

## University Community Plan Update Subcommittee Meeting Chat Report Out – July 21, 2020



- 00:22:56 Diane Ahern: Thanks Andy. This is my public comment:
- 00:23:25 Diane Ahern: From Diane Ahern, University City resident  
Public Comment for CPUS July 21, 2020  
At the June CPUS meeting, there was strong support for establishing overlook parks at either end of Regents Road at Rose Canyon. I urge the City Parks and Recreation Planners and this Community Plan Update Group to do much more. I urge you to ensure that Rose Canyon is at least as accessible to the public as are its Tri-Canyon sisters Tecolote and San Clemente. Rather than strive to keep people out of Rose Canyon, I urge this CPUS group to plan to let people in. Make it easy for those with disabilities, limited mobility, parents with strollers, and people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the nature, wildlife and recreational beauty that exists in Rose Canyon. An effort to keep people out of Rose Canyon is out of step with the City's goals to increase recreation opportunities for all San Diego residents and visitors. I fear that if the CPUS group takes a hard line and works to limit access to Rose Canyon, it will find that C
- 00:24:19 katie dunahoo: This is my first meeting so please count me as a "non-agenda public comment" I want to support keeping the canyon accessible and open and as unspoiled as possible. I agree with the statement read from Diane Ahern. Katie Dunahoo
- 00:25:03 Laurie Phillips: I just figured out how to find the "raise my hand" function on a Mac. It is under Participants in the lower right hand corner
- 00:27:36 Diane Ahern: Hi all, my comment was too long for the chat; here's the last section:
- 00:27:54 Diane Ahern: I fear that if the CPUS group takes a hard line and works to limit access to Rose Canyon, it will find that City Parks and Recreation will force access through the Parks Master Plan. Or worse, that the CPUS could face legal action to open up its open space.  
  
In addition to the overlook parks, I'd like to see a locally developed plan for access at both ends of Regents Road at Rose Canyon so that all University City residents can enjoy this community treasure.
- 00:29:22 katie dunahoo: I can't get in to speak. Pleasae read y comment
- 00:29:32 katie dunahoo: I canpt get in to talk
- 00:29:41 katie dunahoo: Please read my statement

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- 00:32:07 Diane Ahern: About potential of new dog park in south University City (there are already two in University City - one at Nobel and one at Doyle).
- 00:33:49 Diane Ahern: In the area south of Rose Canyon, it's Standley Park Staff who support south UC parks. The Standley Park Community Recreation Group (SPCRG) will host a public meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 7 PM, using Zoom Meeting technology. The Standley Park area parks include University Village (on Florey and Cather), University Gardens (on Governor and Gullstrand), and Marcy Park (on Stresemann) as well as Standley Park (on Governor Drive). All user groups and residents are welcome to attend. The agenda includes time for non-agenda, public comment and communications items. Those wishing to make a public comment are encouraged to contact Center Director Roger Hughes at Rhughes@sandiego.gov.  
Topic: Standley Park Community Recreation Group (CRG)  
  
Time: Thursday, July 23, 2020 07:00 PM; waiting room opens at 6:55 PM  
  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581662305?pwd=elhqUUc2RjVVaUZVYVIRUUhVdmhzQT09>
- 00:41:50 Vince Scheidt: This needs to happen. Very sensitive species in that area, including vernal pools with high-priority sensitive species.
- 00:46:46 Bob Byrnes: I agree with Vince Scheidt.
- 00:48:25 Dinesh Martien: FYI, I think Keith may show up as me since I sent him my meeting link. Hope that isn't too confusing!
- 00:49:52 Isabelle Kay: Is there a setting that prevents attendees from copying the information in the chat? I usually can...wanted to copy Zoom meeting info above
- 00:52:43 Vince Scheidt: The site that George is referring to is absolutely undevelopable for many, many reasons. It cannot happen.
- 00:52:51 John Riedel: Protection of wildlife corridors is of vital importance and needs to be addressed in a regional approach. They protect wildlife gene diversity and climate change adaptation. They connect habitat cores that support federal and state protected species. We need to support the permanent protection of city-owned wildlife parcels.
- 00:53:47 Bob Byrnes: I volunteer do what I can on an informal basis to remove invasive plants in these areas, particularly on east Nobel Drive. We should support such action by the city.
- 00:54:33 Vince Scheidt: That is great, Bob. There are things that can be done on that parcel, certainly!

