

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 2, 2023**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large  
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group  
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners  
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council  
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association  
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)  
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large  
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation  
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member  
David Boyer, USMC Miramar  
Gary Strawn, City of Santee

**Members Absent/Excused**

Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)  
David Lipson, San Diego State University  
Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa  
Rick Gulley, City of San Diego P&R Board  
Mike Pent, Special Member

**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 6:34 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (HUTSEL/ZEICHICK) to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2023. The motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

**CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard**

- At their March meeting, the Task Force approved all appointments/reappointments of CAC members. One change is that Rich Thesing is now the CAC member representing the Tierrasanta Community Council and Betty Ogilvie will be the alternate if the Tierrasanta Community Council wishes to appoint an alternate.

**STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – Ryan Robertson**

- Staff has been working hard on non-native plant removal projects. Renovations to the lower section of the Cowles Mtn. trail and the grasslands crossing trail have both been completed. School field trips have been extremely busy especially due to all the trips that had to be rescheduled from rain outs. A conditional job offer has been extended to and accepted by an applicant to fill one of the vacant Ranger positions.

**FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane MacKenzie**

- The proposed land acquisition process is still moving forward. We are preparing for the plan to go before the City Council this month. An Eco-Ambassadors program was launched, and an exhibit featuring photo contest submissions will be going up later in the year.

**COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

- Group discussion followed a presentation on the City of Santee's proposed Mesa Road Trail Head enhancement project.

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (STRAWN/HUTSEL) to support the idea in concept and to encourage the City of Santee to continue to explore the feasibility of the project with all parties involved. Motion passed unanimously with BOYER abstaining.

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

- Group discussion followed a presentation by E&CP and KTU+A staff on the proposed design and associated 100% design documents.

**MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (MURPHY/SEARCY) to continue the item to the next meeting with a request that staff from E&CP address any differences of opinion relating to issues raised by P&R. Motion passed unanimously.

**WORKSHOP ITEMS- None**

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- 301.** SDG&E wood to steel pole replacement project. TL 639. – *Chris Vargas, SDG&E*
- This project is essentially the same as the prior one, just a different line. The project is intended to reduce environmental impacts and maintenance needs along the line. Some temporary trail restrictions may need to take place.
- 302.** San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Evan Lakin, KPFF.*
- The permit documents will need to be resubmitted and include a map of the listed species in the area. This will need to be done prior to any boring work taking place. Adding the high-water mark will also need to be included in the plans.
- 303.** 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 resource management group is working with the Purchasing and Contracting Department. Defining the scope of work in the contract to include project preparation and planning is ongoing. The resource management group is also working with the City Attorney's office to move this along. The timeline to have a consultant onboard is 9 – 12 months.
- 304.** Oak Grove trail improvements status report – *Ed Christensen*
- The City Council has approved the necessary \$100,000.00 of matching funds required by the grant.
- 305.** Stowe Trail status report – *Ed Christensen*
- The Department of Real Estate and Airport Management (DREAM) is working with the Planning Department to set up an internal order number that will be used to draw money from the Habitat Acquisition Fund. I believe that process was completed on Wednesday. DREAM has requested a Purchase Order for the appraisal services. The Purchase Order process can take a few weeks. Appraisals typically take about 45 days.
- 306.** 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*
- The Marines are working with the County on the appraisal process. Things are moving forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday July 11, 2023, 6:30 PM