

**Minutes of the Meeting of the January 16, 2020
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Kristine Alessio, City of La Mesa
Councilmember Scott Sherman, City of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Stephen Houlahan, City of Santee

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego
Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, City of San Diego
Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, County of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Andy Field, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Paul Kilburg, Deputy Director (OCA), Open Space Division
Steve Haupt, District Manager, Open Space Division
Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Liz Saidkhanian, Office of Councilmember Sherman
Jennifer Canales, Center Director, Mission Trails Regional Park

Guests

Bill Maertz, City of Santee
Brent Fountain, SDCWA
Rachel Kulis, SDCWA
Aaron Trimm, SDCWA
Colin Kemper, SDCWA
Matt Sanford, County of San Diego
Jason Hemmens, Director, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Sherman at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/ALESSIO) to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Sherman*

- Stowe Trail planning is moving forward. \$10,000.00 from my office has been donated to the project for the cultural resources report. Hopefully in the next 6-8 months we can get things done.

MTRP CAC Report

- At the January meeting, the CAC has approved expanded criteria for use of Cowles Mountain Antenna Funds, agenda item 101.
- CAC also revisited a proposal from former Deputy Director Chris Zirkle to allocate 10% of Cowles antenna lease income for road maintenance, with 90% going into the MTRP Antenna Fund. After discussion, and on recommendation of City Park and Recreation Department Director, the CAC voted to NOT support the proposal.
- CAC ad hoc subcommittee for MTRP MPU implementation priorities will be meeting later this month and CAC members will be scheduling a field trip to the West Sycamore area of the park in February or March of this year.

MTRP Foundation Report

- 2019 was a successful fund-raising year for the Foundation, enabling the completion, and near completion of two major exhibits and a geology video presentation. Thank you to the City and County elected representatives for your support by providing funding for the projects, along private donations. The number of individual and family donors is growing, as are the number of visitors to the park.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – Bill Maertz

- Mast park and a portion of the San Diego River trail are on track to be opened on February 1st.

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-Ryan Robertson

- Ranger Mel Naidas has now officially retired. The annual Volunteer appreciation event is scheduled for February 1st. The annual trail guide training program is now underway with the largest class ever.

Open Space Division Staff Report- Andy Field

- Introduction of Paul Kilburg as the interim Deputy Director of the Open Space Division. Paul began his career with the City at Mission Trails as a Park Ranger.

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

- None

ACTION ITEMS

101. MTRP CAC recommendation regarding expanding use of Cowles Mountain Antenna Funds – Dorothy Leonard

All lease revenues obtained from the Cowles Mountain Property shall be placed and retained in the Mission Trails Regional Park Fund solely and exclusively to acquire additional property and to pay for capital and maintenance projects focusing on those identified in the 2019 Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan Update.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/ALESSIO) to approve the CAC's recommendations as written. The motion passed unanimously.

102. Appointment of MTRP User Group Alternate – *Councilmember Sherman*

- Approve appointment of Kevin Loomis as User Group alternate

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (HOULAHAN/ALESSIO) to approve the appointment as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II – *Colin Kemper, San Diego County Water Authority*

- Introduction of Aaron Trimm who will be the Project Manager.
- Currently the project be completed by the end of Winter 2022

302. City/County MTRP Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA)- *Jason Hemmens, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Acting Deputy Director and Andy Field, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department Director*

- The City and County continue to move forward and are looking to combine the three current agreements into one master agreement that focus solely on Mission Trails Regional Park. The TJRV agreement will become a separate and standalone agreement.

303. Old Mission Dam dredging project - *Open Space Division District Manager Steve Haupt*

- The project was routed through the Purchasing and Contracting Department and then routed to the City Attorney's office for review. The City Attorney's office has now moved the project to be under the purview of the Public Works Department. As such, the Public Works Department will now be taking the lead on the project.

304. Mission Trails Field Station project update – *Senior Park Ranger Ryan Robertson*

- The ribbon cutting is scheduled for February 5th. Final inspections are currently being scheduled.

305. West Sycamore Staging Area CIP update – *Senior Park Ranger Ryan Robertson*

- A new CIP intake form was requested, and it has been submitted. We are now waiting on Public Works to set up a kickoff meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 10:00 AM