

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Rick Gulley, City of San Diego P&R Board

Members absent/Excused

Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mike Pent, Special Member
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (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 6:33 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 January 4, 2022. The motion passed unanimously with Zeichick abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- At the January Task Force meeting, the following appointments/reappointments were made:
 - Dorothy Leonard appointed as CAC Chair and Dick Murphy appointed as CAC Vice Chair for 2022-2024.
- Reappointments to the MTRP CAC:
 - Dorothy Leonard- Member at Large
 - Lane MacKenzie- MTRP Foundation
 - Rick Gulley- City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Board
- Other appointments/reappointments should be on the May 19th Task Force meeting agenda
- Demetrios Sparacino has resigned as the City of El Cajon representative since he no longer lives within El Cajon

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- Newly created Chief Ranger position has been filled with Michael Ruiz
- Nate Collins has been hired as a Park Ranger here in Mission Trails. Mission Trails is now fully staffed.
- City staff will be meeting next week with the Mission Trails Foundation and San Diego Canyonlands to discuss a new partnership. The goal will be to have San Diego Canyonlands assist with non-native plant removals in riparian areas and assist with other priorities.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, MTRP Foundation

- The Foundation is working on obtaining a grant to host a summer camp program. Attendees would be students from the San Diego Unified School District.
- Several other grant applications are also in the works.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION ITEMS - None

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II construction and Vernal Pool Habitat Site Restoration Transfer. – SDCWA staff

- The tank installation is nearly complete and backfill of the site has begun. June 12-21 connection testing will be conducted, and then the remaining vents will be removed.
- Once the tank is complete and backfilled, temporary irrigation will be installed and plant material will be put in place. The goal is to return the area to its original condition.

302. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – Ben Lenail, Project applicant and Evan Lakin KPFF.

- Currently in a period of quiet and deliberate work being done to advance the project. Currently \$900,000.00 has been raised through the San Diego Foundation. The first payment has been made to the City toward the project. Currently it is anticipated that construction will start late summer of fall of 2023. KPFF is currently doing most of the heavy work including applying for permits and developing designs.
- Vice-Chair Dick Murphy requested a CAC field trip to the area where the proposed bridge would cross the San Diego River, to view potential sites on the San Diego River Crossing Trail.

303. Priority trail improvement projects for use of AB129 grant funds – *Ryan Robertson*

- The City is in the process of soliciting quotes for resurfacing of the Oak Grove loop trail

304. FY 2023 City of San Diego Mayor’s budget proposal relating to the Open Space Division of the Parks and Recreation Department – *Ryan Robertson*

- There are no proposed new positions for Mission Trails but there are several additions to the Parks and Recreation budget overall. Some of which will provide additional support for the park.

305. Old Mission Dam Dredging - *Ryan Robertson*

- \$750,000.00 is included in the FY 23 proposed budget for completion of the project

306. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvement Project (B-17180) – *Ryan Robertson*

- Project is still in the design phase with no new information to share currently. Erika Ferreira reported that there is \$500,000 in the proposed Regional Parks Improvement Fund budget for the project.

307. Stowe Trail update – *Ryan Robertson*

- City staff is meeting next week to visit and discuss the potential mitigation area proposed for the project. The area is within the Park Boundaries and is adjacent to the campground/day use parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

Next meeting, July 5, 2022, 6:30 PM