



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: November 9, 2015

REPORT NO: 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of November 16, 2015

SUBJECT: Naming of Native Plant Garden at Ruffin Canyon in Honor of Bonnie Hough

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the naming of the native plant garden at Ruffin Canyon Open Space?

Director's Recommendation – The Department does not take a position on facility naming requests.

### Other Recommendations –

- On June 6, 2015, the Friends of Ruffin Canyon voted unanimously to initiate the naming of the native plant garden next to Taft Middle School as a memorial to Bonnie Hough a founder and chair of the Friends of Ruffin Canyon.
- On June 24, 2015, the Serra Mesa Community Council voted unanimously to approve this community memorial for Bonnie Hough. Carl Dimas, Chair. Letter sent to BPearson@sandiego.gov.
- On July 16, 2015, the Serra Mesa Planning Group voted unanimously to approve sending a letter in support of this community memorial for Bonnie Hough, Cindy Moore, Chair.
- On September 15, 2015, the Serra Mesa Park and Recreation Council voted unanimously to approve this community memorial for Bonnie Hough. John Cima, Chair. Consensus for this memorial was also given on July 21, 2015.

Fiscal Impact – None

### BACKGROUND

A request was made by the public for this action. Staff has assisted with processing this request in accordance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001, "Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities" (copy attached). Attached is background in support of the proposal.

November 9, 2015

DISCUSSION

The naming of the native plant garden in honor of Bonnie Hough is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001. The community has also requested that a boulder/plaque be installed to identify the named area. This request would be considered by the Park and Recreation Department Director should the Park and Recreation Board approve the naming request.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the naming of the native plant garden in honor of Bonnie Hough.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chris Zirkle  
Deputy Director  
Open Space Division

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Attachments:

- A. Location Map – Ruffin Canyon
- B. Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 – Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities
- C. Background Information

# Ruffin Canyon Open Space

 City Property



Native Plant Garden



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY

- SUBJECT:** Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities
- BACKGROUND:** The public sometimes suggests that parks and recreation facilities be named after persons, living or dead.
- PURPOSE:** To provide a systematic procedure for the naming of parks and recreation facilities which will assist in their location by the citizenry; and to develop a method for the retention of names of historical or fiscal significance.
- POLICY:** As a general policy, parks and recreation facilities should be named to identify their locations. Especially for parks, the name of the community area, the names of nearby geographic features, the names of adjacent schools and street names should be given first consideration. However, they may also be named for individuals, living or dead, who are of historical significance to the local area or who have made major financial contributions in the opinion of the appropriate Recreation Councils and/or other advisory bodies, Board committees and the full Board. Facilities within parks, (such as buildings, gyms, courts, etc.) are more appropriate for naming after individuals than are parks.
- Renaming a facility for a person, when that facility is already named for a person, should only be undertaken with the utmost consideration. Every attempt should be made to contact the person or heirs of the person for whom the facility is currently named, to present their views verbally, or in writing, at a public hearing.
- PROCEDURE:** The Recreation Council effected by the proposed name change, shall hold a public hearing to review the request and the supporting documents and information, and shall make recommendations to the Area Committees and the Park and Recreation Board on any and all recommended changes to the renaming of existing facilities.
- SUBSTANTIATION:** Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 6/16/83 (page 2469)  
Park and Recreation Board Minutes of November 15, 2001 (page 4).

Date: Sept. 15, 2015

To: Jason W. Alan, Senior Park Ranger, Open Space Canyons, City of San Diego  
and the City Park and Recreation Board

From: Friends of Ruffin Canyon (Monica Fuentes and Kevin Johnston, Co Chairs).

Subject: Request to be placed on the Park and Recreation Board Agenda to present our request for a Serra Mesa Community Memorial for Bonnie Hough (Feb.24, 1949 - May 11, 2015) on park land next to Taft Middle School at 9191 Gramercy Drive 92123.

Issue: Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the naming of the native habitat garden next to Taft Middle School and the entrance to Ruffin Canyon "THE BONNIE HOUGH NATIVE HABITAT GARDEN" and placing a memorial boulder with a plaque designating the name of the garden.

