

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Marcella Bothwell, City of San Diego P&R Board (alternate)

Members absent/Excused

Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
Mike Pent, Special Member
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Noli Zosa, City of San Diego P&R Board

City of San Diego

Andy Field, Department Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department
Jennifer Canales, Center Director I, Parks and Recreation Department

GUESTS

Jason Hemmens, Acting Director, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department
Aaron Trimm, San Diego County Water Authority
Brent Fountain, San Diego County Water Authority
Karla Sanchez, San Diego County Water Authority
Collin Kemper, San Diego County Water Authority
Kimberly Velasquez, San Diego County Water Authority
Craig Balben, San Diego County Water Authority

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Acevedo/Searcy) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2019 as printed 1/7/20 with the correction to the Action Items 101. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- The Task force met in November and approved all the Trail Names for West Sycamore as recommended.
- The Task force also approved the criteria for establishing the priorities for the MTRP MPU implementation. An ad hoc subcommittee was appointed with three City Staff members and one County Representative. Meetings will be scheduled on Monday thru Friday basis to accommodate City/County staff.

RANGERS REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- Introduction of Jennifer Canales, Center Director over at the Campground and she will now be full time. She will split her time and manage the Campground and the new Field Station.
- Park capacity is at an uptick as we usually see this time of year.
- Keeping the staff busy, we have already had somewhere between 4-5 rescues since the new year started.

-Chair addition to introduce Jason acting director for County Parks and Recreation

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

- The Foundations new Thanksgiving Daycare camp was well attended for the first day-camp program.
- Holiday Market place was held Sunday November 17, featuring vendors and some book signings by a local author. The event was a great fundraiser for the park with hundreds in attendance.
- The new Geology video of Mission Trails that we have created with Dr. Pat Abbott will be completed by next week and showing at the Visitors Center within two weeks.
- We have organized the annual MTRP Volunteer Awards for Saturday February 1st
- Trail Guide Millie Basden will be conducting 4 in depth birding workshops in February with a list of date to come.
- The year-end fundraising campaign did extremely well and brought in many new donors.

COMMUNICATIONS- None

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ACTION ITEMS

101. Cowles Mountain Antenna Leases -Proposal to allocate 10% of lease income for services road maintenance with 90% going to the MTRP Antenna Fund as new leases are negotiated and approved. *(Carry over from presentation by Chris Zirkle at MTRP CAC meeting of March 3, 2015.)*

It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Acevedo) to reject the motion to allocate 10% of lease income for services and road maintenance. The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer abstaining.

102. Proposal to expand use of Cowles Mountain Antenna Funds-Dorothy Leonard

All lease revenues obtained from the Cowles Mountain property shall be placed and retained in the Mission Trails Regional Park Fund solely and exclusively to acquire additional property and to pay for capital and maintenance projects focusing on those identified in the 2019 Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update.

Prior to the action taken, a discussion took place to clarify that the antenna funds will be used to focus on acquiring land, capital projects, and major maintenance projects identified in the MPU, but flexibility should be allowed. It was understood that the Antenna Fund could be utilized for other purposes not identified in the MPU (i.e. emergency project, or other currently unidentified need) if the CAC and Task Force deemed it appropriate in the future.

It was moved/seconded (Hutsel/Murphy) to approve the motion as written. The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer abstaining.

103. Schedule MTRP CAC field trip to West Sycamore area of MTRP.

Dorothy will coordinate the emails to schedule a field trip to West Sycamore for a Saturday morning in February after 10am.

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II update – Project Manager Collin Kemper

The projected timeline has changed and now will begin March 2020 and go into the Winter of 2021/2022. Mammal fencing has gone up and will help keep areas closed off and small mammals out. Ranger Robertson informed the CAC that between City staff and Water County Staff we are working on using the existing trail maps and noting those closed locations on the existing trail maps should help reduce congestion in those areas.

302. City/County MTRP Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) – Jason Hemmens County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Dept Acting Director, and Andy Field, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Director.

JEPA s goals are to strengthen the way it is written, working on legitimizing the roles and responsibilities of the CAC and Task Force constant with the MPU, Increase the membership of the

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Task Force up to seven instead of five, establish the roles and responsibilities for the City and County jointly split.

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

The Dam will not be dredged this year. Parks and Recreation Attorney deemed it a construction project not a maintenance project. So, it was then sent to Public Works who are confident since the packet was complete that they can do it in September, but it will be during nesting season.

304. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Open Space Division, P&R*

All of the heavy construction is complete and now it is just finish work like painting and cabinet installation. We are tentatively looking at having the Ground opening on February 5th

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

Senior Ranger Ryan Robertson has submitted CIP intake form. A kickoff meeting is tentatively scheduled for early February to set up initial stakeholders.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next meeting, March 3, 2020