

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

**December 4, 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**

Kim Haynes moved to approve the November, 2017 SCNPC Minutes as amended by Cammie Ingram and Craig Barilotti, which adds the second paragraphs [italized] of **COMMUNICATIONS** #1 and #2 [see in the attachment “November 6, 2017 SCNPC Amended Minutes”]. Florence Dormer seconded the motion. Motion passed: 10 yes; 0 no; 3 abstained

**COMMUNICATIONS** *(limited to items not on the agenda; limited to 5 minutes each; not debatable; communications are the opinion of the speaker and have not been voted on or approved by SCNPC).*

1. Craig Barilotti talked about drainage issues occurring due to storm water run-on from Lomaland Drive. In one case, this run-on flows into a 6-inch pipe adjacent to the PLNU Public Safety Building, before it traverses Parkland and exits into an arroyo where bedrock erosion is occurring. This run-on should be studied to make sure it is not eroding the adjacent private property. It is deepening the watercourses as it flows over cliffs and into the sea.
2. Dedi Ridenour reminded SCNPC that there will be a SCNPC Appreciation Celebration honoring Ann Swanson for her leadership and dedication as SCNPC Chair for the past four years. The event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Dedi’s home, 1071 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, San Diego.

**POLICE REPORT** - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Officer Ricardo Piñon reported on recent cleanup of San Diego River homeless encampments. Notices and resources are given the homeless one week before the scheduled cleanup. Ten to 15 people were arrested. This week the entire riverbed has been walked and no homeless are living there, from the YMCA all the way west to ocean. Thanks to all the River Park Foundation volunteers and environmental services who helped cleaned out the riverbed areas. Fashion Valley has also been cleaned up.

The death of a jumper at Sunset Cliffs during Thanksgiving week was a suicide.

Officer Piñon will relay SCNPC input concerning traffic control, crowd control, and safety of onlookers during sunset (45 minutes before and 30 minutes after) and during cliff rescues (i.e., bullhorn announcements to stand three feet back from edge). He will ask for more police presence during such times. Another issue is how to state riverbed location at the San Diego River when calling for police help.

*[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](mailto:dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov).]*

**LIFEGUARD REPORT** – Sergeant Lonnie Stephens

Absent. No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Rosamaria Acuna

Thursday celebration for honoring Ann Swanson, SCNPC Chair.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Gene Berger

Absent. No report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey will be training 2018 Membership Chairperson, Barbara Keiller, for her new duties.

*Faith reminds members to send Barbara an email for excused absences during 2018. Send to [Barbara@Keiller.net](mailto:Barbara@Keiller.net) or call Barbara at 619-223-2784.*

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT** – Ann Swanson (12/4/17)

SCNPC Chair, Ann Swanson, reported:

2017 has been a year of long awaited progress for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park with the beginning of implementation of the Hillside Improvements Project and Rick Engineering's plans for the Drainage Improvement Project well underway. Many thanks to City decision makers Mayor Faulconer, Council Member Lorie Zapf, and others for making preservation of this unique regional coastal resource a priority! Thanks to Public Works Project Managers Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols and George Freiha for working collaboratively with the SCNPC! Thanks to Park and Recreation Department's Associate Civil Engineer Paul Jacob for his expertise and long term dedication! Thanks also to Park and Recreation Department's Vince Paniagua, who faithfully attends SCNPC meetings and always responds quickly and efficiently when maintenance needs arise.

Special thanks to SCNPC's Ellen Quick for her excellent chairing of the Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Committee. Thanks also to Lyle Beller for his valuable contributions as chair of the Drainage Improvement Project Committee. Many thanks to dedicated long term member Dedi Ridenour, Chair of the Water Management and Erosion Committee. Thanks to Education Committee Chair Barbara Keiller, who leads the effort to develop educational signage for the new projects. Thanks also to all others who have contributed to the planning and implementation of these important projects. We appreciate the hours of research and documentation provided by Craig Barilotti and Camilla Ingram.

A huge thanks to David Kimball, who has so successfully led the 2 ½ plus acre native habitat restoration project in the Hillside Section. Thanks to those SCNPC and community members, including many PLNU students and faculty, who worked with David. Many thanks to Scott Opis and the California Native Plant Society for the North Entry Native Habitat Restoration Project in the Linear Section.

Thanks also to Membership/Publicity Chair Faith Hussey, who arranged information booths at the OB Street Fair, OB Library Celebration, Point Loma Association meeting, Jensen's opening, and Point Loma Nazarene University's Fall Festival. Thanks to Treasurer Gene Berger for helping set up the booths.

Thanks to Safety Committee Chairs Marty Kolb and Jean Nathan for their ongoing important work on safety issues. Thanks to Pat Gallagher, Chair of the Ad Hoc Western Loop Road Committee.

A huge thanks to Corresponding Secretary Rosamaria Acuna for doing a super job of keeping us informed and for so capably taking care of correspondence. A huge thanks also to Judy McEntyre, who does an excellent job as recording secretary.

