

**Minutes of the Meeting of the July 21, 2022
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Raul Campillo, City of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Dustin Trotter, City of Santee
Councilmember Colin Parent, City of La Mesa
Councilmember Joe LaCava, City of San Diego

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego

Staff

Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Nick Chavez, Community Services Director, City of Santee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Raul Campillo at 10:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (PARENT/LACAVA) to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- Thank you to the Foundation for working toward receiving property acquisition grant funds for the East Elliott area.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Ben Lenail, project applicant/Evan Lakin with KPFF*

- \$900,000.00 in private donations has been raised to date that will be in addition to the grant awarded to the project from the State of California. KPFF has been selected as the project manager. The City has issued a ROE so that initial survey work can be conducted and work toward finding the best location to construct the bridge. Hopefully construction can begin next year as there are still some big milestones to cross. This project is our baby and we are totally committed.

302. Old Mission Dam Dredging – *Erika Ferreira*

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- The initial project intake forms were submitted to the Engineering and Capital Projects Department a couple of weeks ago.

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

- Project is still in the design phase. An additional \$500,000.00 has been allocated to the project from the Regional Park Improvement fund. There is currently \$1,419,490.00 encumbered for the project. The unfunded amount is \$708,000.00

304. Stowe Trail status report – *Erika Ferreira*

- The City is working toward acquiring a 30-foot easement that will be needed to complete the trail. As of yet, the City has been unable to secure the easement.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Approve concept of utilizing 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. – *Erika Ferreira*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (TROTTER/LEONARD) to approve the item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT– *Dorothy Leonard, Chair MTRP CAC*

- Dorothy was not in attendance at the last CAC meeting but was informed about what was discussed by the Vice Chair (Dick Murphy) The CAC discussed recommending that an AD-Hoc subcommittee of the CAC be formed to monitor the discussions between the County of San Diego and the Federal Government as it related to the portion of the Stowe Trail on Federal property.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – *Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, MTRPF*

- The Foundation is hosting summer camps for the first time in a couple of years. A grant was received to fund the camps and they are open to SDUSD students. A lead educator and 3 assistant educators have been hired.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Nick Chavez*

- The City received 4.5 million dollars for the Community center
- Council approved funds for pickleball courts.

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-*Ryan Robertson*

- Ranger interviews are taking place. We will hopefully be able to fill the current vacancy soon. There is now a Senior Ranger vacancy for Black Mountain. It is possible that MTRP will lose a Ranger to promotion as several of the Ranger staff here will be interviewing for the position.
- Summer is a slow time for volunteer crews due to the heat, so staff is extra busy working on projects without the aid of volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 15, 2022, 10:00 AM