of the property owners.

The City of San Diego has had several opportunities to purchase our parcel over the years, but failed to follow through every time. As you well know, we have been fencing our property and a gate has been installed at the entrance of the future Saint James Monastery, San Diego, as was blessed by His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH, of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. Moving forward, our parcel now can only be used for the Glory of God as a monastery as I had outlined in letters to the City over the last three years. This monastery will also serve as an eternal memorial to honor our late father, Louis Yacoub Zarour, who purchased the land in 1982, and our departed brother, US Marine Corporal, Edward Louis Zarour; therefore, the City of San Diego is only welcome to make plans for a Park Extension for the East Elliott area that address the economic impact on the East Elliott Property Owners as well as to include and submit to God's plan for Saint James Monastery. Any other plan that does not include Saint James Monastery is a scam that is fighting God's will and destined to fail.

Sincerely,



Jack Zarour