

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

February 6, 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

Marty Kolb moved to approve the 1/9/17 minutes; seconded by Pat Gallagher. Passed unanimously.

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

No Communications.

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

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gene Berger

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey reported the death of long-time SCNPC member, Marilyn Cross. (SEE ALSO: CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT).

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:

I am sad to report that dedicated SCNPC member Marilyn Cross died on January 16, 2017. Marilyn provided extraordinary service for Sunset Cliffs from the 1980’s through 2016. She served as the treasurer and membership chair and set up weekly booths at the OB Farmer's Market, where she provided information about Sunset Cliffs and collected donations for the park. When Marilyn served as president of the Point Loma Garden Club she initiated a partnership between the Garden Club and the SCNPC. The Garden Club supported the SCNPC Master Plan and gave numerous donations for the native plant demonstration garden. Marilyn will be remembered for her many contributions as an advocate for Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

Many thanks to the City for fixing the collapsing path near “No Surf”! At our March meeting we hope to make recommendations for additional areas in the Linear Section, which were affected by the recent rains. Dedi will provide more information.

Thanks again to David Kimball and his crew for another successful work party in the Hillside Demonstration Garden in January. The recent rain has been wonderful for both the native plants and the non-natives as well. David works in the park every Monday morning and would appreciate volunteers.

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

Vince Paniagua reported the crack in parking lot one is widening. Streets Dept. fixed erosion by No Surf. The plants by Ladera Street are growing nicely with all our recent rain. Rangers may still be doing something to clean out brush.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevrens

Don Sevrens was absent. Larry McCleary read Don’s report:

- 1) The city finally has chosen an architect for the Avenida de Portugal pocket park. That means public workshops probably can begin this spring. Jon Linney and Don Sevens, who have devoted three years to this, are doing show & tell with conceptual drawings to civic groups. (City-owned land, money from developer fees locked into place.)
- 2) There are some major flaws in the City's project review process. Apartment houses and condo buildings get approved with no public hearing or architectural review. Undergrounding of utilities, required by the City, routinely gets waived so we are not making progress on removing visual blight. Sevens, Linney and the chair of the OB planning board have gotten the city to agree to discuss the flaws and how to improve the process. (The first discussion should be in a few weeks.)

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick presented the following report:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports: "We are still waiting for the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate from our consultant. Once we have the finalized package we will be able to begin the bid and award phase. We are still on track for this." Staff hopes that construction will begin in the fall, and are working backwards from this, estimating 6 months for the bid and award process.

The link about the schedule for the HIP, from a public website, <http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/CIPDetail.aspx?ID=S10091>, was provided to Elizabeth for review. She agreed that it is not up to date. She wrote, "For funding tracking purposes we had to split this project from one project into a 2-phased project. We are still working through this process and hope to have an updated project page soon that better reflects schedules and budgets".

There was a quarterly site visit last week to monitor the progress of the plants in Phase I. Elizabeth said, "Everything looks great! With the help of all the rain we've been getting the contractor has not even needed to turn on the sprinklers." The plant survival rate is currently exceeding the required percentage of ground cover. The biologist was present and is aware that several species are brown on the west side of the plants only. Some plants that appear to be dead are dormant. The biologist explained to the contractor that there are 4 types of grass, 2 native and 2 non-native, and until they flower, it is hard to tell them apart. He recommended that for now it is better that they retain some weeds.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller

Lyle Beller reported there is no new information update to his SCNPC January 9, 2017 meeting report.

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

Dedi Ridenour reported a problem area parallel to Sunset Cliffs Blvd is causing deep gullying causing water to gather there, thus weakening the cliff. Two new places are developing so the cliff will be lost if this is not slowed down.

There will be a meeting of WMEC and Safety Committee on February 13, 10:30 a.m. at the bottom of Hill Street to examine the sites: No Surf entrance north of Hill St. and Sunset Cliffs Blvd; the other is Rock Slides 100 ft. beyond the sinkhole at Monaco. In both cases the street is narrow with very little path so people walk in the street. Streets Dept. moved the line so there is now more room for walkers, but there is a dangerous curve there.

304. Revegetation – David Kimball

David Kimball reported recent rain has been wonderful for both the native and non-native plants in the Hillside Demonstration Garden. There will be a work party with PLNU students on Friday, February 10, to weed the garden. There is erosion across the central trail, so that area will be re-mulched, as will the newest plants. David also reported many birds sighted in the area. The fifteen Torrey pines are not doing well. David works in the park every Monday morning and would appreciate volunteers.

305. Education – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported there will be a March meeting scheduled for working on interpretive signs along the linear section of SCNCP.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

No report.

307. Safety – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

Jean Nathan reported on safety issues involving permitted and non-permitted groups in the park, particularly along the SCNCP linear section such as at Osprey Point and Luscomb's Point. Large groups have been meeting along Sunset Cliffs Blvd. in violation of the permitting requirement. Even small groups, as well as the larger permitted groups, create safety issues due to parking, walking on Sunset Cliffs Blvd., and the narrow trail along the cliffs. Discussion included the need to work closely with the Park and Rec. Permit Center, need for timely police and ranger patrols, and need for traffic and usage surveys and resulting data analysis. Police and lifeguard data, past park data, and park surveys from other coastal parks should also be examined. The Safety Committee will have an action item proposal to present the SCNPC at the March meeting.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Pat Gallagher reported this committee will meet February 16, 2017 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Cabrillo Recreation Center.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Scott Opis reported work on half of the area of the native planting project by San Diego Chapter of California Native Plant Society has been discontinued. Lack of a source for watering is a major problem. He distributed a sheet showing the center area which they will continue to maintain. Scott also distributed a flyer announcing the chapter's community meeting for input on the native planting area for the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park on February 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ellen Quick distributed a flyer announcing her book signing event at Jensen's Point Loma on February 11, 2017 from 10 a.m. – noon. Her new book, *How Do You Know When You Know*, is a book on personal decision making.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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