

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, via zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Demitrios Sparacino, City of El Cajon
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)

Members absent/Excused

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Marcella Bothwell City of San Diego P&R Board (alternate)
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)

City of San Diego

Erika Ferreira, Open Space Division Deputy 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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Thesing/Searcy) to approve the minutes of the meeting of Sept 14, 2021. The motion passed with Boyer, Greenberg-McClung, and Pent abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- The Task Force did not meet in September because there were no action items, so the next meeting will be in November.
- We have been trying to get in contact with someone from Engineering and Projects to give us an update on the West Sycamore project. Staff from that department has agreed to do a Zoom meeting, hopefully by the end of the month.

RANGERS REPORT – None

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT – None

STAFF REPORT- Steve Haupt

- Steve wanted to congratulate Ranger Chris Axman from MTRP for receiving Employee of the Quarter for her hard work with Better Impact.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane Mackenzie

- The Park is getting back to normal operation, the Visitors Center is now open full time. The Foundation volunteers are staffing the front desk.
- On November 13th there will be a book reading and signing of a children's book set in Mission Trails. We thank Council member Campillo for sponsoring the event and being in attendance. Mayor Todd Gloria provided a quote for the back of the book and says that "Mission Trails is his favorite place in San Diego".
- Geologist Pat Abbott is doing a four-part online lecture series based on his incredibly popular San Diego State course on natural disasters. The series is called Mother Nature in San Diego. The first installment of the course is scheduled for November 11th.
- The Foundation is also sponsoring the Park's Star parties with the San Diego Astronomy Association. The first one scheduled for this Friday at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground.
- We are working to bring the monthly Hawk Talks back to the Visitors Center.
- The Foundation will be entering into our busiest Fundraising season, and we hope that you all, and the community at large will participate in giving Tuesday. We will have a fundraising match and the foundation staff created a beautiful 2022 calendar and that will be this year's special donor gift.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION ITEMS

101. MTRP MPU Implementation Priorities recommendations – Dorothy Leonard

A presentation was given that outlined the 12 projects identified that may require City funding and Ongoing high priority projects.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (PENT/LOOMIS) to approve the MTRP MPU Implementation Priorities recommendations as recommended by the MTRP CAC MPU Implementation ad hoc subcommittee, and that the recommendation to approve be forwarded to the MTRP Task Force. The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer Abstaining.

- 102.** MTRP Tree Planting Guidelines recommendations – Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Tree Planting Plan ad-hoc subcommittee.
A few recommendations and updates were made to the original guidelines approved in 2002.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (MURPHY/THESING) to approve the changes to the MTRP Tree Planting Guidelines as recommended by the MTRP Tree Planting Guidelines CAC ad hoc subcommittee, and that the recommendation to approve be forwarded to the MTRP Task Force. The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer Abstaining.

- 103.** MTRP CAC 2022 Meeting Schedule – Dorothy Leonard

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (ZIECHICK/SEARCY) to approve the MTRP CAC meeting schedule for 2022. The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer Abstaining

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 301.** AB 129 Funding – Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Open Space Division, Parks and Recreation Department

- The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department will be receiving a \$100,000 State of California grant for MTRP Trail System Management and Youth Camp programs. A list was put together by city staff for the following priority projects.
 1. Kwaay Paay trail requires about \$50-55,000 to be used towards the CEQA required Cultural and Biological studies and Development Services Department processing.
 2. Improvements to the existing South Fortuna trail and stairs.
 3. To provide all weather access to the Oak Grove Loop trail.
- CAC members provided input regarding these and possibly other trail recommendations. CAC members were reminded that these are just suggestions until grant guidelines are received.

- 302.** *SDG&E Fire Hardening & Reconductor Project – Juan Ayala, Eden Nguyen, Sean Myott, Bernadette Butkiewicz*

- A presentation was made to inform the CAC members about this project going through MTRP. The project includes replacing old electrical equipment and reconductoring 4.3 miles of overhead transmission conductor through

the park. The park will be impacted for approximately 6 to 8 months, typically from Monday-Saturday from 7am to 7pm beginning Q1 of 2022.

303. *East County Advanced Water Purification Project Update – Rebecca Abbott, Jason Danks, East County AWP, Padre Dam Municipal Water District*

- A status update presentation was given about the slip-lining project going through the entire length of the paved road Father Junipero Serra Trail. A schedule will be provided that will be closely coordinated with MTRP staff to help inform park users.
- The project is currently in CEQA documentation phase. The entire project is expected to enter its construction phase by 2023 and be completed by the end of June 2024.

304. *San Diego River Crossing Bridge project update – Ben Lenail*

- Private funding with the Foundation has increased a little bit, it's roughly around 750K. Then we have the State Funds that should arrive to the Foundation somewhere around June 2022. We the family have had a great relationship with the Foundation. We will be evaluating three bids from reputable architecture firms in the next number of weeks and engage with Development Services and the City to begin the work there.

305. *Stowe Trail update – Ryan Robertson*

- The City of San Diego is partnering with San Diego Urban Corp. Grant money obtained by Urban Corp will be used to pay for construction of the trail. We are currently holding meetings to work out all the details. If it is eligible under the grant conditions, the grant will also be used for the mitigation work that will be required as a part of building the trail. The grant is due to be submitted in early March.

306. *Funding for Old Mission Dam dredging project – Dorothy Leonard*

- Councilmember Campillo is committed to advocating for and securing funding during the City's next budget cycle.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Next meeting, January 4, 2022, 6:30 PM