

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
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
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Lane Mackenzie, MTRP Foundation
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee

Members absent/Excused

Paul Ganster, San Diego State University
Terry Cords, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Mike Pent, Special Member
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Parks and Recreation Department
Jason Grani, City of San Diego Public Works Department
Betsy Miller, City of San Diego Planning Department

GUESTS

Craig Balben, SDCWA
Colin Kemper, SDCWA
Octavio Casavantes, SDCWA
Patrick Macpherson, AT&T
Mark Schulze, SCAC
Patricia Mooney, CSAC
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GADLER/SEARCY) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2018. The motion passed 9-0-1 with ZEICHICK abstaining and UTT not present.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Chair Dorothy Leonard reported that we are still waiting on some reappointments of positions to be approved by the Mission Trails Task Force. Michele Greenberg-McClung has been nominated as an alternate for Carol Lockwood for the City of La Mesa.

RANGERS REPORT – Senior Ranger Ryan Robertson reported that we recently had a small fire on the North side of the 52 Freeway that burned approximately 20 acres. The fire was contained to the valley just to the West of Spring Canyon. Staff is gearing up for another busy school field trip year. Progress is underway on a new interpretive exhibit that will be installed upstairs at the Visitor Center. The bird nest exhibit will include a lifelike Sycamore tree. Open Space Deputy Director Casey Smith has been moved over to the Developed Regional Parks Division and Jeannette DeAngelis has replaced him as the Deputy Director for the Open Space Division.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT- None

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane MacKenzie reported that the Foundation has received a \$25,000.00 Environmental Champions Grant and was selected to receive a \$5,000.00 grant from REI. The recent Blind Lady Ale House fundraising event resulted in \$3,400.00 being raised. The Foundation has entered into a contract with a new grant writer and has hired a new Education Coordinator. The Foundation is also in the process of conducting interviews for the Event Coordinator position.

COMMUNICATIONS-

Mark Schulze informed the CAC that he had heard that the Foundation was planning on canceling the free concert series. He came to the CAC to show support for the program and asked that the program not end.

Patricia Mooney also wanted to speak in support of keeping the concert series. She told the CAC that for some of the attendees at the concerts; it is the only experience that they get at the Park. It would be a shame for these people to no longer get any experience at all from the Park.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Proposed AT&T Telecommunications Site – *Patrick Macpherson, Land Use Planner, M&M Telecom, Inc.*

A design handout was provided to the meeting attendees. The revised design is a result of listening to input from Pardee Homes and the CAC ad hoc subcommittee. The tower will be located on property owned by SDG&E.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (GADLER/LOOMIS) to approve the design as presented. The motion passed 10-0-0 with UTT not present.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

This project will be a modification to the existing facility due to water demand decreases. The result of these demand decreases is that water quality is being negatively affected. The solution is to inject chlorine into the supply and thereby improve the water quality. All additions to the facility

will be inside the existing fence line. SDCWA will return to the CAC at the October meeting with a design. The construction timeline is yet to be determined.

302. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II – *Colin Kemper, San Diego County Water Authority*

It is anticipated that this will be the last SDCWA project within MTRP. The structure will be a five million gallon storage tank that will act as a shock absorber for the system. There will be no above ground structure and it will require connections to the North and South tunnels. All of the existing vents located within the park will also be removed as a part of the project. The design will allow Fire rescue equipment the ability to operate on top of the facility if the needed. A previous EIR included FRS II. However, given the length of time that has passed since the original EIR was completed, SDCWA is in the process of deciding whether an addendum will be done or if a supplemental EIR will be prepared.

303. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Jason Grani, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects*

The pre-construction meeting with the contractor (ACT-1) took place in July, and biological surveys have been taking place. Initial site grading has started and there will be progress meetings every other week going forward. It is anticipated that construction should end in August of next year and full access to the facility will begin in the fall of 2019.

304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – *Betsy Miller, Senior Planner, City of San Diego Planning Dept.*

It was anticipated that the MPU would go to the planning commission last month but that did not happen. The planning department is still in the process of updating findings especially related to comments received about both Spring and Oak canyons. Some of the archaeological information is also being updated. Once this is complete, the document will be sent over to the City Attorney's office for review. The hope is to have final approval by the end of the year. The MTRP MPU is a top priority for the Planning Department's management team.

305. Old Mission Dam dredging – *Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

The City had a staff person working on the project but that staff person's position was eliminated. The good news is that the new Open Space Deputy Director knows a lot about the project so we will hopefully not be starting over from scratch.

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

The canopy structure in the day use lot is complete. The electrical panel next to the entry station needs to be upgraded before the system can be activated. The contractor is currently working with SDG&E on the panel upgrade

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next meeting, October 30, 2018