

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

December 5, 2016

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

Ellen Quick moved to approve the 11/7/16 minutes; seconded by Barbara Keiller; passed unanimously.

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

1. Dedi Ridenour introduced a potential member for SCNPC. She also introduced the new book, *Images of America: Point Loma*, authored by the La Playa Trails Association [San Diego]. The book describes the history of Point Loma, and is available for purchase at the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation Store (or online at cnmf.org).
2. Ann Swanson introduced two Point Loma Nazarene University college students attending the SCNPC meeting to fulfill a class requirement to attend a public meeting.
3. Craig Barilotti circulated and discussed a Sunset Cliffs Association list of questions concerning drainage and transportation issues of the Western Loop Road. Ann Swanson encouraged everyone to attend the Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee's meeting December 8 for further input and discussion.
4. Judy McEntyre presented a *Wall Street Journal*, Saturday/Sunday, November 26-27, 2016 article on places to go in San Diego. Of particular interest was the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Luscomb Point recommendation: "Sunsets are treated with the seriousness of a secular sacrament around these parts. Take it in at Luscomb Point in Sunset Cliffs (Hill St. and Sunset Cliffs Blvd)."

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo

Both Officer Surwilo and Officer Piñon attended. Officer Surwilo reminded members about safe holiday shopping procedures. He reported police attention given Stafford Place and Amiford Drive, adjacent to SCNP, as to loitering, parking issues, etc.. Police have also requested street lights be

installed in that area and he is working with Conrad Wear [City Council Aide, District 2] for funding to accomplish this. Marijuana rules continue to be the same as tobacco smoking—not to be used in public.

Please continue to call for police help [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 – Larry McCleary

Larry McCleary had nothing to report.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Gene Berger

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey welcomed new SCNPC members, Nick and Virginia Wilson. Faith reminded members to send her an email for excused absences. Send to Faiethnhome@att.net or call Faith at 228-1854.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reported:

2016 has been a great year for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park! Highlights include:

- 1) Park rangers – Many thanks to Councilmember Lorie Zapf and Council Aide Conrad Wear for successfully bringing the much needed ranger services to Sunset Cliffs! Thanks to Rangers Michael Ruiz and David Paczona for their heroic work in setting up the ranger program, serving as the first rangers, and organizing volunteer clean up parties.
- 2) Park & Recreation Department – Thanks to Vince Paniagua and Michael Ruiz for representing Park & Rec at SCNPC meetings and for taking wonderful care of SCNP!
- 3) Increased lifeguard services – Special thanks to Officer Lonnie Stephens and the San Diego lifeguards!

- 4) Effective police services – Thanks to Officers David Surwilo and Ricardo Piñon for keeping us informed about ongoing patrolling efforts!
- 5) Implementation of Phase I of the Hillside Improvement Project – Thanks to Project Manager Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols, P.E., and George Freiha, P.E., for moving this project forward and to SCNPC Trails Committee Chair, Ellen Quick, for her excellent job of communicating community concerns.
- 6) Design work on Phase I (Upper Hillside Section) of the Drainage Project – Thanks again to Public Works for moving SCNP drainage needs forward and to SCNPC Drainage Committee Chair, Lyle Beller, P.E., for his coordination between the SCNPC and City.
- 7) Expansion of the very successful native plant demonstration area in the hillside section. - Thanks to David Kimball for his dedicated leadership!
- 8) Native plant restoration at the linear section's northern entrance – Thanks to the California Native Plant Society (CNPS)!
- 9) Application by the Friends of Sunset Cliffs (FRIENDS) for funding for educational signage in the linear section. - Thanks to FRIENDS president Barbara Keiller!
- 10) Publicity – Thanks to Faith Hussey and her volunteers for setting up SCNP booths at events such as the Ocean Beach Street Fair, 100th anniversary of the Ocean Beach Library, and the Jensen's block party.
- 11) Thanks also to Dedi Ridenour (Erosion and Water Management Chair), Gene Berger (Treasurer), Jean Nathan and Marty Kolb (Safety Chairs), and Pat Gallagher (Loop Chair) for their dedicated service.
- 12) A special thanks to our excellent Recording Secretary, Judy McEntyre!

Last, but not least, a huge thanks to Corresponding Secretary, Larry McCleary, for his many years of dedicated service!

[Chair, Ann Swanson, was then given a big applause for her dedicated work in 2016.]

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vince reported the progress of the new cliff safety signs production. He circulated a sheet showing the approved design, but funding still needs to be obtained. He will keep Ann Swanson updated on funding progress. These new pictorial cliff safety signs will be added onto all existing SCNP cliff safety signs.

On December 11, Vince and crew will clean out already-cut brush in the hillside portion of SCNP, between upper and lower parking lots. Roots remain in the ground. Waddle will be put back up. No herbicide will be used. Rangers and volunteers have already removed some of the brush.

Starting January 2017, there will be a city-wide hiring freeze. Park & Recreation will have department vacancies filled this month.

