

**Minutes of the Meeting of the January 20, 2022
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Raul Campillo, City of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee
Councilmember Dustin Trotter, City of Santee
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Councilmember Colin Parent, City of La Mesa

Members Absent

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, County of San Diego
Councilmember Joe LaCava, City of San Diego

City of San Diego Staff

Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Michael Simonsen, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Richard Flahive, 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 10:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (ANDERSON/LEONARD) to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- I will be at the native plant sale at the visitor center and would like to extend an invitation to all. Please remember that there is a free shuttle from Patrick Henry High School as parking at the park will be very congested.

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

- Ben Lenail informed the Task Force that they are off to a good start on the River Crossing Bridge project. He has hired KPFF to be the project engineer, preliminary surveys are being done, and they are almost ready to submit their initial information to the Development Services Department. This year will be a year of surveys and permits. Next year the work will start. There will be an Anniversary visit to the park on January 29th that

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will consist of a small group visiting the site and having a catered lunch at the Visitor Center.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II Construction Update – *San Diego County Water Authority Staff Aaron Trimm, Summer Adleberg, Rachel Kulis*

- Aaron Trimm: The Water Authority is installing a 4.88-million-gallon water storage tank in the park. It is basically a big shock absorber for the system to regulate flow to the member agencies. The contractor is currently behind schedule due to Covid and labor force issues. To get back on schedule, they will be beginning Saturday work rather than just Monday-Friday work. There will however not be any extended trail closures outside of the previously agreed upon Monday-Friday closures.
- Summer Adleberg: Work in the conduit areas has been completed so the revegetation process has begun utilizing seed that was previously collected from the park. 2,300 plants have gone in and hydroseeding will start soon. There is a 120-day plant establishment period followed by a 5-year monitoring period.
- Rachel Kulis: The community outreach and signage efforts continue to be on-going.

302. MTRP Antenna Fund Balance – *Steve Haupt, Open Space Division District Manager*

- Erika Ferreira informed the Task Force that Steve Haupt has retired after 43 years of service to the City of San Diego
- The current fund balance is \$423,619.00

ACTION ITEMS

101. Approve allocation of \$195,333.00 from Fund 200403 Mission Trails (aka MTRP Antenna Fund) for West Sycamore Staging Area Project – *Dorothy Leonard, Citizens Advisory Committee Chair*

- This allocation was previously discussed and agreed upon. Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic and changeover of Task Force members, the allocation was never voted on by the Task Force. This action item is to officially allocate the funds.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (LEONARD/PARENT) to approve the allocation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

102. Appointment/Reappointment of MTRP CAC Representatives – *Councilmember Campillo, MTRP Task Force Chair*

- Dorothy Leonard, Member-at-large
- Lane MacKenzie representing MTRP Foundation
- Rick Gulley representing City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Board

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (CAMPILLO/TROTTER) to approve the Appointment/Reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

103. Reappointment of MTRP CAC Chair and Vice-Chair for terms expiring January 2024 – *Councilmember Campillo, MTRP Task Force Chair*

- Dorothy Leonard – Chair
- Dick Murphy – Vice-Chair

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (CAMPILLO/ANDERSON) to approve the Reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- We had an update on the West Sycamore project. We are currently about 1 million dollars short on funding so we will be looking to identify additional funding going forward.
- The river crossing bridge project will be on all our agendas going forward since the CAC will be providing oversight for the project.
- The CAC is currently in discussions with City staff about how to utilize the \$100,000 received in State grant funds for priority projects within the park.

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

- We are hosting a native plant sale at the Visitor Center this weekend and will be offering a free shuttle service from Patrick Henry High School. This is a collaboration between the California Native Plant Society and the Foundation.
- We are excited to announce that we met our goal of the recent \$30,000.00 matching funds fundraising campaign.
- We are currently in the process of applying for a second grant through SANDAG to further the Thornmint restoration work in the park.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Anne Morrison*

- Bill Mertz has retired. Until a replacement is found, Ms. Morrison will be providing the reports to the Task Force.
- This Saturday is discover Santee day. We are encouraging people to visit various parks and participate in the special programming that we will have going on.

MTRP Senior Ranger Report-*Ryan Robertson*

- In person classroom visits are still suspended and staff will continue to pursue on-line options
- We have lots of trail work projects going on. Staff is taking advantage of the loosened-up soil from recent rains.
- We are working on giving a conditional offer of employment to fill the vacant Ranger position within the next week.
- The park has been extremely busy especially on the weekends. This is normal for this time of year with new years fitness resolutions but also due to the on going pandemic with so many people still working from home.

Open Space Division Staff Report- None

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00 AM