

**Minutes of the Meeting of the May 16, 2019
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Jordan Beane, Office of Councilmember Campbell
Liz Saidkhanian, Office of Councilmember Sherman

Guests

Colin Kemper, SDCWA
Brent Fountaes, SDCWA
Betty Ogilvie, MTRP CAC
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council
Anne Morrison, City of Santee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Sherman at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/CAMPBELL) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Sherman*

- Thanks to all who have come to the meeting. The MTRP MPU will go before City Council on May 21st. I would like to invite everyone to show up and speak prior to the vote.

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

- The CAC recommends approval of action items 101,102, and 103. The CAC is actively supporting approval of the MTRP MPU and has sent a letter to each of the City of San Diego Councilmembers asking for their support. The CAC started working on the MPU in 2006. The CAC will be working on prioritizing the MPU elements this fall.

- Some of the MTRP Foundation Board members met with County Supervisors Jacobs and Gaspar regarding funding for MTRP exhibit projects. During the meeting Dorothy Leonard asked that the County move forward with approval of the MTRP MPU rather than holding it up for the new JEPA agreements.
- The Foundation is currently working with the City to install a new HVAC system in the back office. Foundation is paying for the system and City staff will be installing it. A new geology panel exhibit should be installed within the next month. The Foundation has hosted several after-hours lectures and the feedback has been good. There were 215 entries in the annual photo contest this year.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – None

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-Ryan Robertson

- We are currently utilizing the assistance of volunteers as much as possible and focusing on non-native plant removals and trail issues. New Park Ranger Dan Kimpel has started. He is a quick learner and is getting a lot of trail work training. The Visitor Center roof project has been delayed due to all the rain. The crew is ready to go but is evaluating a start date week by week depending upon weather.

Open Space Division Staff Report- Steve Haupt

- The new Fiscal Year budget increases brush abatement funding by \$626,000, increasing the number of acres funded from 452 to 509 annually. The proposed cuts to three Ranger positions City wide have been removed and a ½ time Center Director position has been funded to assist at the new East Fortuna Field Station. Existing CIP's for trail projects will be closed as these types of projects are no longer considered to be CIP's. The division will be seeking EGF funding to work on trail projects going forward. Hopefully the Cowles Mtn. Service road repair project can be turned into a CIP in order to be able to adequately repair the road. In the meantime, we will be looking into the use of EGF funds to make spot repairs.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

ACTION ITEMS

101. Kumeyaay Lakes Berm Restoration Dredging (P18006) – MTRP CAC recommendation to cancel this CIP and reallocate budgeted funds in Mission Trails Regional Park Fund 200403 in the amount of \$31,757 for other MTRP CIP projects. – *Jeannette DeAngelis, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Dept.*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/ALESSIO) to support the CAC recommendation to Close the CIP and reallocate the funds. Motion carried unanimously

102. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvements – MTRP CAC 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, P&R Dept.*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/HOULAHAN) to support the CAC recommendation as listed. Motion carried unanimously

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

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/GASPAR) to support the CAC recommendation as listed. Motion carried unanimously

104. MTRP CAC Appointments/Reappointments – *Councilmember Sherman*

- Appointment of Noli Zosa as representative and Marcella Bothwell as alternate for the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board for a term ending January 2020.
- Reappointment of Betty Ogilvie as representative and Rich Thesing as alternate for the Tierrasanta Community Council for a term ending January 2021.
- Appointment of Gary Strawn to represent City of Santee for a term ending January 2021.
- Appointment of Ryan Hartegan to represent MTRP User Groups for a term ending January 2021.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (GASPAR/HOULAHAN) to approve the appointments/reappointments as listed. Motion carried unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure Chlorine Project – *Colin Kemper, (SDCWA)*

- Work on the project is currently underway. The expected completion date late summer.

302. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II – *Colin Kemper, SDCWA*

- This project consists of installing a 5 million gallon underground storage tank adjacent to the existing FRS facility in the park and installing North and South tunnel connections to the tank. A trail closure plan will need to be implemented. The construction laydown area will be at the end of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. but pedestrian access will be maintained in the area. Construction access will be at the Calle De Vida entrance and that area will be closed to pedestrians with the possibility of allowing access on the weekends and holidays.

303. JEPA between City and County of San Diego – *Jeannette DeAngelis, P&R Deputy Director*

- There are three documents relevant to MTRP and one for the Otay Valley area. The County would like to combine all the documents into one. City staff will be meeting with the County on May 31st to discuss a draft document that has been prepared by the County.

304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – *Jeannette DeAngelis, P&R Deputy Director*

- The MPU will go before the City Council on May 21st. The documents will then be heard by the County at an as yet undetermined date. The plan does not hamper private property owners' ability to develop their properties. The City is currently in the process of ranking priorities for private property acquisition and seeking out willing sellers. The Fish and Wildlife agencies are not pleased with one small proposed trail section in the East Elliott/Sycamore landfill area. As a result, the City has moved the trail section as close to the 52 freeway as possible in an effort to have the least amount of impact on the wildlife in the area. The trail will not be constructed until after the landfill closes and the overall reduction in trails in other areas of the park should encourage the deer to disperse further into the park.

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

- Despite over 30 days of rain delays, it is believed that the project will still be completed on schedule. The contractor is currently working on ADA upgrades outside the building footprint. The exterior walls are complete and the roof support beams are being installed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 18, 2019, 10:00 AM