

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

June 5, 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 May 1, 2017 SCNPC Minutes; seconded Kim Haynes. Passed unanimously.

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

1. A visitor running for City Council District 2 introduced himself.
2. Craig Barilotti handed out a Sunset Cliffs Association map entitled *Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Storm Water Runoff Water Courses*. The map shows water runoff, major flows, and the extensive erosion in the Park. Craig has walked this area and recommends that when the life estates are removed, the land should be contoured so water won't be runoff down the hill. He also discussed extensive soil piping damage. These items should be included in the scopes for Park planning and work.

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

Rosamaria Acuna reported several of the SCNPC members attending and helping out at the SCNPC information table at the Point Loma Association's Annual Town Hall Forum May 16, 2017. Cabrillo Monument volunteers, at the adjoining table, expressed interest in collaborating with SCNPC, such as partnering with SCNPC to do park cleanup.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Gene Berger

Gene Berger reported \$3,048.95 in regular account and \$771.19 in savings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Faith Hussey

Faith reminded members and nonmembers attending the SCNPC meeting to sign the attendance sheets. See her for information on how to join SCNPC. She also reminded 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

SCNPC Chair, Ann Swanson, reported:

Many thanks to Rosamaria Acuna and her team who set up a SCNP information table at the Point Loma Association meeting on May 16th!

A special thanks to Ellen Quick, Barbara Keiller, Dedi Ridenour, and others, who spent many productive hours working on nine interpretive signs for the Hillside Improvement Project! Ellen will share the results during her report.

Thanks to Conrad Wear who found funding for interpretive signs for the Linear Section!

And thanks to Pat Gallagher for her excellent chairing of the Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee! On May 25th, Pat and I attended the City's Western Loop Road meeting, where we received answers to the SCNPC's questions about the WLR, which were submitted several months ago. Assistant Director of the Park and Recreation Department, Andy Field, chaired the meeting. Also participating were: Council District 2 Representative, Conrad Wear; Director of Park and Rec, Herman Parker; Deputy Director of Developed Regional Parks, Bruce Martinez; Civil Engineer, Paul Jacob; and District Manager, Dan Daneri. At the ad hoc committee meeting on May 30th and June 1st, Pat shared the results of the City

meeting. The ad hoc committee decided to bring a new Western Loop Road motion for your consideration tonight. Pat will provide the details.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua or David Paczona

Vince Paniagua reported he is getting ready for July 4th and summer staffing. The first parking lot recently had a chunk of asphalt fall off. Please remove Michael Ruiz from our mailing lists. Vince will look into reported graffiti in the Western Loop drainage area at Arizona Crossing.

City Park & Rec is short of workers but they do try to daily remove trash can garbage. Vince will look into possibly having the Mission Bay staffing help out with duties until available positions can be filled. Dan Daneri is trying to fill the ranger position to replace Mike Ruiz. At the moment, park ranger weekday coverage is down to just one group for the whole coastline (La Jolla glider port to SCNP). Weekends have two groups.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevrens

Don Sevrens reported that Peninsula Community Planning Board Chair Jon Linney is the new vice chair for an umbrella group over the City's 42 planning boards.

The City also presented on a project to widen the Nimitz/Rosecrans intersection. adding turn lanes, bicycle lanes and narrowing sidewalks. A construction date is not known but work will last a year. Several board members had critical questions and a second presentation was promised at future date.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger

None.

202. Western Loop Road Recommendation [See also: #308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee, page 6]

Pre-Motion Information: Pat Gallagher reported that, on May 25, 2017, Ann Swanson (SCNPC Chair) and Pat Gallagher (Western Loop Road Committee Chair) were invited to attend a City of San Diego (City) meeting regarding the Western Loop Road (WLR). At this meeting the City disclosed that it is in the middle of negotiations with Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) for a new three-year use agreement for the WLR as the current agreement expires on 7-31-17. The WLR Committee had two meetings (May 30, 2017 and June 1, 2017) to discuss road options. The WLR Committee approved the following new motion to bring before the SCNPC.

SCNP Western Loop Road Committee Motion for the June 5, 2017 Meeting

The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park (SCNP)'s Master Plan states; "Create a Park where people can enjoy San Diego's natural coastal environment as it once was, free from the effects of man and intended to inspire the user to reflect on the grandeur of the sea and the beauty of the cliffs that are Point Loma"

Whereas: The Western Loop Road is entirely within dedicated Parkland. A use agreement between the City of San Diego (City) and Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) of the WLR has existed for 25 years, and will expire on July 31, 2017. Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council has been concerned with the usage of the road for decades and last November constituted an Ad Hoc committee to determine what the public currently thinks is the best usage of this road, per the SCNP Master Plan, and provide this input to the City.

