

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE Members Present

David Boyer, USMC
Jessi Brown, City of La Mesa
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Dorothy Leonard, Special Member
David Lipson, SDSU
Kevin Loomis, Chair
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council

Members Absent/Excuse

Rick Gulley, City of Parks and Recreation Committee
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council

City of San Diego

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

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (MacKenzie/Searcy) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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CHAIR'S REPORT – *Kevin Loomis*

- Introduction of new CAC Chair and Member-at-Large Kevin Loomis
- Cynthia Cornelius, Rick Gulley, Marilyn Reed, and Kin Searcy appointed Member-at-Large replacing Dorothy Leonard and Nancy Acevedo
- Dorothy Leonard appointed as Special Member
- Beverage machines approved and installed at Cowles Mountain Staging Area
- City recommends FY25 park improvement funds not be allocated to West Sycamore staging area and that funding should come from the antenna fund.

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – *Rob Wheeler*

- Park Rangers have been working on grading and resurfacing parking areas with excessive rutting and other issues in the VC parking lot, day use parking area, and East Fortuna staging areas.
- Rangers have been leading weekly trail improvement groups with volunteers most recently on Cowles Mountain and along the VC loop.
- Recent habitat restoration events have brought in volunteers and helped to plant hundreds of native plants around the Kumeyaay Lake Campground
- Park Rangers have been working on storm remediation around the park including removing obstructive debris and maintenance efforts to re-open the Lake Trail and the campground.
- Interviews scheduled for Park Ranger interviews to fill two vacancies.

FOUNDATION REPORT - *Lane MacKenzie*

- The Foundation has recently received two grants from the San Diego River conservancy totaling \$1.95 million for invasive brush removal.
- On March 23rd Foundation Staff will be hosting a celebration for three of the parks founders honoring Dorothy Leonard, Dick Murphy, and Mike Pent for years of service

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Proposed lighting at San Carlos little league field for added safety – *Public Comment Michelle Darby*

ACTION ITEMS

101. Approval of the conceptual design for the San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ 105070 – *Steve Gray KPFF, Ricardo Rabines Safdie Rabines Architecture*

- **MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Pent) to refer the design to City staff for evaluation. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

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INFORMATION ITEMS

301a. Antenna Fund Income sources and amounts – *Ed Christensen*

- Sources to be provided at a later date

301b. Antenna Fund, current balance, and the current balance of unencumbered funds – *Ed Christensen*

- The current unencumbered balance is \$983,276.

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

- 30-foot test patch has been completed and will be assessed for long term feasibility

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*

- No movement onboarding an environmental consultant to look into start-up costs and permitting.
- Further discussion on potential steps forward to take place outside of meeting.

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*

- County and MCAS Miramar and in agreement on appraisal price and looking to move forward.

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

- No update

306. Old Mission Dam Dredging project status report – *Rob Wheeler*

- ECP Department has received final permitting documents from RWQCB and USACE
- CDFW permit is outstanding awaiting approval of draft permit conditions regarding the necessity of rare plant surveys.

307. Bilingual signage program – *Rob Wheeler*

- No update

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, 6:30 PM.