

MINUTES --DRAFT 1
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SUNSET CLIFFS NATURAL PARK COUNCIL

July 9, 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 June 4, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Barbara Keiller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

PRESENTATION ON THE LADERA STREET STAIR ACCESS PROJECT

Jeff Cramoline, Associate Civil Engineer with the City Of San Diego Public Works Department, is leading the emergency stair access project underway due to falling rock damage of Ladera Street stairs leading down to the beach. Contractor Orion is working on design which will involve scaling off loose rock, sloping the stable rock/area back to vertical face, and then revegetating the slope to reduce runoff. This is an emergency short-term fix only and is not involved with replacement of the stairs.

The emergency budget for this project is time and material costs which can not exceed \$1.5 million dollars. The project may not go through drainage plans, and will be done as fast as possible because it is an emergency. Biodegradable sandbags will be put out only if rain becomes an issue. Once the contractor gets an okay to proceed, the area will be closed off until the safety emergency is fully addressed. Because this is an emergency, Coastal Commission input will come after this short-term fix.

[A discussion followed whereby SCNPC members voiced the importance of getting the stairs open for public use as soon as possible. Concerns were expressed about grading and attempts to revegetate the designed slope, and present safety issues caused by the public still trying to use the broken stairs. Reasons for rock/soil undercutting of the stairs might include: the structural fault (south side of the stairs); street parking which causes water to miss the storm drain on Ladera; indentation (gully) where percolation is happening; possible storm drain clogging; and possible percolation from the cave at the south and the cave at the north. Dedi Ridenour showed photos and said jute sandbags filled with surrounding soil has been used as an effective erosion deterrent over a ten-year period. Jeff says he will

have the contractor check on the scoping of the storm drain to see if it is clogged. Vince has had no word about stairs being put elsewhere (ADA access would be required).]

Jeff Cramoline can be reached at jcramoline@sandiego.gov should SCNPC wish to send ideas (ASAP).

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. Barbara Houlton will be giving a book talk about her book, *Villa Surf: Dan Dixon's Pleasure Palace 1960-1962*, at the Ocean Beach Library July 28 at 2-3 pm. This is the second of two volumes she has written, describing the life and times (1950–1962) at the house known as Villa Surf, located on land now part of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

She also mentioned that a Sunset Cliffs neighborhood business (applying for a liquor license) has submitted a draft environmental impact form which makes no mention of the possible negative and safety impacts on SCNP and surrounding area.

2. Dalana Pursel reported that there are still RV homes being lived in on streets in the Sunset Cliffs Boulevard area. Please call in these violations to the new San Diego police division.
3. Dedi Ridenour reported two cliff falls in one week along Sunset Cliffs Blvd. One was an accidental fall and other was a suicide attempt.
4. A blue bike rack has been parked in the Park along Ladera Street. This should not be located there.

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 – Pat Gallagher

Absent. No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

No report.

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

No report.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported caster bean weeds have been sprayed. White pylons have been replaced at the Froude/Sunset Cliffs Blvd. road section. The construction contractor area has been vandalized and chains at Ladera Street were cut off and posts taken out. Rock crumbles continue coming down on the stairs.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Speaking for Conrad Wear, Kohta Zaiser discussed the following items.

There has been successful funding for a clerical assistant II position for Lifeguards Headquarters which will allow sergeants and lieutenant to be out in the field instead of handling paperwork, etc.. Progress on the OB Lifeguard Station continues to move forward. The adopted budget allocated an additional \$240k to support design of the OB Lifeguard Station. Total budget is now almost \$500,000 with Council-member Zapf’s efforts.

Over 390 miles of road repaving is planned for this next fiscal year. Check streets.sandiego.gov for updates. If your street is not planned for this fiscal year yet you see potholes or other major issues on your streets, please report it through the City’s GetitGone app. Also, Councilmember Zapf fought to restore over \$800,000 in City tree trimming budget to ensure proper maintenance of urban tree canopy.

There have been at least 17 **Bait Bike** felony apprehensions in the last two months. These people have been contacted by SCPD numerous times and are now off the street.

The next Short Term Rentals meeting is on Monday July 16th at 12 PM. Councilmember Zapf has major concerns with the most recent proposal with regards to the ability of out of town investors buying up our beach communities housing stock.

Don reported the following.

PLANNING BOARD. A real hot issue is 5 acres of vacant ground at Nimitz and Famosa Boulevard. It is very hilly, has almost no access, and has transmission power wires running through it. The Housing

Authority wants to build 78 affordable housing apartment units. Neighbors want the site to be kept as open space or a developed park. Housing authorities appear to have explained little to the public as to what is going on. The Planning Board reversed itself and withdrew its letter of support for the units.

POCKET PARK. The design concept for the pocket at Canon and Avenida de Portugal was just approved unanimously by the city’s Park Board. It will now go out to bid. This is not a Planning Board project. As a volunteer, I have four years of my life invested in it. It could open in 2021.

