

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

TIME AND PLACE

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

ATTENDANCE Members Present

Jessi Brown, City of La Mesa
Rick Gulley, City of Parks and Recreation Committee
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
David Boyer, USMC
David Lipson, SDSU
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners

Members Absent/Excuse

Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic
Association
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large

City of San Diego

Ed Christensen, Open Space Division District Manager, Parks and Recreation Department
Rob Wheeler, OCA Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Loomis/ Hutsel) to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2023. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- Task force approved plans for Big Rock Park in the City of Santee.

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – Rob Wheeler

- New hire Jesus Fuentes has completed his first month as park ranger and has been getting involved with various projects including interpretation, trail maintenance, and emergency response.
- Ranger-led field trips have been underway with City-wide park rangers and volunteers filling in to assist with staffing shortages.
- Kumeyaay Lake Campground campfire program underway with over 70 attendees last week.
- Kumeyaay Lake Campground bridge has been repaired and is back in place thanks to the efforts of park ranger staff and funding assistance from the Foundation.
- The Foundation has been working with City staff to provide funding and support for general maintenance such as dead tree removal, trail maintenance, and equipment repair.

FOUNDATION REPORT - Lane MacKenzie

- Moving forward with the acquisition process of the 53-acre parcel west of the landfill; appraisal is in and has been presented to the City. The City is requesting a phase one environmental report.
- New hire Kindra Hixon has joined the foundation as a full-time stewardship manager, with experience from the Audubon Society and San Diego Canyonlands.
- Foundation has been working with City staff to repair the Kumeyaay Lake Campground bridge and hire arborists to remove dead trees along trails.
- Holiday marketplace will take place in the park this Sunday, November 12th with vendors and items for sale.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Adoption of MTRP CAC meeting schedule for 2024

- Suggestion to move meeting dates to the second Tuesday of every month and task force meetings to fourth Thursday of every month.
- **MOTION:** Move July 9th meeting to July 2nd moved/seconded by MacKenzie. The movement passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

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301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ-1050170 – *Elainey Fetene sub for Evan Lakin, KPFF.*

- Borings for this project have been completed.
- Geotechnical reporting to start as of 11/7 with an estimated completion time of 6-8 weeks.
- Estimated bridge length upon completion to be 130 feet long.

302. Cowles communications tower/power pole replacement update – *Ed Christensen*

- No update

303. Oak Grove trail improvements status report – *Rob Wheeler*

- The gravel type has been selected and will be delivered and staged at the Jackson parking lot where it will be out of the way and accessible with equipment
- The geocell material that will provide the base layer and stabilize the imported gravel has been received
- Park Ranger Dan Kimpel plans to work with volunteers to install a geocell test patch on November 22nd with the help of a volunteer crew.

304. 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*

- Miramar has agreed on an appraiser and are moving forward with an appraisal.

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

- Completed an updated topographic survey of the area and are preparing a new set of construction plans concurrent with the permitting.
- Once permits have been secured they can proceed with hiring a contractor to perform the work. They hope to have the permits finalized by early 2024.
- Work can begin September 2024.

306. 2023 Arbor Day – *Jennifer Morrissey*

- Working with City staff to find a planting location with adequate irrigation.

307. *Not included on agenda* MTRP Antenna Fund update including encumbered funds amount (aka Mission Trails Fund 200403)– *Ed Christensen*

- As of October 27th the total fund balance is \$832,778. The Unincumbered Fund balance is \$517,467.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 9th, 2024, 6:30 PM.