

**Minutes of the Meeting of the November 21, 2019
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Jordan Beane, Office of Councilmember Campbell
Lisa Scott, Office of Councilmember Sherman

Guests

Betty Ogilvie, MTRP CAC
Rich Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council
Bill Maertz, City of Santee
Kevin Loomis, SDMBA

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (GASPAR/ALESSIO) to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Sherman*

- This is the last meeting of the decade for the Task Force. We are moving in the right direction with the MPU coming along. It has been a good year and a good decade. Thank you all for your service.

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

MTRP CAC Report

- The CAC has approved criteria for establishing priorities for MTRP MPU implementation which are before you today for approval.

- The CAC has requested that I put the proposed JEPA amendments for use of MTRP Antenna Funds on the January agenda for discussion and a position, to be forwarded to the Task Force. They also requested that the agenda include an item related to combining the Tijuana River Valley Park and MTRP into one agreement which has apparently been resolved and the County has agreed to separate the agreements. The day after the CAC meeting I met with Jason Hemmens, Acting Parks and Recreation Director for the County. I went over the history of the park and the Antenna Fund. The restrictions on the use of the funds, ensuring that they are spent on priority projects within the park. Jason was not aware that, for many years, the CAC and Task Force have been identifying priority park projects and that information is posted on the MTRP website under CC and Task Force information. That list was not updated this year because of the Master Plan update and the new criteria that is being established.

MTRP Foundation Report

- The Birds of Mission Trails exhibit is completed and the Welcome to Mission Trails exhibit should be completed by the end of 2019. MTRP staff and volunteers have worked diligently on both projects. The new geology videos with Professor Pat Abbott will also be completed by the end of 2019. All have been funded with grant funds from a variety of sources, including City and County. We thank you for your support.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Bill Maertz*

- Weston Park is nearing completion and is on track to open this Winter

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-*Ryan Robertson*

- Moving into the rainy season, we will be keeping an eye on trail conditions and addressing situations as they arise. I have worked for the City of San Diego for close to 13 years and have never been around a staff that works so well as a team. The Education program is in full swing and there is lots of exciting stuff on the horizon.

Open Space Division Staff Report- *Steve Haupt*

- Andy Field has been promoted to the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Jeannette DeAngelis retired as the Deputy Director of the Open Space Division with very short notice. Laura Ball and Paul Kilburg will be taking over some of the current projects in Mission Trails

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

Kevin Loomis, SDMBA

- I am a former user group member of the CAC and was removed when my term ended. In order to be able to continue to be involved, I would like to be named the alternate for the existing user group member on the CAC. I have talked with the current member, and it is perfectly fine with him.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Revisions to West Sycamore trail names – *MTRP Ranger Andrew Miller*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/GASPAR) to approve the revisions to the West Sycamore trail names as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

102. Criteria for establishing priorities for MTRP MPU implementation – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair MTRP CAC*

The MTRP CAC recommends the following criteria for establishing priorities for MTRP MPU implementation projects be approved.

- Public safety
- Public accessibility
- Operational efficiency
- Extent of public use
- Environmental preservation / Resource protection
- Geographic diversity within MTRP
- Project gap filer
- Funding leverage potential
- Cultural / archaeological considerations
- Geology

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/HOULAHAN) to approve the MTRP MPU project implementation priorities as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

103. MTRP Task Force 2020 Meeting Schedule – *Councilmember Sherman*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/ALESSIO) to approve the 2020 meeting schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. JEPAs between City and County of San Diego- *Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt*

- City and County staff met and some questions that arose from that meeting were sent to the City Attorney's office. The result was that even more questions came back from the City Attorney. Another meeting is scheduled for next week to try to sort some things out.

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

- The project is nearing completion and it is hoped that we can have the grand opening on February 5th, 2020.

303. Old Mission Dam dredging project - *Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt*

- All documents were submitted to the Purchasing and Contracting department back in August. P&C requested some additional information this week and the final documents were resubmitted yesterday. After P&C, the documents will then be sent to the City Attorney for review.

304. West Sycamore Staging Area CIP update – *Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt*

- A new CIP intake form was requested and it has been submitted. The next step will be a kick off meeting to be arranged by Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2020, 10:00 AM