

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

**January 8, 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**

Ann Swanson moved to approve the December 8, 2017 SCNPC Minutes. Dedi Ridenour seconded the motion. Motion passed: 12 yes; 0 no; 0 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 distributed a Sunset Cliffs Association report (authored by Craig Barilotti and Camilla Ingram) entitled, "Why Hasn't Damage from Erosion and Pollution in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Improved in 3 Decades?" Craig presented this report at the December, 2017, Regional Water Quality Control Board Meeting. The report states problems with haphazard planning, lack of a comprehensive drainage plan including all storm water flows affecting the Park, and the need for following the Park's Master Plan recommendations. The City should follow MS4 findings and incorporate LID/BMPs for erosion control. PLNU needs to be in the planning since it has no planned storm water harvesting/use and its pipes discharge wet/dry weather flows onto the parkland, resulting in polluting sediments which continue to discharge to the ocean.

Craig announced the above regional Board plans to have, in the near future, a workshop with interested parties to examine these erosion and pollution issues.

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

**LIFEGUARD REPORT** – Sergeant Lonnie Stephens

Absent. No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Rosamaria Acuna

Rosamaria Acuna circulated a copy of the SCNPC letter sent 12/29/17 to Councilmember Zapf and the City, requesting that the City of San Diego include the “Planning for Restoration and Natural Preservation of the SCNP Linear Section” on the City’s Unfunded Parks Improvement List [as SCNPC members voted unanimously to request at the SCNPC meeting on November 6, 2017].

**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 welcomed visitors and explained the SCNPC membership process.

*Barbara reminds members to send her 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** – Gene Berger

No report.

**STAFF REPORT** – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported he is in the process of training a new park ranger. Ranger David Paczona is presently working part time in the Parks & Recreation Dept. Office and doing some patrolling. A new lock has been installed on the Adair Street kiosk.

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

Conrad Wear reported police salaries have been increased and three to six more police will be assigned to the Western Division, which should help with more presence at SCNP. Short-term rental rules are still under discussion in City Council. Water bill audits are raising issues about smart water meters— contact Councilperson Zapf if water bills seem unusually high. Please submit right away any SCNPC requests for the City’s Unfunded Parks Improvement List.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: SCNP HILLSIDE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATES** by City Public Works and Rick Engineering.

Elizaabeth Schroth-Nichols, Project Manager for both the Hillside Improvements Project (HIP) and the Drainage Improvements Project (DIP), updated the SCNPC on the fact that the pre-construction meeting for the HIP would be scheduled in January with implementation to follow shortly. She then introduced Brendan Hastie, P.E., Rick Engineering, who presented an informative Power Point presentation beginning with MS4 and BMP requirements and how the DIP project will comply with these requirements. The presentation emphasized that a major DIP goal includes working with nature during times of heavy rain so as to both minimize erosion and adverse impacts on ocean water quality. Soil studies indicate that infiltration methods, such as retention basins, are not appropriate for SCNP's hillside. The parking lots will be redesigned with drainage needs being a priority. A drainage option would consist of either an updated rock-lined ditch in the present location or a new pipe extending northwest to an energy dissipator at the cliff faces near the beach.

Two conceptual drainage alternatives were presented. Alternative A, a more soft solution approach, would direct runoff from the upslope property through the existing "Cretaceous/Culvert Canyon." The Arizona Crossing would be redone. The bottom of the canyon, consisting of the stable Point Loma formation, would serve well for conveying runoff. Canyon sides would be laid back for safety. A pipe would transport runoff from the Young Hall Parking Lot to the canyon. Alternative B, a pipe solution, would run a pipe from the Arizona Crossing through the field area to an energy dissipator at the cliff face. A pipe would connect with the pipe extending from the Arizona Crossing.

It was emphasized that these are broad conceptual alternatives. Detailed plans will follow after more evaluation and study. Copies of the Power Point presentation given at this meeting [*entitled "The City of San Diego, "Sunset Cliffs Natural Park: Removal of Lomaland and Ladera Structures and Hillside Drainage Improvements Project Updates," prepared for SCNPC, January 8, 2018; presented by Elizabeth Schroth-Nicholas and Rick Engineering*] will be emailed to SCNPC membership.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. The *January 8, 2018, SCNPC meeting email notice* included these five attachments: the approved November 6, 2017 Amended Minutes, the SCNPC December 4, 2017 draft Minutes, the SCNPC January 8, 2018 Meeting Agenda, the SCNPC 2018 Meeting Calendar, and the SCNPC 2017 Attendance Record.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Because the above special City presentation [SCNP HILLSIDE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DRAINAGE PROJECT UPDATES] extended to Cabrillo Recreation Center closing time, 8:30 p.m., the remainder of the January 8, 2018 Agenda reports were postponed until the next meeting February 5, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. as moved by Ann Swanson and seconded by Judy McEntyre.  
Passed unanimously.

Judith S. McEntyre  
Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger  
Gene Berger, Chair

2/5/18  
Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting  
February 5, 2018, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,  
Cabrillo Recreation Center  
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106