

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

January 9, 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

Florence Dormer moved to approve the 12/5/16 minutes; seconded by Dalana Pursel. Passed unanimously.

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

1. Dedi Ridenour thanked Ann Swanson for her SCNPC article printed in The Beacon newspaper.
2. Rosamaria Acuna presented safety concerns at Sunset Cliffs linear section which she observed when 200 or more people attended a Hike and Yoga event at Luscomb's Point recently. She circulated that event's publicity flyer. Vince Paniagua (Park & Rec.) did not believe a required permit had been filed for this event; he will contact the city Permit Center to notify the flyer creators about the regulations. He will also ask the Permit Center about better communications with P&R and SCNPC when permits have been issued, and what reporting, monitoring, and enforcement procedures can be put in place to ensure public safety.
3. Other SCNPC members reported appreciation for students from High Tech High who donated Saturday time helping to clean up SCNPC litter, and Rosamaria Acuna showed an article by San Diego Free Press about 2016 being a deadly year at Sunset Cliffs (4 deaths and 3 serious injuries).

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 SCNPC/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 correspondence. Rosamaria Acuna reported one park kiosk is difficult to open because of a rusty hinge. Ranger Paczona is checking on its refurbishment.

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 Barbara Houlton’s November 2016 attendance will be changed from Absent to Excused. She also revised her December 2016 new members report—Nick Wilson will be a new member after completing the three consecutive meetings in attendance. 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:

2017 looks like another busy year for Sunset Cliffs!

The SCNPC Executive Committee's proposed goals for 2017 include:

- 1) Implementation of the Hillside Improvement Project managed through the Public Works Department
- 2) Planning/implementation of the Comprehensive Drainage Project through Public Works
- 3) Educational signage - SCNPC, Park & Rec, San Diego Natural History Museum, & Cabrillo NM
- 4) Western Loop Road use when agreement expires on 7/31/2017
- 5) Continued work on the Hillside's Native Plant Demonstration Area – David Kimball
- 6) Finishing work on the North Entry Garden Project – California Native Plant Society
- 7) Lower Parking Lot - design/funding
- 8) Solutions/monitoring for Linear Section
- 9) Survey of SCNP usage. - SCNPC/interested schools
- 10) Collection of historical photos, articles, interviews, etc.
- 11) Survey/monitoring of intertidal health – interested colleges/universities, Craig B.
- 12) Survey/monitoring of cliff erosion – interested colleges/universities
- 13) Clean up work parties - various community volunteers/organizations
- 14) Continued community outreach through information booths, presentations, etc.
- 15) Update SCNPC Bylaws to be in compliance with California Brown Act & the Park and Recreation Department's updated Standard Operating Procedures (2015)

As always, we look forward to working closely with City Council District 2, the Park & Recreation Department, the Shoreline Park Rangers, Police Department, & Lifeguards.

Please let us know if other projects should be added to this list. Please also let us know if you or someone you know is interested in helping. Folks can help by serving on committees, conducting park surveys, participating in work parties, collecting & organizing historical information, documenting with photos, helping with information booths, presentations, and research.

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

Vince Paniagua reported that brush cleanup is ongoing in the Hillside section of the park. Four dumpster loads have already been removed. Root structure of the cut bushes remain in the ground. Brush off Stafford Place will be trimmed. He is keeping an eye on the Parking Lot #1 chain link fence and a crack above the beach at the southern end of Sunset Cliffs Blvd..

Vince will be in contact with the city Permit Center, concerning unpermitted events along the linear section of the park, as reported in COMMUNICATIONS (2) above. He will turn in the revised SCNPC Bylaws to Dan Daneri and Bruce Martinez for review (SEE ACTION ITEM 202 below).

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevens_

Don Sevens was absent. Larry McCleary reported for him. The forty foot height limit in Roseville still is an issue. A picture of Debbie Blum in David Kimball’s native plant area is on display at Jensen’s grocery store. Don will have more information on the progress of the pocket park off Cañon Street.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger requested the following motion:

MOTION: I move that the SCNPC approve a discretionary fund of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be allotted for 2017.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED BY Jean Nathan/Dalana Pursel

MOTION: Passed unanimously

202. Approval of SCNPC Bylaws Update – Larry McCleary

MOTION: The SCNPC Board recommends and I move that the SCNPC approve the SCNPC Bylaws Update, as presented 1/9/17, for approval by San Diego Park & Recreation Department.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED BY Larry McCleary/Marty Kolb

MOTION: Passed unanimously

203. Recommendations Regarding the Use of Herbicides and Pesticides in the Linear Section

MOTION: SCNPC recommends a moratorium on plant removal and herbicide use in the Linear Section unless it is in conjunction with an approved restoration project.

MOTION: **MOVED / SECONDED BY** Dedi Ridenour/Gene Berger

MOTION: Passed (14 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick presented the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that Estrada Land Planning is working on finalizing the revised plan set and should have this ready shortly. The City will review these plans and we will begin revising the project specifications to reflect the changes in the plans.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller:

Lyle Beller reported the following:

Elizabeth wishes us a Happy New Year.

She also reports: "We are processing the PA2625 to bring our consultants on board for design. We hope to have our kick-off meetings in the early part of the new year. The NORA (notice of right to appeal) that was posted for the drainage project was approved without any objections."

The NORA states the design scope as: "Services include the preparation of construction documents for the drainage system for the park, and to also include two parking lots, as identified by the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan. Additional services include preliminary drainage and BMP analysis, alignment evaluations; field surveys; preparation of technical reports, specifications, maps and legal descriptions, drawings; geotechnical investigation/evaluation; project management and coordination; public outreach; and other associated services.

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

Dedi Ridenour circulated the following meeting notes from the Water Management and Erosion Committee meeting of 12/13/16, as follows.

There is no precise plan for the implementation of the SCNP Master Plan in the Linear Section:

1. The Linear Section of SCNP's main asset is the very scenic continuous coastal trail at the cliffs edge. (approximately one mile);
2. The increase of path users has deepened the path accelerating the storm water erosion causing and increasing upper bluff cliff collapse and path loss;
3. This path now has large rain puddles which:
 - a. Weaken the cliff's face as the water percolates into the soil
 - b. Cause unwary path users to walk dangerously around the west (seaward) side on crumbling edges directly over 25 + foot drops.

The SCNPC has deep concerns over recent spraying of herbicides over the one mile length of the SCNP Linear Section.

Because this herbicide kills the existing healthy indigenous plants (especially the salt bush), the erosion has accelerated.

Moreover, the unwary park users now step closer to the collapsing cliff edge where before they usually would not step as close because of the plants.

[SEE ALSO ACTION ITEM (203)]

304. Revegetation – David Kimball

Absent. No report.

305. Education – Barbara Keiller

Absent. No report.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

No report.

307. Safety – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

No report.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Dedi Ridenour reported for Pat Gallagher (absent): the committee met January 5, 2017. People are encouraged to come to our next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Cabrillo Rec. Center, Thursday 1/19/17 to continue discussion of the possible uses of the Western Loop Road.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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