

**MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Dorothy Leonard, Chair, Member at Large
Dick Murphy, Vice Chair, Special Member
David Lipson, San Diego State University
David Boyer, USMC Miramar
Rob Hutsel, Co of SD Parks and Recreation Committee
Kevin Loomis, MTRP user group
Lane MacKenzie, MTRP Foundation
Richard Thesing, Tierrasanta Community Council (alternate)
Marilyn Reed, Navajo Community Planners
Gary Strawn, City of Santee
Betty Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council
Ryan Hartegan, MTRP User Group (alternate)
Glenn Farber, San Carlos Area Council (alternate)
Kin Searcy, Scripps Ranch Civic Association

Members absent/Excused

Michele Greenberg-McClung, City of La Mesa
Rick Gulley, City of San Diego P&R Board
Mickey Zeichick, San Carlos Area Council
Nancy Acevedo, Member at Large
Mike Pent, Special Member

City of San Diego

Ed Christensen, Open Space Division District Manager, Parks and Recreation Department
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by CAC Chair Dorothy Leonard.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (MacKenzie/Hutsel) to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2022. The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- The Task Force canceled the September meeting so there are no updates to report from that meeting. They are also moving the November meeting and it will be held virtually. There has been some discussion about making the Task Force meetings hybrid meetings to accommodate members that can't make it to an in-person meeting. I would like to see that option explored for the CAC meetings also.

STAFF/RANGER'S REPORT – Ryan Robertson

- There are 3 projects currently impacting the park. There is a sewer project down Father Serra, an SDG&E wood to steel power pole project, and the water authority project is still underway.
- We will have a new Ranger starting November 26th to fill the existing vacancy. Several of the existing staff has interviewed for promotions, so it is possible that we will be losing one or more Rangers soon.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Lane MacKenzie

- The Foundation is waiting on City Attorney sign off on the document to allow them to acquire East Elliott properties and then turn them over to the City. Once this agreement is in place, the Foundation will be going after more money to acquire more parcels.
- The Foundation retained a group to do a Visitor Center assessment and should be getting a presentation from the group in December.
- More than 40 student field trips have already been conducted
- The Holiday Marketplace at the Visitor Center is coming up.

COMMUNICATIONS – Craig Balben with the San Diego County Water Authority: the FRS II project is not completely done yet. Final grading and hauling of material are still underway so the trails remain closed. Revegetation will be the last remaining effort and will hopefully be completed prior to January. Temporary irrigation will be installed as a part of the revegetation effort and there will be a 5-year monitoring period.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Adoption of MTRP CAC meeting schedule for 2023

MOTION: Approve the meeting schedule as presented. The motion was moved/seconded (MURPHY/LOOMIS). The motion passed unanimously with Boyer abstaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS- None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Evan Lakin, KPFF.*

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- Geotechnical testing is complete. We expect to have the biological report completed by next month. The plan is to have the initial design and borings done next.

302. 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 additional responses have been received for prospective bidders.

303. West Sycamore Staging Area Improvement Project (B-17180) – *Ryan Robertson*

- The 60% design plans have been reviewed by Open Space and Park Planning staff. Some questions and concerns were raised, and the plans are back at EC&P to provide answers and make plan revisions. The plans will be presented to this group at a future meeting.

304. Stowe Trail status report – *Ryan Robertson*

- No new updates

305. 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*

- Progress is being made between the County and the Federal Government per the Marines. If the needed easement is not gotten by the City to complete the trail section south of the Federal Property, then the military will shut down the southern connection.
- Dick Murphy asked that Kevin provide a map so that the group can see a visual of the area and then potentially identify alternate routes.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM

Next meeting, Tuesday January 3, 2023, 6:30 PM