Recommendations:

- On September 15, 2015, the Serra Mesa Park and Recreation Council voted unanimously to approve this community memorial for Bonnie Hough. John Cima, Chair. Consensus for this memorial was also given on July 21, 2015.
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BACKGROUND

There has been overwhelming support for naming the park land native plant garden at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon next to Taft Middle School "The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden" in her memory. Bonnie Hough served Serra Mesa well. Bonnie Hough will be remembered as a leader and crusader for Ruffin Canyon and all open space in Serra Mesa. The City purchased Ruffin Canyon in 1988 as designated open space for Serra Mesa. Bonnie was a charter member of Friends of Ruffin Canyon. This group worked with Councilmember Donna Frye to get this open space dedicated in 2003.

- Bonnie was the chair of Serra Mesa's Friends of Ruffin Canyon from 2002 to 2015. It was under her leadership that Ruffin Canyon was dedicated as open space in January of 2003. Monthly canyon cleanups and yearly community cleanups were sponsored by Friends of Ruffin Canyon. The Friends latest project is promoting for a safe trail through the canyon to Mission Valley with funds from the River Conservancy.
- Bonnie was an activist for our community environment. By starting the Taft Service Club in 2005 and becoming a Partners In Education with Taft, the Friends of Ruffin Canyon and the students planted and cared for a native plant garden on the east side of the school on park land. This former mustard and thistle patch is now the home of many native plants - buck wheat, tar weed, lemonade berry, toyan, broom baccharis, sage, etc. etc.
- Also during this time, Taft Middle school was the recipient of a grant from the American Society of Landscape Architect's Legacy Project that built a garden area at the school.

- Bonnie wrote articles for the "Serra Mesa Observer" regularly about the canyon. The articles informed the community of the hiking trails and native plants in our canyons and open space.
- Bonnie served on the Community Council Board and attended many Serra Mesa Park and Recreation and Planning Group meetings. She represented our community at Canyon Lands and River Conservancy meetings. She was an active community member.

For these reasons and many more, the community should recognize Bonnie Hough. The articles found in the "Serra Mesa Observer" about Bonnie will also be included in the formal application to the San Diego Park and Recreation Board. Jason Allen, Senior Park Ranger will be assisting us with this application and recommendations for naming this park land for Bonnie. .

# Serra Mesa Planning Group

A Recognized San Diego City Planning Group - Serving the Citizens of Serra Mesa

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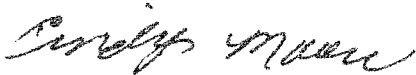
July 19, 2015

Serra Mesa Park and Recreation Council  
Serra Mesa Recreation Center  
9020 Village Glen Drive  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Park and Recreation Council Board,

On July 16, 2015, the Serra Mesa Planning Group voted unanimously in favor of sending this endorsement letter for naming the native habitat garden next to Taft Middle School and at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon on Gramercy Avenue "The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden" and placing a memorial boulder with a plaque in memory of Bonnie Hough at the entrance to the garden and Ruffin Canyon.

Respectfully,



Cindy Moore  
Chair, Serra Mesa Planning Mesa Planning Group

## SERRA MESA PLANNING GROUP NEWS

The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is officially recognized by the City and makes recommendations on land use issues to the City. SMPG meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm, at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9505 Aero Drive. The next meetings are September 17 and October 15. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

SMPG's revised bylaws which were recently approved by the City Attorney's office increase the number of Board members to 15. With one vacancy and the approved increase in membership **SMPG has four board openings**. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident of Serra Mesa, or a local Serra Mesa business person and who has attended two of the last six SMPG is eligible to be elected. Bylaws are available at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/bylaws.shtml>.


Welcome to Denise Davidson, elected to the SMPG board on July 16. Thanks to Matt Hendry for his years of service.

### Summary of July 16 Meeting

**Unfinished South Side of Broadstone** – Motion passed to send a letter to the Kearny Mesa Planning Group indicating that the exterior wall on the top floor looks unfinished to the Serra Mesa community directly south and southwest of it. The Kearny Mesa Planning Group followed up with the developer's representative. Their response was that the project was built according to the plans that were approved by the city and at this time they will not be making any modifications. The City has confirmed that this is correct.

