

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 2, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE Members Present

David Boyer, USMC
Jessi Brown, City of La Mesa
Cynthia Cornelius, Member-at-large
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Kevin Loomis, Chair
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association
Gary Strawn, City of
Santee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council

Members Absent/Excuse

Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area
Council
Rick Gulley, City of Parks and Recreation Committee
Dorothy Leonard, Special Member
David Lipson, SDSU
Mike Pent, Special Member
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) to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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CHAIR'S REPORT – Kevin Loomis

- Task Force did not meet on its previously scheduled session, but will meet on July 18th
- Transfer of \$934,792 in antenna funds for West Sycamore approved by CAC and will go on to Task Force agenda for approval.
- CAC meetings will remain on a bi-monthly schedule for the time being
- Land acquisition process with the County within the Stowe trail corridor is making progress and currently going through environmental review

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – Rob Wheeler & Ed Christensen

- Park Rangers Dan Kimpel and Geoff Hasenauer have left Mission Trails Regional Park
- Park Ranger Monica Demetry has joined the Mission Trails Regional Park team coming from the Citywide Park Ranger Division
- Job offers have been made to fill two remaining Park Ranger vacancies
- Ranger staff have been working on a variety of projects including bridge repair at Clairemont Mesa, repairing campground firepits, and working with contractors to clear vegetation along Father Junipero Serra Trail
- Met with Padre Dam Municipal Water District regarding the East County Advanced Water Purification pipeline project on FJS Trail
 - Project duration around 2 years
 - FJS Trail likely to be pedestrian only road for the duration of the project
 - Parking impacts around FJS Trail Rd near VC/Oak Grove
 - Impacts to center curb along FJS Trail
 - Considering installing a 32" pipe above the road to minimize potential for sewer spill for the duration of the project
 - Presentation from Padre Dam Municipal Water District at future CAC

FOUNDATION REPORT - Lane MacKenzie

- Foundation staff and volunteers have been working with City staff on updated multi-label interpretive panels starting with Cowles Mtn summit, VC Loop Trail, and Oak Grove Trail.
- The restoration project going well, a survey was done on May 20th where 1221 thorn mint plants were found
- There have been 3 weeks of camp so far this summer with one more week to go
- Photo contest is in progress and will wrap up over the weekend where a winner will be chosen on July 7th

COMMUNICATIONS –

101. Notice of preparation of a draft Environmental Impact Report and notice of public scoping meeting for the Carlton Oaks Country Club and Resort Project adjacent to MTRP – *Eid Fakhour*

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ACTION ITEMS

WORKSHOP ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Introduction of City of El Cajon representative Scott Penwell – *Kevin Loomis*

302. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ 1050170 – *Evan Lakin with KPFF*

- No update

303. Invasive species and brush removal grant update – *Lane MacKenzie*

- Will start in earnest after nesting season ends in September
- The MTRP Foundation has hired RECON Environmental to spearhead this project in coordination with the City

304. Fee schedule clarification for small community groups – *Lane MacKenzie*

- Operates on an individual basis

305. East Elliot land acquisition update on 55 acres along with additional 70 acres – *Lane MacKenzie*

- City council accepted the donation of 55 acres from the MTRP Foundation and were informed there is an additional 70 acres in progress.

306. CAC Multi-Use Alternate Seat – Councilman Campillo's office – *Kevin Loomis*

- San Diego Mountain Bike Association recommends Kirk Riley

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

- Discussing the best approach to implement the project given the available resources and funding.
- Meeting with the San Diego Mountain Bike Association later this month to discuss trail project collaboration throughout the park including the Oak Grove

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

- CIP project currently with intake process, department has submitted the scope of work for replacement of poles and lines.
- Sturgeon Electric is likely choice for contractor
- Funding source has not been confirmed, cost around \$1.5M

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

- 100% plans for the dredging work are done
- Estimates for the work came in at a higher cost than expected
- Still on schedule to start work in fall

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, 6:30 PM.