

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SUNSET CLIFFS NATURAL PARK COUNCIL**

April 3, 2017

Meeting held at:

Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St.
San Diego, CA 92106

Mailing address is:

Park and Recreation/DRP Div.
Attn: Vincent Paniagua, SCNPC Staff Rep.
2125 Park Boulevard San Diego, CA 92101

CALL TO ORDER

By Ann Swanson, Chair, at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dalana Pursel moved to approve the 2-6-17 SCNPC Minutes; seconded by Camilla Ingram. Passed unanimously.

Marty Kolb moved to approve the amended 3-6-17 SCNPC Minutes; seconded by Pat Gallagher. Passed unanimously. [Amendment: COMMITTEE REPORTS 301—change “Council office” to “City Council District 2 Lorie Zapf’s office.”]

COMMUNICATIONS (limited to items not on the agenda; 5 minutes each; not debatable)

- 1) Craig Barilotti presented a Master Drainage Exhibit Sunset Cliffs Hillside Park map and discussed drainage/mud issues of the multi-use trail as it ultimately drains into the ocean. The washout in 2005 exposed a lot of piping. Flow into the ocean has been ignored and needs to be addressed.
- 2) Three new SCNPC meeting attendees introduced themselves and spoke of their interest in connecting with the Council’s activities and projects.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Officer Surwilo reported the Western Division is already planning for the summertime beach team. They also are preparing for more presence during upcoming holidays. He encouraged vehicle owners to keep their garage door openers out of sight when they are out driving/parking in the community, as a safety precaution to avoid the door opener theft which can result in home intrusions/theft.

[Please continue to call for police help at Police Non-Emergency 619-531-2000, concerning need for police enforcement/crime incidences in SCNP/park neighborhoods. If immediate emergency, call 911. Officer Surwilo may be reached online at dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov.]

LIFEGUARD REPORT – Sergeant Lonnie Stephens

Absent. No report.

CORRESPONDENCE – Rosamaria Acuna

Rosamaria Acuna circulated Council communication. The Council’s native plant showcase event on April 1 was covered by *The Beacon* newspaper. Rosamaria mailed out postcards announcing that event to Council members. She also created a native plant flyer and copies were distributed at the SCNPN hillside showcase event.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Gene Berger

Gene Berger reported \$2,953.95 in regular account and \$771.19 in savings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Faith Hussey

Faith reminds members to send her an email for excused absences. Send to Faithnhome@att.net or call Faith at 619-228-1854.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reported the following:

“The big event this month was the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Open House featuring the beautifully blooming 3 acre native plant garden south of the Ladera Street Parking Lot. The well attended event was held from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1st. Many thanks to Rosamaria Acuna for her excellent job of organizing and advertising the event, and to David Kimball for his wonderful leadership in creating the garden and for sharing his tips for successfully growing native plants. Also appreciated are Gene Berger who set up the canopy, tables, etc. and the many SCNPN members who greeted visitors and enjoyed this fun and educational event.

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) hosted a work party this month to make changes to the footprint and enhance the native plant garden at the north entry of the linear section of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. Although this project has faced some major challenges due to compacted fill material, close proximity to the ocean, and heavy pedestrian traffic, the dedicated CNPS volunteers have done a heroic job. Special thanks to SCNPN/CNPS member Scot Opis!”

Ann also reported the sad news that long-time SCNPN member, Katie Klumpp, passed away recently. SCNPN benefitted greatly from the enormous amount of volunteer hours she donated to the Park through her work on the SCNPN. She will be greatly missed. We will notify you when we receive information about services for Katie.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua, Michael Ruiz, or David Paczona

Vince Paniagua reported that the new Sunset Cliffs entry signs have been installed, and that Ranger David Paczona is still on light duty. Vince then went over the answers to the many SCNPC Safety Committee questions submitted last month to the City Park and Recreation Department regarding that department’s permitting procedures and rules for parks, especially as they apply to SCNP. Vince was thanked for the quick and helpful response obtained from the department.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevens

Don Sevens reported on the Peninsula Planning Board election. He thanked all who voted. The turnout was the highest in the Board history—533 votes were cast. Don Sevens and chair Jon Linney were re-elected. Also elected were Fred Kosmo and Margaret Virssimo (both attended SCNPC March meeting), and David Dick. Don introduced Brad Herrin, a member of the Planning Board’s transportation committee, who could contribute to SCNPC plans to gather Sunset Cliffs Blvd. traffic/Park usage data for safety and erosion improvements. Nicole Burgess was recently honored for her work on bikeable and walkable thoroughfares.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger

None.

202. Motion to recommend sending a letter to the City to investigate safety concerns such as pedestrian safety at "No Surf" and "Rock Slides."