**Cardinal Drive Storm Drain** – Supported the replacement and widening of the storm drain.

**Three Way Stop Sign at Hammond and Edihar or Other Traffic Calming Measures** – Discussion focused on the advantages of stop signs versus speed bumps. Since a speed bump study will be conducted after Wegeforth Elementary School is in session, it was decided to table the discussion until results of the study are available.

 **Recognition** – Supported writing an endorsement letter for naming the native habitat garden next to Taft Middle School and at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon on Gramercy Avenue "**The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden**" and placing a memorial boulder with a plaque in memory of Bonnie Hough at the entrance to the garden and Ruffin Canyon.

**Scope of Qualcomm Stadium Reconstruction Environmental Impact Report** – Passed motion to request that the Serra Mesa community (excluding the Birdland area) be included in the EIR.

### Summary of August 20 Meeting

**Mazzika Hookah Lounge On-Site Beer License** at 8690 Aero Drive – Passed motion to recommend approval.

**Top Neighborhood Issues** – SMPG was asked by a city council candidate to provide a list of three of Serra Mesa's top issues. In May SMPG prioritized items based on Serra Mesa's Facilities Financing Plan (FFP), which hasn't been updated since 2003. Since there are neighborhood issues which aren't on the FFP, SMPG reviewed a list of items. The Board selected the following four items (two items tied in number of votes):

- Ruffin Canyon Trail
- Improvements to Fire Station #28 located on Kearny Villa Road
- Birdland Traffic Issues
- Undeveloped Lots in Serra Mesa (all privately owned).

**Review of Draft EIR Stadium Reconstruction Project** – A SMPG Board member will write the Serra Mesa comments and present to the Board for approval at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Review of the Climate Action Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** - A SMPG Board member will write the Serra Mesa comments and present to the Board for approval at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Update

**Ruffin Road Improvement** – Sharrows have been installed on Ruffin Road.

**Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Franklin Ridge Road connection** between Phyllis Place and Mission Valley has been delayed again. **The draft EIR is scheduled to be released by the mid to end of September.** This

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## Mary Jean Johnson

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From: cdemas@san.rn.com  
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 1:13 PM  
To: BPearson@sandiego.gov  
Cc: Scott Sherman; Jon Cima  
Subject: Community Memorial for Bonnie Hough

July 18, 2015

To: San Diego City Park and Recreation Board (BPearson@sandiego.gov)  
From: Serra Mesa Community Council

The Serra Mesa Community Council has voted to recommend to the San Diego Park and Recreation Council the approval of a Community Memorial for Bonnie Hough (Feb. 24, 1949 - May 11, 2015).

1. NAMING THE NATIVE HABITAT GARDEN NEXT TO TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND AT THE ENTRANCE TO RUFFIN CANYON ON GRAMERCY AVE. "THE BONNIE HOUGH NATIVE HABITAT GARDEN."
2. PLACING A MEMORIAL BOULDER WITH A PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF BONNIE HOUGH AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GARDEN AND RUFFIN CANYON

Bonnie Hough served Serra Mesa well and should be remembered for making our community a better place to live.

1. She was the chair of Serra Mesa's Friends of Ruffin Canyon from 2002 to 2015. It was because of her leadership that Ruffin Canyon was dedicated as open space in January of 2003. Monthly canyon cleanups and yearly community cleanups were sponsored by Friends of Ruffin Canyon. She represented our community at Canyon Lands and River Conservancy meetings.

2. Bonnie was an activist for our community environment. By starting the Taft Service Club in 2005 and becoming a school partner, the Friends of Ruffin Canyon and the students planted and cared for a native plant garden on the west side of the school.

3. Bonnie wrote articles for the "Serra Mesa Observer" regularly about the canyon. The articles informed the community of the hiking trails and native plants in our canyon. The Friends latest project is promoting for a safe trail through the canyon to Friars Road with funds from the River Conservancy.

4. Bonnie served on the Community Council Board and attended many Serra Mesa Park and Recreation and Planning Group meetings. She was an active community member.

For these reasons and many more, the community should recognize Bonnie Hough. The articles found in the Observer will also be included in the formal application.

