

Minutes of the Meeting of the September 21, 2017 Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitor and Interpretive Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Councilmember Scott Sherman, City of San Diego
Councilmember Stephen Houlahan, City of Santee
Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, County of San Diego
Dorothy Leonard, Chair, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Committee

Members Absent

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego
Councilmember Kristine Alessio, City of La Mesa

City of San Diego Staff

Casey Smith, Deputy Director, 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

City of Santee Staff

Bill Maertz, Director, Community Services Department

Guests

Richard Thesing, CAC Alternate Member, Tierrasanta Community Council
Kevin Loomis, San Diego Mountain Biking Association
Kristin Sweeney, MTRP Foundation, Executive Assistant
Leslie Perkins, MTRP Foundation, Executive Director
Betty Ogilvie, MTRP Foundation Board Member
Mike Ogilvie, Tierrasanta Community Council

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Scott Sherman at 10:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: The minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were approved by unanimous consent

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES - None

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councilmember Sherman thanked all involved in the I Love A Clean San Diego volunteer cleanup event that took place around the lake. Approximately 40-50 volunteers attended the event and removed invasive/non-native plants from the area.

Per City Council Proclamation, Jay Wilson Day and Richard Thesing day were both established to recognize all of their work over the years.

MTRP CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT/MTRP FOUNDATION REPORT – Dorothy Leonard

- With regard to Action Item 101, the MTRP CAC has recommended approval of allocating \$100,000 from the antenna fund to the MTRP Land Acquisition/Trail CIP Fund
- Dorothy Leonard introduced Leslie Perkins, the new MTRP Foundation Executive Director and Kristin Sweeney, the new MTRP Foundation Administrative Assistant.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Water Department's Lake Murray Report – No Report
- B. City of Santee Community Services Department – No Report
- C. MTRP Senior Ranger Report – Ryan Robertson
 - During the 2016-2017 school year, Mission Trails Ranger staff and MTRP Foundation staff hosted close to 13,000 students as a part of the educational outreach program
- D. Open Space Division Staff Report – Casey Smith
 - The City is currently reviewing the documentation to acquire 2 parcels in East Elliott. The 2 parcels are 2 of the 3 needed to complete the Stowe Trail. The owner of the 3rd parcel is not currently willing to sell but may be open to selling during the next fiscal year.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

301. City/County JPA agreement update – Casey Smith

- The City of San Diego and County of San Diego currently have three separate JPA agreements for three separate areas. There is currently an effort by both parties to consolidate the three agreements into one document. After the agreement is completed, it will be routed for all the necessary approvals. At this time, it is not anticipated that there will be any changes to the current agreements. The goal is simply consolidation.

302. MTRP Solar Project Update – Steve Haupt

- After meeting with a subcommittee of the CAC, it was decided that the day use lot would be the best site for the solar panels to be installed. The City has not received a set of design drawings from the contractor. As soon as the drawings are received, they will be shared with the CAC subcommittee. The proposed completion date is November 30, 2017.

303. MTRP Field Station project update – Steve Haupt

- All the necessary approvals from DSD have been received. A fund transfer agreement between the City and the MTRP Foundation is being processed. Once that agreement is in place, the project will go out to bid. It is anticipated that the project will be complete by Spring of 2019

304. MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan – Steve Haupt

- The City is working with the Resource Agencies to address issues on trail usage in the East Elliott area and will be working on providing additional information to the Agencies during the month of September. We hope to come to the MTRP CAC and Task Force in November with a full update and next steps for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Recommendation From MTRP CAC to allocate \$100,000 from the MTRP Antenna Fund for the Mission Trails Regional Park Land Acquisition/Trail CIP Fund. *Casey Smith*

- Casey Smith informed the Task Force that the allocation of the funds would be combined with the land acquisition fund, Environmental Growth Funds, and Habitat Acquisition Funds into one CIP account. The goal is to have funds available to purchase property when the property owners are willing to sell. There have been several occasions in the past when owners were willing to sell, but the City did not have the funds available to purchase the properties.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Leonard/Gaspar) to approve allocation of \$100,000 from the MTRP Antenna Fund, to the MTRP Land Acquisition/Trail CIP Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

102. MTRP CAC Appointments/Reappointments. *Chairman Sherman*

- SDSU College of Sciences – Dr. Paul Ganster
- Tierrasanta Community Council – Betty Ogilvie member, Rich Thesing alternate

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Gaspar/Leonard) to approve the Appointments/reappointments as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

103. Amend the MTRP CAC Operating Rules by adding a Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation representative to the MTRP CAC and other cleanup amendments. *Dorothy Leonard*

- Dorothy stated that even though 3 members of the CAC formed the Foundation in 1988, there is no formal requirement that a Foundation Member is a member of the MTRP CAC.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Leonard/Houlahan) to amend the MTRP CAC Operating Rules as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

104. Establish “working group” to discuss Task Force operating rules and County of San Diego request for staff representation rather than an elected official. *Casey Smith*

- The City is looking at adding the ability for elected officials to designate a delegate to attend the Task Force meetings rather than the elected officials having to attend. Since there are currently no official operating rules for the Task Force, the City would develop operating rules. After the operating rules are developed, they would then be routed through the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

MOTION: It was moved/seconded (Sherman/Leonard) to establish a working group to discuss and develop Task Force operating rules. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2017, 10:00 AM