

**Minutes of the Meeting of the March 20, 2025
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Raul Campillo, City of San Diego
Councilmember Dustin Trotter, City of Santee
Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, City of San Diego
Councilmember Genevieve Suzuki, City of La Mesa

Kevin Loomis, CAC Chair

Members Absent

Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, County of San Diego
Councilmember Kent Lee, City of San Diego

Staff

Rob Wheeler, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Vicram Vettiyl, Office of Councilmember Campillo

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Raul Campillo at 10:05 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Loomis Steppe/Trotter) to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- Councilmember Campillo welcomes Marni von Wilpert from District 5 to her new role.

COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to three minutes and is not debatable)

- *Brian McNeece, MTRP Trail Guide* – Recommends more shade for the Visitor Center terrace and amphitheater.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project – PRJ-1050170 – *Evan Lakin, KPFF and Kevin Legge, PMA*

- Currently in talks with Developmental Services Department to obtain discretionary permit. Concurrent processing for multiple permit submissions at once. Preliminary meeting with Army Core of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife.
- Mobilization on track for September. In the months ahead, the team will advance permitting, run another round of budgets, and coordinate with the park staff directly.

ACTION ITEMS

101. **Selection of MTRP Task Force Vice-Chair** – *Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, Chair Mission Trails Regional Park*

- **MOTION:** It was moved/ seconded (von Wilpert, Suzuki) to appoint Kevin Loomis as the Task Force Vice Chair. (5-0)

102. **Proposed MTRP Visitor Center Updates** – *Jennifer Morrissey, MTRP Foundation Executive Director*

- Architects working on the proposal shared a presentation of the reconfiguration of the interior of the building and addressed how the space can be better utilized. “Commons” as a central place to unite communities. The installation of shade features and better suited trees for the exterior was also discussed.
- One public comment regarding pathways and limited mobility access to the grinding rocks at the SD River.
- **Subitem A:** Interior Updates to the MTRP Visitor Center
 - **MOTION:** It was moved/ seconded (Campillo, Trotter) to approve interior improvements. (5-0)
- **Subitem B:** Exterior Updates to the MTRP Visitor Center
 - **MOTION:** It was moved/ seconded (Campillo, Suzuki) to approve exterior improvement recommendations. (5-0)

103. Appointment and Reappointment of Members to the MTRP CAC – *Councilmember Raul A. Campillo, Chair Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force*

- **Subitem A:** Appointment of Shawn Chambers as the User Group Member, Alternate for the MTRP CAC
- **Subitem B:** Reappointment of Dr. Cynthia Cornelius as a Member-At-Large from the City of San Diego
- **Subitem :** Reappointment of Ryan Hartigan as the User Group Member for the MTRP CAC
- **Subitem D:** Reappointment of Jessi Brown as the Representative from the City of La Mesa
- **Subitem E:** Reappointment of Parker Ross as the Alternate Member from the City of La Mesa
- **Subitem F:** Reappointment of Dr. David Lipson as the SDSU Member
- **Subitem G:** Reappointment of Gary Strewn as the Member from the City of Santee

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- **Subitem H:** Reappointment of Mickey Zeichick as the San Carlos Member
- **Subitem I:** Reappointment of Glen Farber as the San Carlos Alternate Member
 - **MOTION:** It was moved/ seconded (Campillo, Loomis) to approve the appointments and reappointments. (5-0)

STANDING REPORTS

Staff Representative Reports:

City of Santee Community Services Department – *City of Santee Community Services Department*

- No report

MTRP Senior Ranger Report – *Robert Wheeler, MTRP Senior Park Ranger*

- Oak Grove Trail Resurfacing Project – City of SD is establishing POs to buy the materials to start the resurfacing in the next month or two.
- East County Advanced Water Purification Project construction begins in May.
- One vacant ranger position at MTRP.

MTRP Foundation Report– *Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, MTRPF*

- City Council approved 53 more acres, thanks to a grant from SD River Conservancy. SDRC also funded a multiyear brush and invasive removal project at MTRP. Since October, crews have removed 300 acres. Plans for removal of invasive water primrose at Kumeyaay Lake Campground.
- Upcoming Events: Currently accepting entries for the Photo Contest; event in May. Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Wed April 16.

Citizen's Advisory Committee – *Kevin Loomis, CAC Chair*

- Thanks the MTRP Foundation for its speedy land acquisition process
- Has attended community events to show his support for Max's Bridge.
- Working on the website
- Stowe Trail – County and City land acquisitions

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 22, 2025, 10:00 AM