Carl Demas, President Serra Mesa Community Council

cc: Scott Sherman, District 7 Councilmember; Mary Johnson, Friends of Ruffin Canyon; John Cima, Chair of Serra Mesa Park & Recreation

**SERRA MESA PARK AND RECREATION COUNCIL, INC.**  
A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation


Serra Mesa Park and Recreation Center  
9020 Village Glen Drive, California, 92123

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

To Whom it May Concern

At the regularly scheduled general meeting of the Serra Mesa Recreation Council Inc. held on Tuesday, September 15, this body voted unanimously to support the naming of a tribute to Bonnie Hough. The Council believes this tribute should be in the form of an entrance marker near the Taft Middle School entrance to Ruffin Canyon accompanied by a named habitat garden at the same location. We are also open to other suitable memorial options that may be presented at a later time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon F. Cima', written in a cursive style.

Jon F. Cima

Chair, Serra Mesa Park and Recreation Council Inc.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**We miss you Bonnie!**



Our world is without one of our bright shining stars. Those of us who knew her immediately know the vacuum that exists without her. That is Bonnie Hough of course. Her presence was known immediately because of her influence in any discussion or conversation. Many do not know that she was a medical doctor with a doctorate in family medicine. I found Bonnie along with her crew working in our canyons cleaning out the invasive plants and replacing them with native specimens. She was active on our Serra Mesa Village Board making sure we had her input in assisting seniors staying in their homes.

She came upon her knowledge honestly as her dad

was a well-known horticulturist and took his family along as he traveled to Africa, Romania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Bonnie attended college in Puerto Rico and the United States, earning a doctorate in Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 1979 Bonnie was involved in a light plane crash which left her a paraplegic. After visiting San Diego for a medical conference, she made a permanent move to the area. After being introduced to a power-chair many of her barriers were removed.

Bonnie became a community activist for many social issues. One of her most active areas was in the environment. She introduced an appreciation of nature and native plants at Taft Middle School. She also found Friends of Ruffin Canyon which is active and growing today. Her Serra Mesa Home is on the canyon and filled with a variety of plants and animals. Her motto was if it did not smell good or could not be eaten than it could not stay there.

Good Bye Bonnie, we miss you. She is survived by her longtime partner Steven Byrd and her children Vryce (nee Emily) and Martha.

Carl Demas, President SMCC



In the previous Observer, a Kudo was provided to Bonnie Hough, marking her many contributions to our Serra Mesa community. Unfortunately shortly after the Observer article came out, Bonnie Hough passed away, on May 11, 2015. She is survived by her longtime partner Steven Byrd and her children Vryce and Martha.

Tom Leech

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## KUDOS – Here’s to a real Ruffin Canyon Friend

In this Observer feature, we call attention to fellow Serra Mesans who are deserving of a strong “attagirl” or “attaboy.” This time our attagirl goes to Bonnie Hough, longtime leader of the Friends of Ruffin Canyon.

Maybe you don’t know about Ruffin Canyon. From Mary Johnson: “Back in 1988 many of us Mission Villagers and Serra Mesans worked hard to get the support and funds needed to buy Ruffin Canyon and the hillsides on Mission Village Drive above the stadium. At that time those lands were privately owned, and with lots of hustle we were able to get that bought by the city and set aside as open space.”

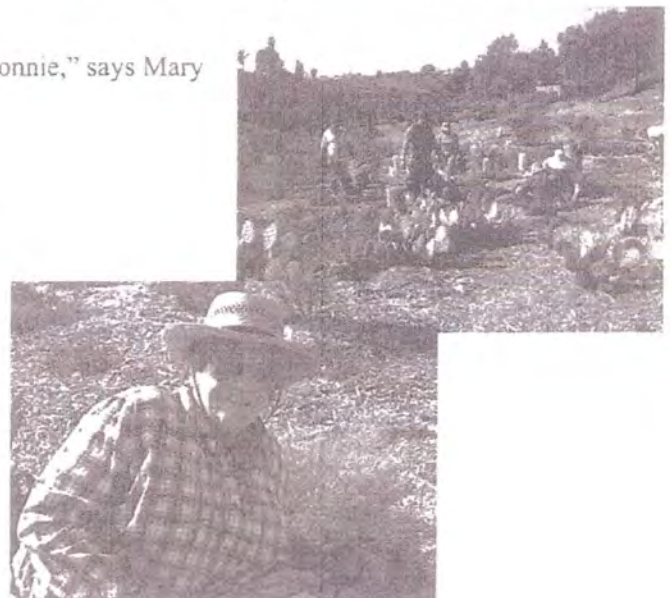
Per Mary they thought the job was done. But they soon realized that more attention was needed, so in 2002 the Friends of Ruffin Canyon was formed. With strong support from the Sierra Club and Council member Donna Frye, in January 2003 the City Council voted to set aside this area as dedicated open space. The Ruffin Friends assumed the role of looking after the several connected canyons comprising 84 acres.

