

**Minutes of the Meeting of the November 18, 2021
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Raul Campillo, City of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Joe LaCava, City of San Diego
Councilmember Dustin Trotter, City of Santee

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Councilmember Colin Parent, City of La Mesa

City of San Diego Staff

Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Jennifer Canalas, Center Director, Open Space Division
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Open Space Division

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Task Force Chair Raul Campillo at 10:07 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LACAVA/TROTTER) to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- Since there was no meeting in September, I decided to do the 5-peak challenge. It turned out to be a pretty hot day. I would encourage people to pick a cooler day. I was able to attend the book signing and reading of a new children's book based in Mission Trails at the Visitor Center. Close to 100 youngsters attended the great event. I also wanted to thank California State Representative Brian Maienschein for his generous \$100,000.00 donation to the park for trail improvements.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT- *Dorothy Leonard, Chair MTRP CAC*

- Regarding the proposed bridge project, the Foundation will be the fiscal agent only. The CAC will be the public body overseeing the project.

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- The West Sycamore project was originally to be funded solely via the antenna fund, but the project is very expensive. I attended a meeting with staff from the Engineering and Capital Projects Department to discuss the cost. Their staff will be at the January meeting with an update.
- At the CAC meeting, City staff presented 3 options of where to utilize the \$100,000.00 from Maienschein's office. They are the South Fortuna trail, the Visitor Center loop trail, and the Oak Grove trail.

MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – *Jennifer Morrissey, Executive Director, MTRPF*

- The Foundation is pleased to hear that some MPU priorities have been set. We now have our marching orders.
- The online lecture series with Pat Abbott was attended by 900 people and another 500 people are registered for tonight's lecture.
- Dasha on the trail book launch was great.
- Arbor Day will be held on December 5th, and 5 trees will be planted.
- Thank you to Councilmembers Campillo and LaCava for funding new wildlife cameras.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – None

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-*Ryan Robertson*

- The campground is full or almost full every weekend.
- Staff is on track to hold Ranger interviews prior to the end of the year. We are looking forward to seeing the results and hiring a Ranger to fill the existing vacancy at Mission Trails.

Open Space Division Staff Report- None

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

- Ben Lenail submitted written comments as follows regarding the proposed bridge project: The Family (and Foundation) received compelling proposals from design and engineering firms. The family has called on outside experts to evaluate them. We are scheduling Zoom presentations next week and the week after to give the vendors a chance to introduce their teams & explain their plans, and answer questions. The family will host a meal for invited guests at the Visitor Center at 1:30 PM on January 29 to mark the one-year anniversary of Max's death. There will be a moment of silence and prayer at the River Crossing immediately preceding the lunch.

ACTION ITEMS

101. MTRP MPU Implementation Priorities recommendations – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair MTRP CAC*

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- The CAC ad hoc subcommittee has developed a list of 12 priorities from the master plan. They are in no order and implementation will depend on interest, available funding, permitting process dependence, and staffing availability. Also included is a list of ongoing projects.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (TROTTER/LACAVA) to approve the MTRP MPU Implementation Priorities as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

102. MTRP Tree Planting Guidelines recommendations – *Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP CAC*

- We are running out of places to put trees, so we updated the guidelines and added the ability to plant trees where there currently is no irrigation. The stipulation is that they be planted where they will not need supplemental irrigation after an establishment period.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (CAMPILLO/LACAVA) to approve the updated tree planting guidelines as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

103. MTRP Task Force 2022 meeting schedule – *Councilmember Raul Campillo, Chair MTRP TF*

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Leonard/Campillo) to approve the 2022 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. SDG&E Fire Hardening Project – *Juan Ayala, Eden Nguyen, Sean Myott, Bernadette Butkiewicz*

- A presentation was provided to the Task Force about the project. SDG&E will be replacing the remaining wood poles in the park with metal ones. The project is expected to take 6-8 months, and they will be notifying the public about any temporary access restrictions.

302. East County Advanced Water Purification Project Update – *Rebecca Abbott, East County AWP, Padre Dam Municipal Water District*

- The project will be slip lining two pipes inside the one large existing sewer main that runs along Father Serra. Since slip lining will be the method of construction, impacts will be localized to access pits rather than the entire road. They will work toward keeping at least the pedestrian access open as much as possible.

303. Stowe Trail Update – *Ryan Robertson*

- The City is currently working with Urban Corps on pursuing grant funds to construct the trail. The trail will utilize some of the existing trail but reroutes will need to be built to avoid identified sensitive habitat and archaeological sites. Mitigation will also be required for the new trail segments that will be constructed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 20, 2022, 10:00 AM