RECYCLING. The recycling center at Stump’s has closed. Residents at Sea Colony, Park Point Loma, and merchants along Voltaire have been frustrated for four years. The state ordered it be put there. The Planning Board never got involved. Three volunteers – Margaret Virissimo, Jon Linney and Don Sevrens – are leading an effort to find a better site. Prince Recycling declined to participate. The recycling system is in turmoil statewide. A bill in the Legislature would make major changes.

BRIDGE RAILING. A volunteer effort 2.5 years so far is trying to add graceful touches to the Voltaire Street Bridge over Nimitz, including decorative lamp posts and a railing that will make it look like a miniature Golden Gate. We need one last City approval to move forward. Conrad Wear and Council Member Lorie Zapf have been working hard on the public side.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Pat Gallagher

Absent. No request.

202, 203, and 204 MOTIONS BACKGROUND

Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) manager Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that Rick Engineering likes the lower and upper parking lot conceptual designs submitted by the SCNPC and is now working on more detailed plans. She is asking the SCNPC for recommendations regarding 1) whether or not to use the entry road's apron for parking, 2) number of parking spaces for the lower parking lot, and 3) number of parking spaces for the upper parking lot. On 6-25-18 the DIP/WMEC

committees reviewed parking needs in the hillside section and developed preliminary recommendations as follows: 1) eliminate parking in the apron area (5-1-0); 2) 50-60 parking spaces in the lower parking lot which combines the number of marked parking spaces in the lower lot plus current parking on the apron (6-0-0); 3) 60 parking spaces in the upper parking lot since the SCNPC Master Plan calls for reducing the footprint of the lot to reduce the hardscape, yet accommodate adequate parking for park users (6-0-0).

202. Motion: Should the “apron” on the Ladera Street entry road be used for parking?

MOTION: The DIP/WMEC committees recommend and I move that the SCNPC recommend removal of the entry road “apron” area for parking purposes.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

203. Motion: Recommended number of parking spaces for the lower parking lot

MOTION: The DIP/WMEC committees recommend and I move that the SCNPC recommend 50-60 parking spaces for the lower parking lot.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

204. Motion: Recommended number of parking spaces for the upper parking lot

[DID a straw vote (members/nonmembers voted): 11 for 60 spaces; 4 for 75 spaces]

MOTION: The DIP/WMEC committees recommend and I move that the SCNPC recommend 60 parking spaces for the upper parking lot.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson

MOTION: Motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick reported the following:

Input from Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols and Jeff Wooley:

In April a notice of violation was issued by the Regional Water Board for the HIP, citing insufficient erosion/sedimentation controls on site. The contractor has responded to this by increasing the number of BMPs and ensuring that they are properly installed. The BMPs that were installed were silt fences and fiber rolls. Jute mat was installed on all finished, graded slopes.

In response to our request to know the type of work expected in the near future, re-grading of the redesigned ADA trail and the continued installation of irrigation lines are expected in the coming month.

The swale was moved, but Jeff Wooley states that the stakes were not moved, nor was additional vegetation removed.

There has been vandalism to the project. This includes destruction of some BMPs (probably by people using the park and tearing down silt fences to access adjacent areas). This vandalism probably contributed to what was observed by the Regional Water Board. In addition, some posts installed for post and cable fencing and for interpretive signs have been removed. Any ideas for preventing additional vandalism are welcome. Additional ranger presence, both during construction and afterwards, would be helpful.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

See the DIP/WMEC combined report #303 below. [SEE ALSO: ACTION 202, 203, 204]

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

The DIP/WMEC combined report by Dedi Ridenour and Ann Swanson is as follows:

At previous meetings, members expressed concern about potential storm water damage during severe rain events and discussed temporary solutions for reducing erosion in recently graded areas. These suggestions were given to project manager Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols. Elizabeth reports that “Our contractor is required by their contract (through the permits, stormwater requirements, and the SWPPP) to protect the site from stormwater runoff. There are continuous site inspections by City stormwater, as well as the Regional Water Quality Control Board to ensure the contractor is properly implementing their SWPPP and protecting the site. We are not able to dictate the contractor's means and methods for implementing their SWPPP.

During my last visit, I noted the contractor is using silt fencing, jute mat, fiber rolls, and other measures to provide stormwater protection on areas that are not currently in active construction as well as perimeter control for the whole site as approved by our City stormwater group.”

In April, the Regional Water Quality Control Board did issue an enforcement letter regarding some deficiencies in the contractor's site BMPs. The City stormwater group also visited the site and worked with the contractor to fix these deficiencies immediately. The City stormwater group and the Regional Water Quality Control Board continue to work with the contractor to ensure they are implementing their SWPPP correctly. **[SEE ALSO: ACTION 202, 203, 204]**

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported summer heat is a tough time for the dry garden.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

No report.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Absent. No report.

307. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb

No report.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Absent. No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Absent. No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The *July 9th SCNPC meeting email notice* included these attachments:

July 9, 2018 Meeting Agenda; May 7, 2018 SCNPC Approved Minutes; June 4, 2018 **Draft** Minutes; Attendance Record January – June 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m..

Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger, Chair

Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
August 6, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106