

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

February 5, 2018

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 Gene Berger, Chair, at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marty Kolb moved to approve the January 8, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Barbara Keiller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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. Marty Kolb reported on an extensive article of the February 1, 2018 issue of *Peninsula Beacon*, which discusses Sunset Cliffs Natural Park's natural geology, environmental pollution, and safety issues such as those created by escalated erosion, social media attention, and a big increase of visitors. She complimented the article's input from SCNPC Chair, Gene Berger.
2. Dedi Ridenour announced the Ocean Beach Historical Society meeting February 15, 2018 at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.. She will be one of three women giving the presentation "**Unique and Funny O.B. Stories**". Dedi will focus her attention on her favorite topic—Ocean Beach during World War II. She was a child during that era so her early memories of Ocean Beach and Sunset Cliffs, as well as her research done as an adult, will be shared during this presentation.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Absent. No report.

[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 the February 1, 2018 *Peninsula Beacon* containing the SCNP article.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Pat Gallagher

Pat Gallagher reported \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller announced that Larry McCleary has requested his membership in SCNPC be cancelled, as he has moved out of the area. Barbara will create a new 2018 membership list.

Barbara reminds members to send Barbara an email for excused absences during 2018. Send to Barbara@Keiller.net or call Barbara at 619-223-2784.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Gene Berger, Chair

Gene Berger, Chair, gave the following report about the City of San Diego’s pre-construction Phase 2 Hillside Improvement Project (HIP) meeting which he and Ann Swanson attended.

The construction firm that won the project bid was RAL/Silver Strand Construction Company. The meeting had 34 people in attendance, including City of San Diego engineers, construction manager, Park and Rec., storm water, Habitat West Landscape, Rick Engineering, Estrada, Equal Employment Opportunity, native archeologist, paleontologist, traffic, lifeguard, and even material testing people.

The HIP Phase 2 start date was going to be 1/25/18. The entire lower lot is proposed as a staging area; much of the park will be closed/fenced off except access trails to the beach. The proposed duration is 260 working days, 120 of those are for establishing of plants. Daily work hours will be 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

At the City’s request, Gene, Pat Gallagher, and Ann Swanson also met with Andy Field (Assistant Park & Rec. Director), Paul Jacob (Park & Rec. Dept. Assoc. Civil Engineer), and Bruce Martinez (Deputy Director, Developed Regional Parks) concerning PLNU and the Western Loop Road. (See Pat Gallagher’s report at: [Committee Reports 308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee.](#))

There have been requests/interest shown by the San Diego lifeguards, some Peninsula Planning Board members, and Ranger Paczona in whether or not it is time to explore whether there is a need for building a small lifeguard station in SCNP which could be shared with a park ranger in the future (safety). If there is a need, then a follow-up question would be where to locate the station.

Ann Swanson and her daughter set up a booth at the District 2 Volunteer Appreciation night. Council member Lorie Zapf acknowledged her and the SCNPC efforts. I also want to thank Ann for all the meetings and time she has spent for the park this month.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Cables near Adair Street will be repaired/replaced in the next few weeks.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Conrad Wear reported a recent bipartisan rally against the new U.S. EPA law change now allowing oil drilling off most of the country's coasts, including California/San Diego. The City Council supported the rally-- our military, beaches/coastlines/homes, and tourism would be affected, and several safety and environmental issues would arise for San Diego should oil drilling off our coast be allowed. SCNP would be impacted.

Conrad also reported the following: there is good news that, with pay raises and other help, police are re-joining the San Diego Police Department; unusually high water bills should be reported to him; and City Council ground breaking for upcoming SCNP improvement projects will soon be happening.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevrens

It's almost election season for the Peninsula Community Planning Board. A candidates' forum for five open seats will be Thursday March 1 (6:30 p.m.) at the Point Loma Library. The election will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday March 15 (the third Thursday) at the Point Loma Library. Here tonight is Sarah Moga, a young mother of two and a candidate.

The Board at its last meeting unanimously approved plans for a 92-unit hotel at Rosecrans and Garrison to replace the Dolphin Motel (a new name and Portuguese theme are planned). The Board also approved (8-2) a third, six-unit apartment house on the edge of Famosa Slough. The applicant had spent two years on mitigating possible environmental effects.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Pat Gallagher

MOTION: Authorize SCNPC Treasurer to pay two hundred dollars from the SCNPC checking account to Gene Berger, SCNPC Chair, to cover Chair expenses.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Jean Nathan.

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously

202. Quick Motion for SCNPC to agree to ban drilling off the coast of San Diego

MOTION: A letter of support will be sent to San Diego City Council stating that SCNPC agrees with San Diego City Council that oil drilling off the coast of San Diego should be banned.

MOTION: Moved by Dalana Pursel; seconded by Barbara Keiller

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (19 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

203. Recommendations For Approval of Conceptual Alternative A or B for Drainage Improvements in the SCNP Hillside Section

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – Ann Swanson

At the January 8, 2018 meeting of the SCNPC, Brendan Hastie, P.E., from Rick Engineering presented an informative power point presentation describing broad, conceptual drainage Alternatives A & B for SCNP's Hillside Section. Public Works requested that the SCNPC review the alternatives and provide them with SCNPC's preferences. The options would be conceptual Alternative A, B, or a hybrid of the two. It should be noted that these alternatives were presented early in the planning process. Specifics, which will be reviewed by the SCNPC, will be provided when ready.