Although the SCNPC believes the best usage of the Western Loop Road is to return the entire road to Park usage for the general public, per the Western Loop Road Motion passed at the May 1, 2017 meeting, the SCNPC is aware that this road is used occasionally by emergency vehicles. SCNPC would like to ensure that first responders can get to all parts of the Park where their help may be needed, and are willing to revisit this issue.

Regardless, the existing road poses hazardous safety issues due to its narrowness, two-way vehicular traffic, and concurrent usage by pedestrians and bicyclists. This dangerous situation will be accentuated when the Hillside Improvement Project is completed and the multiuse trail provides direct access to the WLR for both bicyclists and pedestrians at its southern terminus. The SCNPC proposes to significantly improve the safety situation and to bring the WLR into closer compliance with the SCNP Master Plan.

MOTION: Therefore, the Sunset Cliffs Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee recommends and I move that:

- The Western Loop Road be changed to a one-way road, northbound (east lane), for vehicular usage.
- A pedestrian path and bicycle path be added along the western side of the road (using the existing southbound lane), per the SCNP Master Plan, thus allowing Emergency vehicles to enter and exit as needed to access Young Hall (PLNU), and the southern portions of the SCNP, while providing safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The above two bullets be implemented immediately after expiration of the current

agreement.

- Because the WLR may be part of the new SCNP Drainage Improvement Project, any new use agreement with PLNU should be no longer than 3 years in duration.

MOTION: MOVED BY Pat Gallagher

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (Yes – 18; No – 0; Abstain - 0)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick reported:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that City staff have received edited plans and estimate from the consultant and are working on finalizing the specifications for the Hillside Improvements Projects. They are in the process of approving the project schedule to get it online on the CIP tracking website.

She reports that the project is moving forward and is on track.

This month our committee met several times, together with the Education Committee, to prepare content and image input for the interpretive signs. The content has been received by City staff and shared with the consultant, who will create the signs.

This was a huge project, and many thanks go to all who submitted ideas and participated in design and editing, on relatively short notice. In particular, Barbara Keiller, Ann Swanson, Dedi Ridenour, Rosamaria Acuna, David Kimball, Ellen Freund, and Gail Delalla devoted hours to this work. Thanks to Cher Pendarvis for providing original files for the logo. Thanks to Vince Paniagua for research within the City on the ecological area. Thanks to Jon Lyons, Karen Strauss, Ed Henry, and Gerry Tiejje for permission to use their photos. Thanks for permissions and information go to Cabrillo National Monument, the NOAA National Ocean Service, artist William Stout, Dr. Richard Carrico of SDSU (information and images of the Kumeyaay), and the SD Natural History Museum and Dr. Tom Demere (information, images, and permissions).

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller

Lyle Beller distributed by email the *Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Project and Consultant Scope 5/22/17* document which was provided by Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols in response to a SCNPC member's request during Elizabeth and George Freiha's presentation to the SCNPC on May 1, 2017. [SEE ALSO: this email document is attached to these June 2017 Minutes.]

Lyle discussed this three-page document briefly during the DIP Committee report. Several members felt that the document was too short, needed more specific details, and appeared that many items SCNPC turned in to the City were not included. So DIP needs to look at this document in detail. There will be a DIP meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at Cabrillo Recreation Center.

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

Dedi Ridenour stated that the WMEC should meet with DIP at their meetings to study together the *Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Project and Consultant Scope 5/22/17* document discussed above.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported focusing on watering for the garden, and possibly getting gardening help from Point Loma Association volunteers.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported the Education Committee met with Ranger David Paczona on May 8 at the Cabrillo Rec Center to work on educational materials. The committee is planning a public linear section tour toward the end of July, plus some in August. Please help brainstorm content for these tours. The San Diego Natural History Museum will be involved with the tours. The Education Committee plans to have another meeting soon.

306. Publicity Committee – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey asked for volunteers to sign up to help her at the SCNPC information table at the OB Street Fair and Chili Cookoff on June 24th, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

307. Safety Committee – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

Marty reported that City Streets Dept. is doing a Sunset Cliffs Blvd survey of signage along the cliffs. Our request for additional signage is waiting for this process to be completed. Marty is waiting for other City employees to get back to her on our request for a traffic count and other safety questions. Dedi requested Marty to ask City Permit Dept. officials what penalties are given to park users who violate their permit rules. Marty replied that the penalties are in the city codes on permits.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

[See Also: the above #203 Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee Motion, and the

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT]

Pat Gallagher thanked the Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee for all their fruitful effort and expertise in drafting the Western Loop Road Recommendation. She is planning to have another meeting after May 25, 2017.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Scott reported the Northern Entry Project's size has been reduced. There will be planting tomorrow.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
July 10, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.,
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106