

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2022

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, via zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mike Pent, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)

Members absent/Excused

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Demitrios Sparacino, City of El Cajon
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Marcella Bothwell City of San Diego P&R Board (alternate)
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)

City of San Diego

Erika Ferreira, Open Space Division Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, 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 (Pent/Searcy) to approve the minutes of the meeting of Nov 2, 2021. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer, Hutsel, Ogilvie, abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- The Task Force met in November and approved the Implementation priorities and well as the Tree Planting guidelines with no amendments.

RANGERS REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- Ranger interviews were conducted the week before Christmas, and we are currently waiting on interview results to hopefully make an offer to fill the vacancy here at Mission Trails soon.
- Upon arrival at work the morning of New Year's Eve we discovered approximately 150 tires dumped in the park. In front of the Jackson gate and the Visitors Center gate. We have moved them out of public sight and are currently coordinating with Environmental Services Department to determine how we are going to have them removed from the property.

WATER DEPARTMENT'S LAKE MURRAY REPORT – No report

STAFF REPORT- Erika Ferreira

- Was present to inform the Committee of the District Manager Steve Haupt's retirement. With an illustrious 43-year career, 12 serving in Open Space. He will be missed by us all. I will be actively pursuing his replacement over the next few months.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane Mackenzie

- We reached our \$30,000 calendar year matching goal campaign. We want to thank everybody who participated.
- The Gift Shop had a record month in December. The best-selling item was our 5-Peaks challenge T-shirts, so people are still out there enjoying the hiking.
- Art Exhibits started again this past Sunday, the first since the closing of the Visitor Center in 2020. It is titled Natures Abundance.
- January 22nd and 23rd the Foundation is partnering with the Native Plant Society to host a native plant sale at the Visitor Center. The event is being co-sponsored by Council Member Campillo.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION ITEMS

- 101.** Allocation from Fund 200403 Mission Trails (aka MTRP Antenna Fund) for West Sycamore Staging Area Project. – Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP CAC

MOTION: Approve the allocation of an additional \$195,333.00 from the MTRP Antenna Fund (Fund 200403) as previously committed. Moved and seconded (PENT/SEARCY). The motion passed unanimously with David Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II construction update. Construction Manager Rachel Kulis, Gary Olvera, and Summer Adleberg

- The Contractor is behind in their work. This is due mostly to weather conditions, which is why we had extended the deadline of the project from mid-2022 to late 2022. It has been determined that the Contractor will be allowed to begin Saturday work to complete the project by the deadline. The project may have to be put on hold if the contractor cannot meet certain build requirements by April. The additional Saturday work would not affect the current trail closures in the area.

302. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvement Project (B-17180) – Mark Calleran, City Project Manager, Engineering and Capital Projects

- We awarded the contract for design just about a month and a half ago. We are at the very early stages of the design process. A presentation was given to inform the CAC of the of the overall project.
- A discussion was made regarding adding trees to the area and possibly adding permeable concrete.
- The overall project cost is at 1.88 million dollars. Design we have budgeted at \$382,000 and for Construction we are at 1.33 million.
- Only \$669,000 has been funded to date, so we are still short 1.2 million dollars.

303. MTRP Antenna Fund balance – Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger

- The available balance is 423,619.00 as of period three ending in September.

304. Priority trail improvement projects for use of AB129 grant funds – Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger

- We met on site yesterday with the California Conservation Corp. to look at and discuss options for the South Fortuna Trail. They will be providing us with a proposal in a staged approach in case that's the direction the City wants to go.
- Working on coordinating with our Public Utilities Department regarding the Oak Grove Loop Trail to determine if there is going to be any issues created if we add material there since there is a sewer line that runs along part of that trail.
- We are still in the process of determining the best solution for the VC loop that was suggested. We may be able to do this project in-house.

305. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project update – Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger

- *Ben Lenail*- The family has awarded the project to KPFF Project Consulting Engineers. They have been working on the project and are in the midst of submitting the IB 560 process. Safdie Rabines will be the Architects and a company called Atlas Tech will be the Geotechnical consultant.
- *We had a kick-off* meeting with the City of San Diego today with the folks from Development Services Department.

306. Stowe Trail update – Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger

- The City of San Diego will not be pursuing a partnership with Urban Corp. to construct the trail. This is a high priority and much of the permitting for this trail is already in place. We may want to look at trying to reconsider the use of some of the AB129 grant funds for the project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

Next meeting, March 1, 2022, 6:30 PM