Alternative A, a soft solution, natural approach, focuses on working with nature during times of heavy rain so as to minimize both erosion and adverse impacts on ocean water quality. This option directs runoff from upslope property through the existing Culvert Canyon. The bottom of the canyon, consisting of the stable Point Loma Formation, would serve as the base for conveying runoff, and the canyon slopes would be partially laid back for safety.

Alternative A showed northern slope runoff also using soft solutions such as native habitat restoration, redesign of parking lots, the entry road, etc. When I told Elizabeth that DIP committee members expressed interest in more natural looking and functioning parking lots, she reported that Rick Engineering also recognized that need and had already held meetings to look at possibilities. This alternative shows a rock lined overflow ditch west of the lower parking lot with an updated exit in the present location.

Alternative B, the 2012 pipe solution for the southern section, would run a pipe from the Arizona Crossing through the field to an energy dissipator at the cliff face. In the northern section, an outfall pipe would run northwest from the lower parking lot to an energy dissipator at the cliff face.

The DIP committee held 2 meetings: 1) 10 people attended the DIP meeting held on 1/29/18. When a straw vote was taken, 9 of 10 participants voted conceptually for Alternative A. 2) 6 people attended the DIP meeting held on 2/1/18. The meeting ended with 2 motions: 1) prefer Conceptual Alternative A through Cretaceous/Culvert Canyon for runoff coming from PLNU on the Western Loop Road. (4 were in favor.) 2) Reject both Conceptual Alternatives A & B by the Lower Parking Lot because they rely too much on pipes. (4 were in favor.)

In summary, Public Works is requesting a letter from the SCNPC indicating conceptual preference for Alternative A, the natural approach; Alternative B, the 2012 pipe solution; or a hybrid of the two. At this time, they seek a motion for a conceptual preference...not specific design elements.

- 1) MOTION:** Send a letter to Public Works reporting that SCNPC’s conceptual preference is for Drainage Alternative A using Cretaceous Canyon for the southern section contingent upon satisfactory resolution of the Young Hall runoff problem.

MOTION: Moved by Dedi Ridenour; seconded by Ann Swanson

MOTION: Motion passed (13 yes; 1 no; 0 abstain)

- 2) MOTION:** [In the same letter], addressing the northern section, at this time the SCNPC is not endorsing either conceptual alternative A or B. We request continued collaborative planning for non-pipe alternatives the northern section.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Opis; seconded by Ellen Quick

MOTION: Motion passed (14 yes; 1 no; 0 abstain)

- 3) MOTION:** [In the same letter,] If forced to make a choice between Alternatives A and B in the northern section, the SCNPC would prefer Alternative A at this time.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Jean Nathan

MOTION: Motion passed (10 yes; 1 no; 4 abstain)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

301. Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Project (HIP) – Ellen Quick (2/5/18)

Ellen Quick reported the following.

The pre-construction meeting took place as described in the Chair’s report.

The PlanetBids website now shows that the bid has been awarded. RAL/Silver Strand Construction Company is the contractor.

I will be getting monthly project updates from Resident Engineer Jeff Wooley as well as from Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols. Jeff Wooley reported that “the contractor is authorized to begin work on the park. They need to get clearance from the project biologist before they can break ground.” Jeff Wooley also provided the notification that will be sent to neighbors. The notice was read and circulated.

I asked Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols about the apparent discrepancy between 260 working days and substantial completion by June. She responded, “The 260 working days, as listed in our construction contract, include the 120 days of Plant Establishment Period (PEP). So the project should essentially be 6 months of construction, followed by 120 days PEP, followed by 5 years of maintenance. I’m not sure if the contractor is planning on completing all construction and then starting the PEP or if they will do it in phases.”

On 2/2/18 there was a joint meeting of this committee with Education and Publicity Committees. We are preparing information about the HIP for local organizations and media as well as for our kiosks.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) –
(See Action Item 203)

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

Dedi Ridenour reported the committee will have a meeting soon to discuss natural materials and design for the SCNP parking lots. A notice of the meeting will be emailed.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported there will be another planting work party on February 16th.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reminded SCNPC of her committee meeting tomorrow to discuss interpretive signs for the park.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Absent. No report.

307. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb

Marty Kolb reminded all to read the SCNP article in *Peninsula Beacon*, February 1, 2018. Safety issues are well discussed.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Judy McEntyre read Pat Gallagher’s report as follows:

“Gene Berger, Ann Swanson, and I met with the City of San Diego at their request to listen to their ideas for a longer term agreement to be made with PLNU. They discussed various signage—possibilities, emergency access, and road direction. The City is planning to meet with PLNU in the next few weeks.”

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Scott Opis reports that watering and weeding will continue from now on. He has completed a final 4-page report on the project.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. The *February 5, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice* included these attachments: February 5, 2018 SCNPC Meeting Agenda; Jan. 8, 2018 **Draft** Minutes; Jan. 8, 2018 SCNPC Attendance Record; Dec. 4, 2018 Approved Minutes; and the SCNPC 2018 Meeting Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. as moved by Jean Nathan and seconded by Ann Swanson.

Judith S. McEntyre
Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger
Gene Berger, Chair

March 5, 2018
Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
March 5, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,
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