

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Frank Bathrick, City of Santee
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa
Kevin Loomis, SD MBA
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Paul Ganster, San Diego State University
Mike Pent, Special Member
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council

Members Absent/Excused

Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Barbara Perkins, Scripps Ranch Civic Association

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Parks and Recreation Department

GUESTS

Craig Balben, SDCWA
Chris Clemens, SDCWA
Mike Conner, SDCWA
Octavio Casavantes, SDCWA
Sheila Leers, Tierrasanta Resident
Anthony Leers, Tierrasanta Resident

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MOTION: It was moved and seconded (BATHRICK/LOOMIS) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2018 with the following addition: The CAC would like to thank Dick Murphy for chairing the last meeting after Dorothy Leonard's early departure. The motion passed unanimously with BOYER and OGILVIE abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – The Mission Trails Task Force declared the Parks and Recreation Board member position on the CAC vacant. The Task Force also reappointed Dorothy Leonard as Chair of the CAC and Dick Murphy as the Vice Chair of the CAC.

RANGERS REPORT –

- A re-route of the Beeler Canyon trail in the West Sycamore area of the park has been approved. Work on the re-route will begin as staff time and funding permits.
- Grant funded work on the restoration of the thornmint site in the Tierrasanta side of the park has begun. It is a three year grant that will be administered through the Foundation.
- The San Diego Fire Department and San Diego Police Department will be holding a four day training in the park in the middle of April. The training will be a simulation of large scale wildfire events with urban interface components and evacuation orders.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT- None

FOUNDATION REPORT- Dorothy Leonard expressed with great sadness that Foundation Executive Director, Leslie Perkins, will be resigning due to health reasons. Applications for a new Executive Director have been accepted and interviews will be taking place Thursday of this week.

COMMUNICATIONS- Sheila and Anthony Leers asked to speak to the CAC regarding ongoing issues at the end of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. where the West Fortuna Staging location is located. Sheila stated that she has witnessed several occasions when large groups congregate in the area. For example, on December 31st, a group of approximately 200 people brought 3 kegs and a full bar in to the area. Members of the group were extremely rude, were hiking off trail and even through people's back yards. On January 31st, approximately 1,000 hikers congregated for an event that began at 6:30 PM and lasted until midnight. The neighbors are constantly subjected to loud stereos and overnight camping. Shelia and Anthony proposed that Clairemont Mesa Blvd. have a red curb from where it intersects with Rueda all the way to the entrance into the park. They stated that this used to be the case, but at some point in the past the red curb markings were removed.

ACTION ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure Chlorine Project – *Craig Balben, Public Affairs Representative, San Diego County Water Authority*

In an effort to ensure water quality, SDCWA will be adding a chlorine injection system at the existing flow regulatory structure located within the park. SDCWA is planning on having the chlorine transported to the facility via truck on a weekly basis approximately 8 months out of the year. The trucks would enter the park from the gate located at Calle de Vida and transfer the chlorine into storage tanks located within the existing facility.

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302. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Steve Haupt, District manager, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept. for Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects*

The project is currently being advertised for construction contract and expected to receive bids by March 15. All construction permits have been achieved. The anticipated construction initiation is scheduled for summer 2018, with a tentative completion of fall 2019.

303. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – *Steve Haupt for Alyssa Muto, City of San Diego Planning Department/Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*

City Staff is meeting with the wildlife agencies on March 15th to discuss the final two alternative trail alignments, recently assessed by a wildlife tracking consultant. This effort is to bring the City and agencies into agreement on these final two trails in the East Elliott area so that the MPU can continue to move through the approval process. Staff is scheduled to bring this information item back to the CAC on May 1.

304. MTRP Solar project at Kumeyaay Lake Campground- *Senior Park Ranger Ryan Robertson*

It was determined by the Public Works/Development Services Departments that the solar array project would be issued a ministerial rather than discretionary permit. As such, the project is exempt from CEQA/environmental review. This type of permit also allows for the removal of trees and other plant material with no requirement for replacing any of the effected plants or trees.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting, May 1, 2018