Park & Rec could not improve lifeguard access in the lower southwest corner of the lower parking lot because Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols said that area is planned for ADA parking. He will ask Ranger Ruiz to discuss the situation with lifeguards.

Vince will look into council member concerns that storm drain tarps and sandbags are making storm drains ineffective, and the need for Parks and Rec to coordinate working with other involved City departments such as Transportation and Storm Dept. He will also check out where there are reported missing chunks of road curbing along Sunset Cliffs Blvd..

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Conrad Wear was absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevrens _

Don Sevrens reported:

Friday Dec. 9. That's the answer to when Jensen's will open in the old Fresh & Easy space. It will be a very soft opening – some pieces of equipment still have not arrived and it takes time for new employees to get up to speed. The opening has created 68 new jobs, many for university students. It is golden for students to have a job just four blocks away with flexible hours tailored. You will be amazed at the fresh food facilities. The meat case is a mile long – or it seems like it.

Recapping on Emerson & Evergreen. The Mayor and the City Attorney came up with a solution. The Municipal Code is being changed to prevent any buildings over 30 feet in Roseville. The fourth floor on the project already has been torn down. City staff will have draft language by July to protect Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla from height violations.

The law change takes effect Dec. 17. Seven projects in the pipeline, according to the City, can go up to 40 feet under the old loopholes.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger: none

202. Approval of the 2017 SCNPC Calendar of General and Executive Committee Monthly Meetings – Ann Swanson

MOTION: The SCNPC Board recommends and I move that the SCNPC approve its 2017 Calendar of General and Executive Committee Monthly Meetings as presented.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED BY Marty Kolb / Dalana Pursel

MOTION Passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick presented the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that there was a meeting on site last week, the second quarterly meeting that is part of the maintenance and monitoring requirements of Phase I of the Hillside Improvements Project. She reported that “the plants are looking great.” Samuel Portillo will have a new assignment but is helping out for now, until his replacement is named, but Elizabeth is handling what Samuel covered previously.

For the Phase 2 plans, as we’ve been told previously, there was a decision to make changes to incorporate the lessons learned from Phase 1. This was outside the scope of what Estrada had been budgeted to do. Estrada was asked to submit a proposal for the additional work; they did so; and several weeks ago there was notice to proceed with the additional work (additional money from the City, to be paid to Estrada for the additional work). Elizabeth estimates that Joe Esposito has about 1/3 of that additional work completed. As part of this, there will be updates to the cost estimates and the specifications.

There will be a 6-month bid and award period, estimated to begin in spring 2017, with construction estimated to begin in fall 2017.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller:

Lyle Beller discussed the DIP progress. Each City department involved will need to sign off on the plan.

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

Dedi Ridenour announced a WMEC meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 6:45 p.m., at the Cabrillo Recreation Center. The purpose is to develop and recommend guidelines to Park & Rec for cautious spraying of herbicides in order to protect appropriate native plants. Dedi stressed that linear section planting needs to be retained. Salt air is destructive. Guidelines for planting are needed.

304. Revegetation – David Kimball

David Kimball reported 160 plants were planted recently. Another planting will be January 21, 2017, and weeding in February. In the newly planted area he will install a water system until the HIP puts in their irrigation system. The entire revegetation project encompasses approximately 2.5 acres.

305. Education – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported the SCNPC's interpretive signage project for SCNP has not yet received a City Council grant. In the spring this committee will continue its work on the signage.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

No report.

307. Safety Committee – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

No report.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Scott Opis read Pat Gallagher's report:

The first Western Loop Road Committee meeting was held on November 17, 2016. Pat Gallagher was elected Committee Chair. Possibilities were discussed regarding the future use of the Western Loop road. More investigation is needed. The next meeting will be on December 8, 2016 at 6:30 at Cabrillo Recreation Center, 3051 Canon, SD.

DISCUSSION ITEM

401. Proposed Changes to SCNPC Bylaws – Larry McCleary

Larry McCleary distributed copies of the SCNPC Bylaws which included the changes recommended by the SCNPC Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee. He discussed each of the proposed changes, and asked SCNPC members to read through the changes and prepare for action at SCNPC's January 9th regular scheduled meeting.

INFORMATION

Larry McCleary is retiring at the end of December from his long-held SCNPC position of Corresponding Secretary. The council greatly appreciates his time, energy, and excellent work in

fulfilling this very demanding and important job. Larry spoke the following words to the SCNPC members:

“For the past 10 years Lyle Beller and I have handled the duties of the SCNPC Corresponding Secretary. Now it is time to pass this on to another member, Rosamaria Acuna. Rosamaria will be learning when and how to fulfill those obligations. Later this month I will send out a notice to our members, the City and to the 200 plus nonmembers on our mailing list about the change so that all can look for her emails. I am sure that she will do a great job. Please look for Rosamaria’s emails starting next month.

Thanks for your support and understanding,
Larry”

SCNPC members gave Larry a resounding applause.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. as moved by Steve Scatolini and seconded by Dalana Pursel.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
January 9, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.,
3051 Canon St., San Diego, CA 02106