

Minutes of the Meeting of the April 26, 2018 Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Scott Sherman, City of San Diego
Councilmember Stephen Houlahan, City of Santee
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Kristine Alessio, City of La Mesa
Councilmember Barbara Bry, San Diego City Council
Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, County of San Diego

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Casey Smith, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Liz Saidkhanian, Office of Councilmember Sherman
Steve Hadley, City Council Representative, Council District 1
Bethany Windle, Park Designer, City of San Diego Planning Department

Guests

Kevin Loomis, San Diego Mountain Biking Association
Meg Diss, County of San Diego
Mark Carpenter, KTU&A
Cynthia Woottan, San Diego Resident
Jennifer Morrissey, MTRP Foundation
Betty Ogilvie, MTRP Foundation
Mike Ogilvie, Citizen
Craig Balben, SDCWA
Wade Griffiths, SDCWA
Octavio Casavantes, SDCWA
Chris Clemens, SDCWA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Scott Sherman at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: The minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting were approved by unanimous consent

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Councilmember Sherman

- A portion of the North Perimeter Trail is currently closed due to an ongoing project by SDG&E.

MTRP CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT/MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- MTRP CAC member Frank Bathrick has resigned from the CAC due to moving out of state. A new CAC member will be proposed at the next meeting.
- Leslie Perkins has resigned from the Foundation's Executive Director Position due to health reasons. Jennifer Morrissey has been hired as the new ED and has been on board for three weeks.
- A new interpretive exhibit for the Visitor Center is in the planning stages and has been fully funded at \$55,000.00. The exhibit will give visitors the opportunity to learn about local birds.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – No Report

City of Santee Community Services Department – No Report

MTRP Senior Ranger Report – No Report

Open Space Division Staff Report – Casey Smith

- The City has been unable to reach an agreement on the purchase of one of the privately held parcels in East Elliott. The parcel is one of three identified for the Stowe trail connection. The other two parcels have been purchased by the City. The City will now begin exploring an alternative route for the Stowe trail.
- The CIP for the West Sycamore area of MTRP has been suspended due to funding issues. Leonard asked if there was a way to find funding for water and a septic pit for the staff trailer so that park rangers can occupy the trailer. Smith said he would check into it.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Task Force operating rules – *Casey Smith, Deputy Director, P&R Dept. Open Space Division*

- Draft rules have been written and will be made available to the Task Force for review. The City is still looking into ways to potentially offer a call in option for meetings. The City will seek comments from the Task Force prior to forwarding the rules to the City Attorney for review.

102. MTRP CAC Appointments/Reappointments – *Task Force Chair Scott Sherman*

- Appointment of Kin Searcy to represent the Scripps Ranch Civic Association
MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Leonard/Houlahan) to approve the appointment of Kin Searcy to the MTRP CAC as the representative for the Scripps Ranch Civic Association. Motion carried unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- Due to water conservation efforts, changes are needed at the existing Flow Regulatory Structure (FRS) in MTRP. SDCWA will be adding a Chlorine injection system to the FRS. This will require the addition of storage tanks and regular deliveries via truck to the FRS. It is projected that deliveries would take place in the late morning or early afternoon once a week in the summer months and there will not be a need for deliveries in the winter months. All deliveries would be escorted by SDCWA staff and would remain within the already approved SDCWA easements.

302. City/County JPA agreement update- *Casey Smith, Deputy Director Open Space Division, Park and Recreation Department*
- The City is currently working with the County on producing a new agreement. A final document is still several months out.
303. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Casey Smith, Deputy Director Open Space Division for Jorge Acevedo, City of San Diego Public Works, Engineering and Capital Projects Dept.*
- Act-1 has been determined to be the ‘Apparent Lowest Bidder’. We will move forward with the awarding of the contract. We have sufficient funds to award the contract, yet, we are in the need for additional funding for Construction Administration and Project Management. We will provide you more details of the future funding needs as we update our project’s accounting. I will notify the CAC as well regarding who the selected contractor is.
304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan- *Alyssa Muto and Bethany Windle, City of San Diego Planning Dept. / Mark Carpenter, KTU+A*
- The City is currently working on some trail route alterations based on feedback from the wildlife agencies. The most recent comment from the agencies suggested that the Spring to Boulders connection cross into the Caltrans ROW along the 52 freeway. After discussing this option with Caltrans, the City has determined that this is not a viable option. The City will instead be proposing a route that runs parallel to the Caltrans ROW in the area. A consensus with the agencies has been reached on the Oak Canyon trail alignment. At this time it is anticipated that the MPU will go to City Council in August.
 - Public Comment: Kevin Loomis wished to thank the City for all the work to get the MPU completed. The site visit he attended with the City and the Agencies was meant to be an effort to try and bring everyone together to come up with a solution. The issue on the trail alignment involves no more than 1/10 of a mile. For some reason the agencies have an issue due to a couple of deer. All in all, the City’s proposed alignment is a good compromise.
305. MTRP Solar project at Kumeyaay Lake Campground – *Senior Park Ranger Ryan Robertson*
- The project is currently under construction. A completion date is unknown at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 19 , 2018, 10:00 AM