

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 3, 2023

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
David Lipson, San Diego State University
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Rick Gulley, City of San Diego P&R Board
Mike Pent, Special Member

Members absent/Excused

Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)

City of San Diego

Ed Christensen, Open Space Division District Manager, 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/seconded (LOOMIS/STRAWN) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer and Greenburg-McClung abstaining.

CHAIR’S REPORT – *Dorothy Leonard*

- Dick Murphy and I met with Councilmember Campillo and Parks and Rec. staff to discuss how a new CAC chair will be selected. Interestingly, there have only been two chairs of the CAC. Mike Pent and me. Council office will also be working with City staff on some operating rule changes. I will be leaving in about a year and a half.

STAFF/RANGER’S REPORT – *Ryan Robertson*

- We had our new Ranger start working at the end of November. Right after that, Ranger Bejar accepted a promotion to Senior Park Ranger. We once again have a vacancy. The Park range recruitment list is currently open, so we will be working toward filling the now existing vacancy.
- The Park has been extremely busy. All lots and street parking have been full. People are even double and triple parking in areas blocking in other vehicles. People are parking in the fire lanes and blocking streets. Most visitors seem to have no idea where they are, where they are wanting to go, or have any regard for any of the rules or regulations.

FOUNDATION REPORT- *Lane MacKenzie*

- The Foundation is still working with the City on the agreement for the Foundation to purchase property in the East Elliott area and then turn the property over to the City. The busy fundraising season is just finishing up, and the outcome looks good.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Report and recommendations regarding FY 2024 Regional Park Improvement Funds – Proposed Allocation Recommendations – *Dorothy Leonard*

- Many MTRP projects are on the list as eligible to receive funds and several MTRP projects have received funds in the past.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (MURPHY/PENT) to recommend that two items be added to the list: San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project and Old Mission Dam Preservation. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Evan Lakin, KPFF.*

- The draft Biological report is complete and will be submitted next week. All three possible locations are similar and have some different pros and cons. We are currently moving forward with option 1 which is just to the right of the existing service road.

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 on November 18, 2021 – *Ed Christensen*

- Nothing new to report. A request was sent out twice with no responses. The City will move forward with working toward identifying funding for projects as they come up.

303. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvement Project (B-17180) – *Ed Christensen*

- Open Space staff met with Parks and Rec. Park Planning staff. A list of questions from that meeting was sent to Engineering and Capital Projects (E&CP) staff. We did reach out to Mark Calleran with E&CP for an update but received none.

304. Stowe Trail status report – *Ed Christensen*

- Parks and Rec. has asked the Department of Real Estate and Airport Management (DREAM) to send another letter to the property owners in the area to see if any of them would be open to allowing an easement. The letters should be sent out soon.

305. Report from MTRP CAC ad hoc subcommittee to monitor status of land acquisition negotiations between the County of San Diego and MCAS Miramar – *Kevin Loomis*

- As it relates to the section of Stowe Trail in the East Elliott area, the best option is to purchase the Coad property. If the City does not have enough money, then maybe we do some fundraising or get the Foundation to help.
- Negotiations between the Military and the County are going well.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday March 7, 2023, 6:30 PM