

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 29, 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
Rick Gulley, City of Parks and Recreation Committee
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Kevin Loomis, Chair
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
Mike Pent, Special Member
Scott Penwell, City of El Cajon
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council

Members Absent/Excuse

Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
David Lipson, SDSU
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic
Association

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 (Gulley/Pent) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2024. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

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CHAIR'S REPORT – *Kevin Loomis*

- Met with a trail guide regarding multi-use seat

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – *Rob Wheeler*

- Old Mission Dam project to start in the next 2-3 weeks, exact duration is unknown at this time
- Three new park rangers started last month and a long time park ranger has retired leaving one staff vacancy that we hope to fill soon
- Ranger staff completed the repair of over 40 fire pits at the campground that were eroding by laying new concrete foundations for each pit
- Rangers have been working with volunteers to repair trails in West Fortuna and on the climbers loop

FOUNDATION REPORT - *Lane MacKenzie*

- RECON Environmental have already filled nine 40-yard dumpsters in support of the grant funded brush removal project
- The joint-committee is working on new multi-lingual signage for the park with the Oak Grove loop trail as the first area of focus
- The teen Eco-Ambassador program is underway with 20 students participating coming from 17 different high schools from around the county
- The holiday marketplace will take place on Saturday, November 9th and will offer a range of products with a percentage of all sales coming back to the park
- Hike-a-thon started 2 weeks ago with \$23,000 raised of a \$100,000 goal

COMMUNICATIONS –

ACTION ITEMS

101. Approval of 2025 CAC Schedule to occur on the following dates: January 7, March 4, May 6, July 1, September 2, November 4 – *Kevin Loomis, Chair*

- **MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Pent/Zeichick) to approve the reallocation. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

102. Request that the East County Water Purification Joint Powers Authority provide mitigation for recent changes to the scope of its pipeline project resulting in more limited access to park user groups such as hikers, climbers, and bikers. Mitigation possibilities could include:

1. Resurfacing the Oak Grove Trail

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2. Resurfacing Father Junipero Serra Trail between Mission Gorge Road and the MTRP Visitors Center driveway – *Dick Murphy, Vice Chair*

- **MOTION:** It was moved/seconded (Murphy/Pent) to move the request to the Task Force. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. MTRP Foundation Visitor Center survey presentation – *Leigh Kyle Spurlock Landscape Design, Jennifer Luce*

- Foundation received funding to make updates to the visitors center
- Survey was put out to the public for requested changes with over 500 respondents
- Presentation on ideas and concepts for changes
- Recommendation by CAC chair to establish ad-hoc subcommittee to meet and review suggested updates
 - Subcommittee will return to CAC on January 7th with a recommendation to approve/deny changes and move to Task Force

302. East County Advanced Water Purification Update – *Rebecca Abbott, Engineering Manager, East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Power Authority*

- Project is currently in the approvals and agreements phase
- JPA is going to the board in November for approval of Phase 2 of the project
- City of San Diego is going through the city councils process starting in November
- Mobilization scheduled to begin March 2025
- Work estimated to last 33 months
- Re-paving to occur towards the end of each stage of the project

303. East County Advanced Water Purification onsite visit Thursday, November 7th at 4pm – *Kevin Loomis, Chair*

- Reach out to Kevin to participate in site visit

304. Oak Grove Trail Funding Update on Vendors for the Project – *Rob Wheeler, Senior Park Ranger, MTRP*

- The scope of work that was provided in the initial grant application is being revised and resubmitted to include a risen boardwalk that will span the dog creek section of the trail
- A list of vendors has been received and we will be reaching out to them to receive additional bids

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305. Bridge for Max Project Update – *Evan Lakin, KPFF*

- Draft determinations and mitigation steps are in progress with more discussion to take place in coming weeks
- Working to process ministerial and discretionary permits
- Working to onboard a contractor
- Pending discussions with the Public Utilities Department to confirm bridge positioning
- Plans to meet with Park and Rec to discuss construction

306. Approval of the Sycamore fund transfer with City Council – *Kevin Loomis, Chair*

- Funds were approved and transferred

307. CAC ad hoc Stowe Trail subcommittee update – *Kevin Loomis, Chair*

- Process is moving along

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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