

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 7, 2023

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
David Lipson, San Diego State University
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
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
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)

Members Absent/Excused

Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Gary Strawn, City of Santee

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 6:32 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (PENT/OGILVIE) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- There was no quorum for the last Task Force meeting so there was no meeting. The Task Force has two new members. Nathan Fletcher from the County Board of Supervisors, and Kent Lee, Councilmember, City of San Diego. The Task Force is still looking into making changes to the operating rules for the MTRP CAC.

STAFF/RANGER’S REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- MTRP is now down two Ranger positions, and we have one on light duty due to injury. Interviews are scheduled for the end of this month. We will hopefully be able to fill positions soon after the interviews.
- Lots of rain, lots of mud, lots of park visitors, and lots of work to do. We are making progress as quickly as we can.
- Even with the rain and cold, the campground continues to be almost full every weekend.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Jennifer Morrissey

- The in-person lecture series has resumed, the Foundation is starting a new teen program called Eco-Ambassadors, Foundation led field trips are very busy, the photo contest is underway, and the Foundation is gearing up to host summer camps. Big on the agenda for the Foundation right now is getting the proposed land acquisition grant process completed.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. West Sycamore Staging Area design review – *Mark Calleran, Engineering & Capital Improvements*

- Postponed to May meeting.

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. SDG&E wood to steel pole replacement project. TL 639. – *Chris Vargas, SDG&E*

- Postponed to May meeting.

302. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Bao-Tran Vo, KPFF.*

- After meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers, there may be a possibility of reducing the timeline for the necessary permit from that agency. The Development Services Department permit is under review. There is a need to identify every listed species that may be impacted.

303. City of Santee Mesa Road project – *Nick Chavez, Community Services Director, City of Santee*

- Postponed to May meeting.

304. 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*

- The Parks and Recreation Open Space Resource Management group is working with the Purchasing and Contracting Department on a contract to bring an environmental consultant on board. That process is expected to take 9-12 months. Once a contract is in place, the City can begin work on this.

305. Oak Grove trail improvements status report – *Ed Christensen*

- We have been informed that the \$100,000 grant is a matching funds grant. The department will be asking for matching funds in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

306. Stowe Trail status report – *Ed Christensen*

- The Department of Real Estate and Airport Management (DREAM) reached out to property owners in the area and received a response from one of the property owners that they are willing to sell to the City. The process to acquire the property is underway and could be finalized by September or October.

307. 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*

- Things are moving forward. I am pushing the County to purchase the Northern and Southern sections, rather than just the Northern section.

308. Old Mission Dam Dredging project status report – *Ed Christensen*

- Most of the existing permits can still be used if the project mirrors exactly what was done the last time. Open Space is working with Engineering & Capital Projects to see which department will take the lead.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday May 2, 2023, 6:30 PM