

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 5, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member  
David Boyer, USMC Miramar  
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa  
Rick Gulley, City of San Diego P&R Board  
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee  
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group  
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation  
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)  
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners  
Gary Strawn, City of Santee  
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)  
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)

**Members absent/Excused**

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large  
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large  
David Lipson, San Diego State University  
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council  
Mike Pent, Special Member  
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association  
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council  
Carol Lockwood, City of La Mesa (alternate)

**City of San Diego**

Erika Ferreira, Open Space Division Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation Department  
Ed Christensen, Open Space Division District Manager, Parks and Recreation Department  
Julie Aeilts, OCA Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by CAC Vice Chair Dick Murphy.

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded (Loomis/Hutsel) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2022. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

**CHAIR’S REPORT – Dick Murphy**

- At the May Task Force meeting, the following appointments/reappointments were made:
- Reappointments to the MTRP CAC:
  - David Boyer - USMC Miramar
  - Marilyn Reed - Navajo Community Planners
  - Kin Searcy - Scripps Ranch Civic Association

**STAFF/RANGER’S REPORT – Erika Ferreira and Julie Aeilts**

- In attendance was Ed Christensen, newly appointed District Manager for P&R Open Space Division, and former Senior Ranger at Black Mountain Open Space Park.
- MTRP Park Ranger Sylvia Medina-Bandy has returned to her former employment with the County of San Diego, leaving behind a ranger vacancy at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground. City of San Diego will be conducting interviews for all ranger vacancies City-wide in the upcoming weeks.

**FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation**

- After two years without an educational team, the Foundation has hired one full-time educator, and three educational aids. New team developed a summer camp program for San Diego Unified School District students through a grant received from the San Diego Foundation.
- Foundation received a Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) grant from the City of San Diego to purchase educational material for educational programming.
- Foundation has contracted an interpretive planning consultant, Project Idea, and is awaiting an initial report to be presented in August re: ways it can improve the Visitor Center exhibits and experience.

**COMMUNICATIONS -**

- Phil Moses – neighbor of MTRP for the last 26 years. Wants to address the “Good Neighbor Policy Agreement” at the Flow Regulatory Structure construction site. He referenced the following points found within the EIR:
  - No motor vehicles from 7pm to 7am within 500 feet of a residence.
  - He determined decibel of the machinery exceeded the 45-decibel limit. The back-up sounds and horns from the work trucks occur all day and night long, well before 7am, for many months.
  - Regarding mitigation efforts, no western sound barriers were ever built after initial noise study/report was conducted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**101.** Encumber funds in Fund 200403 Mission Trails (aka Mission Trails Antenna Fund) for start-up costs related to the preparation and planning of priority projects approved by the MTRP Task Force at the November 18, 2021, meeting, the dollar amount to be approved at the September 2022 meeting.- *Erika Ferreira*

- To apply for the many grants available, the City has a need to have shovel ready projects
- After discussion among the CAC members, the Action Item was amended to read as follows:

Approve in concept the use of funds in Fund 200403 Mission Trails (aka Mission Trails Antenna Fund) for start-up costs related to the preparation and planning of priority projects approved by the MTRP Task Force at the November 18, 2021, meeting, the dollar amount to be approved at the September 2022 meeting.

**MOTION:** Approve the action item as amended above. The motion was moved and seconded (Loomis/Strawn). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS-** None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II construction and Vernal Pool Habitat Site Restoration Transfer. – Dick Murphy, no SDCWA staff present**

- Several CAC members (including Murphy, Strawn, Loomis) attended the site visit to see the tank/ flow regulatory structure before it was filled with water.

#### **302. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – Julie Aeilts relayed an update on behalf of Ben Lenail, Project applicant and Evan Lakin KPFF.**

- The CAC went to the project site on June 1, where KPFF (Lakin) presented the three possible locations for the Max Lenail Memorial Bridge.
  - Will submit EIR for all three sites
- The full Right-of-Entry agreement was signed and returned to the City for completion within the last week of June. This will allow KPFF to go to the site and perform physical tests (refraction tests and samplings) to assess the terrain of the proposed locations.
- Elyse Lowe (who heads the Office of Development Services) will participate in the Task Force meeting on July 21 and explain its review and approval process in relation to the Max Lenail Memorial Bridge.
- Design team is responding to comments/corrections that allow for a permit to be pulled through the Development Services Department for Environmentally Sensitive Area Testing.
- Still working toward completion by the end of 2023; will advise if they run into delays.
- Erika Ferreira provided an update on the P&R Department Right of Entry permit: it was signed and approved by City attorney on July 5

#### **303. Old Mission Dam dredging – Erika Ferreira**

- Ferreira met with Asset Mgmt. staff - currently in the process of submitting intake forms for engineering capital projects to begin permitting process.

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

**304. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvement Project (B-17180) – Erika Ferreira**

- Project is still in the design phase; Erika Ferreira speculates at 50%. Ferreira reported that there is \$500,000 in the proposed Regional Parks Improvement Fund budget for the project FY23. Also received a \$250,000 grant from State of CA.

**305. Stowe Trail status report – Erika Ferreira**

- Congressional legislation authorizes the sale of land from Miramar to the County of San Diego. If the County opts not to buy, legislation will have to be re-written for City acquisition. County and Federal Government are currently discussing options, but there is no further info currently. Dick Murphy proposed an Action Item for Sept.: Create a sub-committee of the MTRP CAC to pursue Stowe Trail Land Acquisition. No update for Stowe connection trail.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday September 6, 2022, 6:30 PM