

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Lane Mackenzie, MTRP Foundation
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Noli Zosa, City of San Diego P&R Board

Members absent/Excused

Mike Pent, Special Member
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Marcella Bothwell, City of San Diego P&R Board (alternate)
Roger Utt, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Committee

City of San Diego

Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department

GUESTS

Craig Balben, SDCWA
Colin Kemper, SDCWA
Aaron Trimm, SDCWA
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee

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

ROLL CALL

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MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Searcy/Ogilvie) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT –

- The July CAC and Task Force meetings were canceled. At the May Task Force Meeting, action items 101, 102, and 103 from the May CAC meeting were approved by the Task Force. The Task Force also approved the appointments of Noli Zosa as representative and Marcella Bothwell as alternate for the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, Betty Ogilvie as representative and Rich Thesing as alternate for the Tierrasanta Community Council, Gary Strawn to represent City of Santee, Ryan Hartegan to represent MTRP User Groups, all for terms ending January 2021.
- Dick Gadler has resigned as the CAC representative for the City of El Cajon.
- At the September meeting the Task Force is expected to approve the appointment of Rob Hutsel to replace Roger Utt as the representative from the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Committee.

RANGERS REPORT –

- Staff has been battling the extreme heat but is still working really hard on various projects throughout the park. Just as impressive is the amount of work volunteers continue to provide given the heat.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT- None**FOUNDATION REPORT-**

- The MTRP Foundation has pledged up to \$1.5 million for construction of the new Field Station.
- The Foundation funded the addition of a HVAC unit for the back office room.
- The new geology exhibit has been installed on the back terrace and a new geology film is in the works. Two new exhibits will be installed this fall; a Bird Nesting exhibit and a new interactive relief map.
- The Foundation is planning to offer two badge programs for Girl Scouts.

COMMUNICATIONS- None**ACTION ITEMS- None****WORKSHOP ITEMS****201. Criteria for establishing priorities for MTRP MPU implementation**

The CAC chair Dorothy Leonard and vice-chair Dick Murphy met with Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt and MTRP Senior Ranger Ryan Robertson to discuss a procedure for establishing priorities for projects identified in the recently adopted MTRP

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Master Plan Update (MPU). Step 1 would include the development of criteria for establishing implementation priorities and Step 2 would be to set project priorities based on the approved criteria. CAC recommendations would be presented to the MTRP Task Force for approval.

Suggested criteria were presented and CAC members made some additions to the list. Preliminary suggested criteria includes the following: public safety, public accessibility, operational efficiency, extent of public use, environmental preservation, resource protection, geographic diversity within MTRP, project gap filler/funding leverage potential, cultural/archeological considerations. Members were asked to review the MTRP MPU project recommendations in order to relate criteria to the types of projects identified in the MPU prior to the November 5th CAC meeting. Suggested criteria will be an action item on the November agenda, for a recommendation to the MTRP Task Force.

An ad hoc subcommittee of the MTRP CAC will be established to identify and recommend project priorities once the criteria has been approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Construction was completed last month and deliveries have begun. It is expected that deliveries will take place on a weekly basis. Operations staff will escort the delivery trucks to the location and they will be timed for the middle of the day when fewer park users are present.

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

The project is currently in the final design phase and it is anticipated that work will begin in January of 2020. A five million gallon storage tank will be constructed underground with soil and plantings on top. The trail entrance at Calle De Vida will be used for construction access and will be closed during the 18 month construction timeframe. The trail closure plan was also presented.

303. San Diego 28 Flow Control Facility Rehabilitation Project at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant – *Craig Balben, Public Affairs Representative, San Diego County Water Authority*

The project is contained within the existing facility and will begin next week with work continuing through July. They are making upgrades to the facility.

304. Presentation on a service that offers visual description for the blind and low vision on the users' terms. – *Ivanna Dovzhanska, Account Manager, Aira*

Aira provides a service to the visually impaired. It is a free service operated through smart phones. A person using the service can call an agent and get assistance with lots of different things like navigation. To become a member, Aira geofences the location and agents give access to visual information.

305. JEPA between City and County of San Diego for operation of Mission Trails Regional Park - *Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, P&R Department*

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The JEPAs spell out the roles and responsibilities of both the City and the County. There is ongoing discussion about what these should be. One issue is the antenna fund. The County has asked some questions about use of the funds. Many of the issues are currently with attorneys for review.

306. Old Mission Dam dredging project - *Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, P&R Department*

All necessary permits have been secured. The project is currently with the Purchasing Department waiting on bids to come in.

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

The project is on track to be able to have the grand opening early next year.

308. West Sycamore Staging Area CIP update – *Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, P&R Department*

\$669K in the Mission Trails Regional Park Fund was allocated to this project via the Fiscal Year 2019 CIP Year-end Council Action. Paperwork is currently routing to reestablish a WBS number for this project. Once that is complete the project will be resubmitted to Public Works to resume where the previous project had left off. There may be a slight delay to refresh any of the previously completed documentation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Next meeting, November 5, 2019