

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SUNSET CLIFFS NATURAL PARK COUNCIL
January 6, 2020**

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 6:50 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve December 2, 2019 SCNPC draft Minutes passed (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention).

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. Don Sevrens reported that the new lease holder on the Liberty Station leasehold has offered a compromise on the future of the historic North Chapel. The chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board is considering a request to put an item on the agenda. The next meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday Jan. 16 at the Point Loma branch library.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Officer Mike Hayes

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 Stephen

Absent. No report.

RANGER REPORT - Araceli Dominguez, Park Ranger

Absent. No report.

CORRESPONDENCE – Rosamaria Acuna

No report.

TREASURER’S REPORT –Scott Opis

Scott Opis reported that there is \$3,214.81 in the checking account and \$771.19 in the savings account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Virginia Wilson

Virginia Wilson welcomed visitors.

[Virginia reminds members to notify her for excused absences during 2019. Send her an email at vma.wilson@outlook.com or leave phone message at 619-952-6186.]

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Gene Berger, Chair 1/20

2019 was a wonderful year for the park with many plans coming to fruition. I would like to thank many people in the group for their tireless work to make this happen: Ann Swanson, Dedi Ridenour, Ellen Quick, David Kimball, Rosamaria Acuna, Judy McEntyre, Barbara Keiller, Scott Opis, Virginia Wilson, and Faith Hussey. Plus all of you that volunteered in 2019. Please give everyone a hand for their selfless work. I am sure we can look forward to many challenges for 2020, and I encourage you all to help in our common cause.

Dec 2019 Ann, Dedi, and myself had the opportunity to walk with Andy Field, Director of Parks and Rec. At the park, we were there to discuss his letter informing us of their position to keep the Loop Road two-way traffic primarily because of safety concerns from lifeguards and police to whom he had talked. They gave feedback that they didn’t like the idea of one way traffic on Loop Road. He proposed building a decomposed granite trail on the west side of road. We are planning another meeting in the linear section to discuss erosion issues and fixes there. Andy told me he didn’t like existing signs. He also noted that he was not in support of the plastic fences.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vincent Paniagua reported he has just returned from vacation. He and his crew have worked hard in 2019 to address several improvement and safety issues throughout the park.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Joshua Coyne, Council Member District 2 Representative

Joshua Coyne discussed two dates for people to personally meet Councilwoman Jennifer Campbell and join in discussions: Jan. 30th at 5:30 p.m. at the Liberty Station Conference Center, and Feb. 8th a 10 a.m. Java- With-Jen series at the 3655 Voltaire Street coffee shop on Point Loma.

The Council is beginning a 2020-2021 priority memo budget list for 2020-21 Year. Send Josh by Friday 1/10/20 any priority SCNPC item.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Scott Opis

No requests

202. Calendar for 2020

Passed at the November 2019 meeting. No action needed.

203. Motion for Recent Cliff loss:

MOTION: The SCNPC Executive Committee recommends and I move that the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council send a letter to the City requesting immediate re-evaluation of the storm water drainage from the former field area. Rather than draining into the Cretaceous Canyon, much of it is going straight west off the edge of the cliff, causing extensive cliff loss.

MOTION: Moved by Dedi Ridenour

MOTION: Approved unanimously (17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

204. Motion for Barricade elevation at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Guizot

MOTION: The SCNPC Executive Committee recommends and I move that the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council send a letter to the City requesting elevating the height of the barricade from knee-high to waist high to reduce the chance of Cliffside Trail users falling over the cliff. We suggest that the design used at Carmelo and Sunset Cliffs Blvd. be utilized.

MOTION: Moved by Dedi Ridenour

MOTION: Approved unanimously (18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

300. Nominating Committee [Ad hoc committee work completed; 2020 officers elected at Nov. 4, 2019 meeting.]

301. Safety – Marty Kolb

Absent. No report.

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

Ellen Quick presented the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that she has been promoted to Senior Manager. Lin Kieser-Hua is now project manager for the HIP as well as other Sunset Cliffs Natural Park projects. In December the interpretive signs became ready, and over the next week or so final locations and orientations will be determined.

[Ellen further explained that there are 9 interpretive signs, each having a map. David Kimball will put pictures of these on the SCNPC website.]

303. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

No report.

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

No report. [See: Motions #203 and #204, page 3]

305. Revegetation Committee – David Kimball

David Kimball reported the parking lot will soon be open. A Saturday, January 25th work party will be held for the garden weeding. Contractor work in the park will include overall park weeding. David has been contacted by the Ocean Beach Library about possibly providing seed from the park for the library seed distribution project. He is looking into that possibility.

306. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller announced her SCNPC interpretive sign committee will be visiting the Balboa Park Natural History Museum to see its display about Madam Tingley and area geology. She also mentioned the videos entitled The Rise and Fall of San Diego, by Pat Abbott, SDSU emeritus Geology professor, which are now on U-Tube. The next meeting will be in February.

307. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Absent. No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The SCNPC January 6, 2020 SCNPC meeting email notice included these attachments:
January 6, 2020 Meeting Agenda; November 4, 2019 Approved Minutes; December 2, 2019 **Draft** Minutes.

Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council (SCNPC) is an advisory-only council to City of San Diego Parks And Recreation Dept.. Find SCNP Vision Statement, Map, Master Plan, and SCNPC information at the SCNPC website: www.sunsetcliffs.info. (Also use this website to access City’s park information—click on first white button of home page green section, then type “Sunset Cliffs Natural Park” in search box that appears.)

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger, Chair

Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
February 3, 2020
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106