

**Minutes of the Meeting of the July 20, 2023
Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Supervisor Vacant Seat, County of San Diego
Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego
Councilmember Kent Lee, City of San Diego

Staff

Ryan Robertson, Senior Park Ranger, Mission Trails Regional Park
Vicram Vettiyil, Office of Councilmember Campillo
Erika Ferreira, Deputy Director, Open Space Division
Nick Chavez, Community Services Director, City of Santee

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 (PARENT/TROTTER) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- *Councilmember Campillo*

- Looking forward to this robust agenda and exciting meeting. Thanks to the CAC for their work getting items ready for the Task Force.

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

- None

ACTION ITEMS

101. Appointment/Reappointment of MTRP CAC Representatives for terms expiring in January 2025. – *Councilmember Campillo, MTRP Task Force Chair*

- Jessi Brown, City of La Mesa and Parker Ross, City of La Mesa Alternate

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MOTION: It was moved/seconded (PARENT/CAMPILLO) to approve the appointments/reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

102. West Sycamore Staging Area design review (B-20054) – *Mark Calleran E&CP*

- Power Point on design presented. Currently at 100% design, total project cost estimated at 3.4 million dollars.

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

103. Amendments to the CAC Operating Rules – *Councilmember Campillo, MTRP Task Force Chair*

- Power Point on new operating rules and proposed changes presented.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (CAMPILLO/PARENT) to approve the new CAC Operating Rules as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Ben Lenail, project applicant/Evan Lakin with KPFF*

- Ben Lenail announced that it was nice to visit the park since he has not been here for several months.
- Evan- KPFF is working on getting the biological review completed. Access for tracked vehicles to the North side of the river has been reviewed. Access to the North side has been determined to be not advisable due to the secondary river channel so all access will take place from the South side. Boring work is scheduled for the end of September or Early October pending the approval of permits.

302. San Diego River Crossing Bridge Project – PRJ – 1050170 – *Elizabeth Shearer-Nguyen, Program Manager, City of San Diego Development Services Department*

- A presentation was given to the group outlining the site development permitting process that the project will have to complete prior to the start of construction. The process is administered by the Development Services Department (DSD). DSD estimates that the entire process should take approximately 2 years to complete. Once the process is complete and approved, then construction can begin.

303. Oak Grove trail improvements status report – *Erika Ferreira*

- Nothing new to report currently.

304. Stowe Trail status report – *Erika Ferreira*

- The Department of Real Estate and Airport Management sent an offer letter to the owners of the private property. The owners are speaking internally.

305. Old Mission Dam Dredging project status report – *Erika Ferreira*

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- The Engineering and Capital Improvements Department is currently working toward getting a consultant on board. After that process is complete, the permit application can move forward.

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

- None

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

- The grant money awarded for the bridge project cannot be received by the Foundation until the project is started.
- The land acquisition process grant process is still moving forward.
- The Foundation is working on a grant proposal through the San Diego River Conservancy for non-native plant removal projects.

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department's Lake Murray Report – None

City of Santee Community Services Department – *Nick Chavez*

- The City of Santee is completing a street improvement project in the area of Big Rock Park. 18 additional parking spots are included in that project. Santee is also discussing a proposed enhanced trail head project in the area with the County of San Diego. Santee has received positive feedback from the County about the proposed project.

Open Space Staff Report-*Erika Ferreira*

- City Council has approved 43 acres of Tri-point homes owned property being transferred over to the City of San Diego in an area east of the Sycamore Landfill.
- The Mission Trails Golf Course lease with the city is set to expire. The Department of Real Estate and Airport Management is working on the process to renew/update/begin a new request for proposal process.
- The electrical line running up Cowles Mountain was de-energized back in April by SDG&E due to a broken insulator. The poles and line have been deemed to be owned by the city. The city is currently working to get the broken insulator repaired so that the line can be re-energized. The communications facility will be powered by emergency generators in the meantime. The city has been advised that the existing poles also need to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00 AM