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00:55:42 Vince Scheidt: Katie makes an excellent piont. It is the mechanism that needs to be decided upon right now

00:57:10 Vince Scheidt: I recommend that the committee triage the various mechanisms and come forward by the September meeting on a priority list.

00:57:43 Dinesh Martien: MHPA = Multiple Habitat Protection Area. As far as I understand it is federal thing (EPA) and so supersedes anything we are talking about here in any case.

00:58:05 Dinesh Martien: Petr is probably right about Planning vs Protection...

00:58:20 Vince Scheidt: MHPA is a city thing, not federal. It is an overlay.

00:59:44 Dinesh Martien: Ah, thanks Vince.

01:03:47 Isabelle Kay: Sorry about that...my point was that connectivity to the preserved lands near the coast is afforded by these canyon parcels

01:06:09 Andrew Wiese: Thank you, Isabelle

01:07:11 Andrew Wiese: Thank you, Karin.

01:11:29 Isabelle Kay: It would be helpful to see the natural resources outside our UC boundaries

01:11:45 Andrew Wiese: Hi Isabelle, good point. We aren't an island

01:11:48 Andrew Wiese: Thanks, Dan!

01:14:39 Dinesh Martien: Some of those pools already have fences around them. Some also have rocks in them to discourage trails from going through.

01:14:48 Laurie Phillips: Could you more precisely identify the location of the VP near the glider port?

01:15:44 Isabelle Kay: The city is supposed to report each year the progress they are making towards preserving lands to secure the future of "listed species".

01:17:19 Isabelle Kay: I think there is a timer that cuts the attendees off after a set time...

01:18:02 Isabelle Kay: What % of the MHPA has been developed to date?

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- 01:20:14 John Riedel: Isabelle makes a great point as assessing wildlife corridors and habitat when you can see beyond the UC boundaries. Linkages are more successful when viewed regionally.
- 01:24:27 Diane Ahern: The Rose Canyon trails are awesome!! The challenge is reaching them. Very difficult for those with limited mobility and other challenges such as age and abilities. It's the \*access\* that's the challenge. If SD beaches are required to have access to all residents, why aren't our local canyons?
- 01:28:13 Vince Scheidt: Are there specific reasons why each of these segments are proposed to be closed? I understand that some may be for environmental but certainly not all.
- 01:31:23 Andrew Wiese: That all of these purple 'trails' on this particular map - Sorrento Valley-Roselle Canyon area, are SDGE access roads... they will remain on the landscape - graded once a year - regardless of what the city proposes to do here... I don't follow the logic of 'closing' these trails which will be open for the foreseeable future.
- 01:32:20 Isabelle Kay: OK!
- 01:32:24 Vince Scheidt: Andrew makes an excellent point
- 01:32:58 Andrew Wiese: I think you are right, Dan.
- 01:33:06 Vince Scheidt: The northern trail segment goes through the edge of a large vernal pool and needs to be removed
- 01:33:09 Laurie Phillips: i put my hand down andy
- 01:33:40 Andrew Wiese: Thanks, Laurie. Do you want to add a comment here in chat?
- 01:34:49 Charley Herzfeld: Proposed Trail 3-A would suffer from extreme erosion if existing vegetation were cleared to create it.
- 01:35:40 Vince Scheidt: The removal of trails in this area needs revisited.
- 01:35:59 Diane Ahern: I support access at University Village Park to Rose Canyon. Please make it accessible to all.
- 01:36:09 Vince Scheidt: Some of these segments probably should remain, unless there are safety or environmental problems
- 01:36:29 Andrew Wiese: Thanks Keith
- 01:36:31 Vince Scheidt: That ridgeline trail needs to be retained

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01:41:23 Andrew Wiese: Thanks Leslie.

01:42:49 Isabelle Kay: We need to ask for many of the large parking lots in our area to be turned into green spaces for public use since the city has abdicated its responsibility to provide adequate parks for the increased population in our community.

01:43:04 Isabelle Kay: Lighted trails a bad idea

01:45:58 Bob Byrnes: Andrew is entirely correct about trail difficulty on the east end near UCHS.

01:46:27 Diane Ahern: thank you all!!!!