

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 7, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Mike Pent, Special Member
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Lane Mackenzie, MTRP Foundation
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
David Lipson, San Diego State University
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)

Members absent/Excused

Richard Gadler, City of El Cajon
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks & Recreation Committee
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)

City of San Diego

Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department
Betsy Miller, Senior Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department

GUESTS

Craig Balben, SDCWA
Colin Kemper, SDCWA
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Marcella Bothwell, City of San Diego P&R Board

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

ROLL CALL

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Acevedo/Mackenzie) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2019. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT –

- The March CAC and Task Force meetings were canceled. At the January meeting of the Task Force, Michele Greenburg-McClung was approved as the City of La Mesa Representative on the CAC. At the next Task Force meeting, the City of Santee, User Group, and Parks and Recreation Board Representatives will be discussed.
- Several of the MTRP Foundation board members met with County Supervisors Gaspar and Jacobs to discuss funding opportunities through the County for MTRP projects. During the meeting CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard brought up the pending Master Plan Update and the Counties desire to renegotiate the Joint Powers agreements prior to hearing the MPU. Both Gaspar and Jacobs stated they would work toward ensuring the MPU approval process was not held up by the Joint Powers agreements.
- The chair sent a letter to all San Diego City Council members requesting their support of the MTRP MPU.

RANGERS REPORT –

- The vacancy left by Ranger Dean being promoted has been filled. Ranger Dan Kimpel has joined MTRP. He was already a City Employee working as a Recreation Specialist in the Therapeutic Recreation Division.
- Staff is very busy with the Education Program and with invasive plant removals. We have seen a large increase in weeds and other invasive species due to having such a wet winter.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT- None

FOUNDATION REPORT- None

COMMUNICATIONS- None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Kumeyaay Lakes Berm Restoration Dredging (P18006) – Recommendation to cancel this CIP and reallocate budgeted funds in Mission Trails Regional Park Fund 200403 in the amount of \$31,757.00 for other MTRP CIP projects.- *Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Murphy/Loomis) to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

102. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvements – Recommendation to establish a CIP for this project and allocate funds from the Mission Trails Regional Park Fund 200403 to cover the estimated cost of \$772,000. - *Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

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MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Searcy/Loomis) to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

103. Old Mission Dam Preservation project update and funding - *Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

The last time the dam was dredged was in 2016. As of now the CAF&W permit is expired and the Army Corps of Engineers permit expires in April of 2020. \$3,200.00 has already been sent to CAF&W to get a new permit from them. A healthy amount of money will be needed to do the actual dredging and antenna funds cannot be utilized because it is not a CIP project.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Acevedo/Murphy) to declare this a high priority project for FY2020 and ask San Diego City Council Task Force members to work with City staff to identify funding. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

SDCWA has 3 large underground pipelines in the park and 1 above ground facility. This system delivers water to 24 member agencies including the City of San Diego and Helix water district. SDCWA has encountered some water quality issues due to a historic reduction in water use. The solution is to inject chlorine into the system at the existing above ground facility. All of the exterior work to the facility has been completed and the interior work is ongoing. It is believed that the project will complete by August.

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

This project will act as a shock absorber for the SDCWA system. The project is currently in the final design phase and it is anticipated that work will begin in January of 2020. A 5 million gallon storage tank will be constructed underground with soil and plantings on top. The construction staging location will be at the end of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Parking will be impacted, but trail access at that location will remain open. The trail entrance at Calle De Vida will be used for construction access and will be closed during construction. No work will occur on the weekends or holidays and SDCWA will work to allow pedestrian access during those times.

303. City of San Diego Proposed FY2020 Budget for Open Space Division of Parks and Recreation Department - *Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

The Mayor asked for a 3% budget cut from every department. Two Park Ranger positions were originally scheduled to be cut but the Mayor has decided not to make those cuts. MTRP will be gaining a ½ time position to support the new field station. We will be converting the existing ½ time campground position into a full time position. We are happy that the Ranger positions are here to stay. The CIP's for MTRP Trail Realignments and Cowles Mountain Trail maintenance have been closed and funds returned to the Regional Park Improvement Fund. Future funding for these projects will come from the Environmental Growth Fund.

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

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The documents were approved unanimously at both the planning commission and Environmental Committee. Staff from both the CA State and Federal Fish and Wildlife agencies spoke at both hearings about their concern surrounding one trail segment. The agencies take exception to the future trail that will connect the EFSA with the Santee Boulders, the Weston development, and the Stowe Trail due to mule deer being sighted in some of the area. City of San Diego staff and staff from the agencies have continued to work toward solutions to the concerns. City staff has agreed to move the proposed trail closer to the existing 52 freeway as a result of these ongoing negotiations. The MPU is expected to go to City Council on May 21.

305. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Ryan Robertson*

The exterior walls are complete. Roof beams are currently being installed and ADA improvements outside the building site have begun. EFSA will remain closed during the ADA improvements due to public safety concerns. Despite over 30 days of rain delay, the project is on track to be completed on time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Next meeting, July 2, 2019