Many thanks to all of you for participating in the SCNPC and for your support at this exciting time as SCNP projects are planned and implemented!

#### **STAFF REPORT** – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua thanked David Kimball for his latest planting. Ranger David Paczona has ordered canopy display items. Ranger Paczona presently is working four-hour days as he continues to recover from work injuries. Eagle Scouts will be restoring two Park kiosks. There has been a decrease in off-leash dogs. Rangers spray-painted over graffiti on park signs. Park rangers now have new trucks (with ranger signs on them). Various volunteer groups are forming to help with park maintenance, etc., so let Vince know of jobs needing to be done.

Vince took member comments, which included thanks for all he, Ranger Paczona, and Michael Ruis have been doing for the park; requests for more enforcement and more dog cleanup; and continued education of the public concerning undercut cliffs safety dangers.

#### **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT** – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

#### **PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON** – Don Sevrens

Absent. No report.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger**

Absent. No report. No reimbursement request.

**202. Approval of the 2018 Calendar**

**MOTION:** Approve the SCNPC 2018 Meeting Calendar

**MOTION:** Moved by Marty Kolb; seconded by Cammie Ingram

**MOTION:** Motion passed; unanimous (16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained)

**203. Request funding for the restoration of the SCNP information kiosks**

**MOTION:** SCNPC requests funding for the restoration of the information kiosks at Ladera and at Adair Streets be added to the City’s Unfunded Parks Improvement List.

**MOTION:** Moved by Marty Kolb; seconded by Dalana Purcel

**MOTION:** Motion passed; unanimous (16 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**301. Nominating Committee Report – Gene Berger, Chair**

Absent. No report.

**302. Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Project (HIP) – Ellen Quick (12/4/17)**

Ellen Quick reported the following.

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that the first apparent low bidder on the Hillside Improvements Project withdrew the bid. Paperwork was completed in order to move on to the next apparent low bidder.

RAL Investment Corporation is now the apparent low bidder. They do have appropriate experience on similar projects. City staff are working on the paperwork for the contract and confirming that RAL has sufficient insurance. The bid amount is about \$2,462,000. The PlanetBids site now shows the project as “award pending.” It is hoped that the paperwork will be completed in late December or January and that the construction will begin in January.

The surveying for the HIP, which will be done prior to construction, will be done by a separate company, Rick Engineering. The necessary forms for this are completed and are with the comptroller. This work (staking) should begin soon, probably this month.

When the dates of construction and park closure are known, there will be mailers placed on houses near the construction. Elizabeth welcomes our assistance in providing additional publicity about our support of the project at that time, and the Trails/Coastal Conservancy Project Committee, Education Committee, and perhaps the Publicity Committee can collaborate to create publicity for our kiosks and other appropriate locations.

**303. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) –**

Ann Swanson reported that Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols and ESN/Rick Engineering are continuing to move forward and will be coming to a SCNPC regular meeting soon. They will be ready to show us their new DIP plan which utilizes our recommendations.

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

Dedi Ridenour reported waiting for new information from City.

**305. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball**

David Kimball was absent. Ann Swanson gave the following report from David:

With the help of 15 PLNU students, we were able to add 180 new plants to the garden area on November 10<sup>th</sup>. These were placed in open areas in main portion of the garden and at the northeast corner of the unplanted area. Mulch was added to the central trail and around new plants.

Normally, we'd have a second planting in December, but without any significant rainfall, this would make the plant's survival questionable and would require extensive watering until we did get rain. Assuming there is December rain, we'll plant the next groups of plants on January 20<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>. We should be able to get one or more groups of PLNU students to help.

I would like to have a Saturday work party in December to prepare the planting areas for the following months. We need to clear the heavy growth of dead crown daisies and annual grasses on the east side of the current garden. A note will be sent when the date is established.

**306. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller**

Absent—no report.

**307. Publicity Committee – Faith Hussey**

Committees will get together in January for planning publicity for upcoming HIP work and possible park closing. Dedi Ridenour suggested we send a letter to Ranger Paczona when this happens and request he be there for added safety presence.

**308. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb**

Officer Piñon’s police report covers present concerns. Crowds are increasing in the park.

**309. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher**

No report

**310. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis**

Scott Opis reports the following:

This is the third year of this project. Thirty-five new plants are planned for planting in December. The project will end in January. Upon ending the project, Scott will give a January report, and then later a final report.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Application for an unrestricted liquor license at a public bar/hotel on the NE corner of SCNP (Pt. Loma Avenue) was briefly discussed. Take any personal questions and concerns about the application to the Ocean Beach Planning Board.
2. *The December 4, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice included these attachments:* October 2, 2017 SCNPC Amended Minutes, the November 6, 2017 SCNPC Minutes, the December 4, 2017 SCNPC Meeting Agenda, the proposed SCNPC 2018 Meeting Calendar, and the 2017 SCNPC Attendance Record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting  
January 8, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,  
Cabrillo Recreation Center  
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106