MOTION: The Safety Committee recommends and I move that the SCNPC sends a letter to the City requesting the City investigate safety concerns such as pedestrian safety at “No Surf” and “Rock Slides.”

MOTION: MOVED BY Marty Kolb.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

203: Motion to request that the Streets Department 1) survey traffic along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, and 2) provides the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council with information from previous traffic surveys.

MOTION: The Safety Committee recommends and I move that the SCNPC sends a letter to the City Streets Department requesting they 1) survey traffic along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, and 2) provide the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council with information from previous traffic surveys and accident reports to be used for estimation of park usage.

MOTION: MOVED BY Marty Kolb.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

204: Motion regarding topics for each of the interpretive signs for the Hillside Section

MOTION: The Trails/ Coastal Conservancy Project Committee and the Education Committee recommend, and I move, that the SCNPC forward the list of topics and “header/footer draft” for the interpretive signs to Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols.

MOTION: MOVED BY Ellen Quick.

MOTION: Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

301. Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Project (HIP) – Ellen Quick

Ellen Quick reported the following.

Motion 204 Background Information:

City staff requested that the SCNPC provide topics for the 9 interpretive signs, to be included in the specifications. As some members may remember, several years ago, the SCNPC voted to increase the number of signs from 5 to 9 and selected locations for them.

The Trails/ Coastal Conservancy Project Committee and the Education Committee had a joint meeting last week, building on previous work done by the Education Committee, and prepared Motion 204 [SEE ABOVE MOTION 204].

Remaining Committee Report:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that City staff reviewed Estrada’s plans for phase 2 of the HIP. They have prepared comments and returned these to Estrada. Estrada's response is expected in the next week. There is no definite date for the request for proposals to go out but things are still considered to be on schedule.

Regarding interpretive signs, initially we were told that the signs will be prepared by Estrada's artist/designers, based upon our input. However, even though Estrada have staff who could do this design, detailed design of the signs is not within the scope of work.

City staff ask that we provide words, images (jpgs wherever possible), and general layouts; their staff will complete the signs based on these. Elizabeth is investigating whether there is a budget for stock images. In collaboration with the Education Committee, this committee will continue to actively create the content.

Regarding trees, there was also discussion of various possibilities regarding species in the Hillside Improvement Project. This is a continuation of previous discussion, in follow up to concerns some members have expressed about how well Torrey Pines will survive. I have forwarded to Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols all public input that I have received.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller

Lyle Beller reported:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports via email :

The PA2625's were approved and we are in the process of planning the design kick-off meetings for the Removal of the Lomaland Structures and Hillside Drainage Improvement projects!

Per Telcon with Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols:

- 1) The two separate projects (14005.1 and 14005.2) will proceed simultaneously.
- 2) The drainage study will be redone and rewritten as the first part of 14005.2.
- 3) The contract will require at least two public presentations of the consultant, Rick Engineering.

Separately both Lyle Beller and Ann Swanson have assured Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols that we welcome her presence at any of our meetings, with or without the consultant, and that we always applaud her.

303. Water Management and Erosion Committee (WMEC) – Dedi Ridenour

Dedi Ridenour reported no meeting date set yet. A meeting is needed with DIP committee.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported there are still many weeds to be pulled. He is at the hillside site every Monday morning and anyone may come to help.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported that the Education Committee has been meeting with the HIP Committee for SCNP interpretative signs. [SEE: **ACTION ITEMS #204** and **COMMITTEE REPORTS #301** above.] Also, Ranger David Paczona has progressed with his Junior Ranger program and booklet, and has asked input from the Education Committee at a meeting with him on April 24th at the Cabrillo Rec. Center, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m..

306. Publicity Committee – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey asked for volunteers to help her at the SCNPC booth scheduled for the Point Loma Association Town Hall Meeting on May 16th, and for the OB Street Fair and Chili Cookoff on June 24th.

307. Safety Committee – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

Marty Kolb thanked Vince Paniagua for expediently obtaining the answers to the many SCNPC Safety Committee questions submitted last month to the City Park and Recreation Department regarding that department's permitting procedures and rules for parks, especially as they apply to SCNP. The Committee will digest these answers, share them with the SCNPC members, and utilize the information to move forward with work on safety issues of SCNP. [SEE ALSO: STAFF REPORT above.]

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

The Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee met on March 13, 2017 and created a fact based question list to send to the City of San Diego. We have not heard back yet from them. Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 6th at 6:30.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Absent. No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Judy McEntyre presented a small article on Sunset Cliffs Natural Park which she found in *San Diego Home and Garden* Magazine (April 2017 edition).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. as moved by Florence Dormer and seconded by Gene Berger.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
May 1, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.,
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106