Mary Johnson: “Bonnie Hough has been the reason we have had the Friends of Ruffin Canyon. It has been her superior leadership and her dedication and passion for the environment that has kept the Friends an active successful community organization. Under her guidance, the Friends partnered with Taft Middle School, wrote grants, and in 2005 formed the Taft Service Club that created the adjacent Natural Habitat Garden.” The Garden has many native plants, foot trails and a wooden footbridge to aid the care-taking process. The Friends work with many volunteers on monthly clean-ups, nature rejuvenations, and trail improvements at Ruffin Rd. and Shawn Ave. open spaces, plus the trail to the library from the SM Rec Center.

Bonnie Hough is a long-time Serra Mesan, activist for various causes and a retired physician. Ruffin Friends member Monica Fuentes: “I first met Bonnie way back when she came to my door campaigning for a local candidate. She has literally changed our local landscape with her leadership and native plant promotions. It was her idea to develop the native Butterfly Garden at Taft.”

From Jason Allen, Sr. Park Ranger, City of San Diego: “Bonnie has been a great help at Ruffin Canyon. She loves the canyon and is very knowledgeable about the flora and fauna. She taught me a lot when I first started 10 years ago and has been a valuable resource. She has done great things with the after-school kids groups and has created or enhanced a passion for nature in many of the kids.”

So how about an “attagirl” drum roll and cheer. “Thank you Bonnie,” says Mary Johnson, “for making Serra Mesa a better place to live.”



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**Hough,  
Bonnie A.**

1949 ~ 2015



**SAN DIEGO —**

Doctor Bonnie Arline Hough passed away May 11, 2015. She was born February 24, 1949 in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

At the age of three, Bonnie's father, Doctor Fredrick Hough, was sent by the U.S. government to Liberia, Africa for his work. His wife Mary, Bonnie, and her three siblings Alan, Elizabeth, and Charles (ages 6, 9, and 11), went with him. Because of Fredrick's in-demand job as a fruit breeder, the family traveled through Africa and later journeyed to Romania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

After graduating from high school, Bonnie attended college in Puerto Rico and the United States, eventually earning a doctorate in Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 1979 during her residency in Wisconsin, she was involved in a light plane crash which left her paraplegic. After visiting San Diego for a medical conference she made a permanent move to the area and bought a home in Serra Mesa.

Bonnie soon became a community activist for many social issues. She loved the environment, and from that started the Friends of Ruffin Canyon to help beautify her local community. It was Ruffin Canyon where she taught Taft middle school children to love nature and grow native plants. Bonnie also enjoyed her garden and pets and educated herself in the fields of anthropology, paleontology, gemology and archaeology.

She is survived by her longtime partner Steven Byrd and her children Vryce (nee Emily) and Martha.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bonnie at 1 p.m. on May 30, 2015, held at the First

Unitarian Universalist Church in Hillcrest, located at 4190 Front Street, S.D. 92103. Reception to follow at 2:45 p.m., at Bonnie's home in Serra Mesa, 3132 Pasternack Place, S.D. 92123.

Please sign the Guest Book online  
[obituaries.utsandiego.com](http://obituaries.utsandiego.com)

## **The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden**

**This garden is dedicated in memory of Bonnie Hough.**

**(Feb. 24, 1949 -- May 22, 2015)**

**Her vision for the restoration and future of the canyon  
and her concern for the environment**

**will always be remembered as her legacy.**

**A founder and chairperson of the Friends of Ruffin Canyon from 2003 to 2015.**

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