

**Minutes of the Meeting of the November 17, 2022
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, November 17, 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

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Councilmember Joe LaCava, City 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 2:31 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (CAMPILLO/LEONARD) to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- Thank you for accommodating the time change of the meeting and congratulations to the Foundation on the success of the Holiday sales event.

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

- None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Adoption of MTRP Task Force Meeting Schedule for 2023. – *Councilmember Campillo, MTRP Task Force Chair*

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- Mr. Lenail sent an update to over 1,000 people who have donated to the bridge project so far and let them know that the project is still alive. Thousands of additional dollars have been received by the San Diego Foundation. Two weeks ago, the river crossing was completely dry. As of two days ago, the crossing was about 4 feet deep and had a vigorous flow. This is a good reminder of the need for a bridge.
- Mr. Lakin: The environmental assessment is complete and the permit process for on site borings is in process. The geotechnical study has been completed. Of the three possible bridge locations that were originally identified, the location just upstream from the existing crossing has been selected for the geotechnical testing.

302. Status report on encumbering funds in Mission Trails Fund 200403 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*

- Project Officer Laura Ball sent requests to 15 vendors with a requested response date to December 6th. As of today, one no response and one request for additional information are the only responses.

303. Old Mission Dam Dredging – *Erika Ferreira*

- The assets Management section in Parks and recreation is working with E&CP and a site meeting occurred on October 5th. The next steps include confirming scope of work and confirming what permits may be needed. The hope is that the City can piggyback on old permits and replicate the last process. E&CP is also working on the environmental assessment.

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

- Staff met with the Parks and recreation park planner to discuss the 60% design drawings. Some questions were referred to E&CP because of that meeting.

305. Stowe Trail status report – *Erika Ferreira*

- The private property owners in the area are currently not willing to allow an easement and are not willing to sell their property. A possible 3rd route would require the purchase of two other properties. DREAM has been asked to reach out to the property owners again to see if anything has changed.

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

- The CAC passed a motion expressing their appreciation for funding the Old Mission Dam dredging project and requesting that the City put an emphasis on continuing to find future funding.

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

- The Foundation received a 2-million-dollar grant for the purchase of property in East Elliott. The property would then be turned over to the City and become part of the park. The Foundation is currently still working with the City to work out the details of the transactions.
- A gift of funds the Foundations received was used to hire a consultant to do an assessment of the Visitor Center. The consultant will be doing a presentation in mid-December to present their current findings.

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- Field trips are back with over 500 kids attending so far. An additional 57 trips have already been booked.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Nick Chavez*

- Recently two ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for the opening of two additional parks
- River cleanup volunteer events are scheduled for November 30th and the 7th and 17th of December.

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-*Ryan Robertson*

- We have a new Park Ranger starting on November 26th.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19, 2023, 10:00 AM