

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

June 4, 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

Kim Haynes moved to approve the May 7, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Marty Kolb seconded the motion. Motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

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. Dedi Ridenour expressed concern about safety as a result of the removal of traffic delineators at the corner of Froude and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. This is especially important because of increased traffic due to the “Mermaid” on nearby Ross Rock and summer activity at the Arch. Vince will check with the Traffic Department about replacing the delineators. Dedi also requests a traffic study along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

2. Craig Barilotti proposed that PLNU be asked to consider placing 50 2,000-gallon rain barrels on campus to catch runoff at the source so as to reduce the amount reaching SCNP and provide the opportunity to recycle water on campus. 50 rain barrels could handle over 100,000 gallons per day and would cost \$970 each for a total of approximately \$100,000. Craig is organizing a committee to approach the new PLNU Vice President with this idea.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Absent. No report.

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[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

Ann Swanson reported for Pat Gallagher that there is \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

Barbara welcomed visitors and passed out membership applications.

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 and Dan Daneri addressed the Ladera Street access, which is currently closed due to unstable cliffs. Dan reports the professionals are exploring various possibilities to make the access available for use. Possible solutions might include: placing steel mesh to hold the cliffs, regrading the cliffs, and addressing the sea caves. There should be more information in a month. Dan promised to bring solutions to the SCNPC and said there would need to be an environmental review of options.

Dan announced the City of San Diego is in the beginning stages of a 3-year progressive process to develop a master plan for a “World Class Park and Recreation System”. All citizens are invited and encouraged to participate in the workshops which are being held throughout the city. The first workshop in this area is scheduled from 6-8 pm on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Jim Howard Hall Meeting Room at Robb

Field. Input can also be provided on the website: www.cityofsandiegoparksplan.com. See attached “City of San Diego Parks Master Plan – Work Plan”.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevens

Absent. No report.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Pat Gallagher

No request.

202. Motion to change July meeting from July 2, 2018 to July 9, 2018

MOTION: Change the date of the SCNPC July meeting from July 2, 2018 to July 9, 2018

MOTION: Moved by Jean Nathan; seconded by Barbara Keiller

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick reported the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that work on the HIP is continuing. The request for no summer moratorium on the work appears to have been granted.

Although some of the demonstration garden did need to be removed for construction in that area, which will include the swales, the trail was moved farther west in response to our request, and this did preserve some of the plants.

In response to the request for a construction schedule, Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols said that the 260 working days began January 25 and should last through September (120 calendar plant establishment days are subtracted). She does not have a more detailed schedule.

RAL, the general contractor, has a subcontractor, Habitat West, with C27 landscaping license. Habitat West was required to submit evidence of successful projects of similar scope and did so.

Because weather in late September can be hot and dry, sections of the bidding document (pp.70-71) were read. These sections specify that planting will only be done when weather and soil conditions are suitable, and that this determination is made by the Project Biologist.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reports the following.

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that:

1. The house removal project is in the final stages of review and will be submitted soon to the Development Services Department.
2. Alternative A, the conceptual proposal to direct runoff through Cretaceous Canyon, has been approved by staff and will be further developed.
3. Rick Engineering considered the possibility of directing the northern hillside runoff through the Ladera Street Canyon, but determined that would not work due to the runoff's volume and velocity which would negatively impact that canyon. They continue to explore possibilities for the northern hillside, but are currently still considering sending the runoff to Garbage Beach.
4. The SCNPC parking lot suggestions were sent to Rick Engineering for review which is still in process. If the parking lots are redesigned, a change order would be required.

At the May meeting of the DIP/WMEC committees, the following temporary erosion control measures to slow or reduce excess run off into the ocean from rain storms during construction of the HIP were suggested:

1. Before the rainy season, stockpile on wooden pallets jute sandbags filled with local high silt dirt. These jute sandbags could be used to slow runoff in the northwest and southwest corners of the lower parking lot, the upper parking lot, and at other locations as needed. A possible use would be in front of the under drains that convey runoff to the lower parking lot.
2. Open the temporary dirt dam that currently blocks the flow of storm water from the Arizona Crossing to Cretaceous Canyon.
3. Install temporary rain barrels by the upper life estate buildings.

While visiting the park on June 1, I had the opportunity to talk with Gigi Hurst, President & CEO of Habitat West, the company that has been contracted to do the native habitat restoration for the HIP. She

has a B.S. in ornamental horticulture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and a minor in botany from UC Santa Barbara. With 25 years of native habitat restoration experience, she is both knowledgeable and passionate about habitat restoration. Gigi says native plants are her “kids” requiring lots of TLC and individual attention. When I told her that many folks are concerned about keeping the bulldozed soil from migrating to the ocean during heavy rains, she said that before the rainy season they plan to apply a hydroseed/binder mix which will help keep the soil in place.

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

Dedi Ridenour reports that, to assist the contractor in a successful revegetation project, the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Water Management and Erosion Committee would like to request an opportunity to review the contractor’s emergency plan for significant rain events. It appears that there are four locations where storm water traditionally collects and concentrates and runs off into the ocean. They are the northwest and southwest corners of the lower parking lot, the easternmost end of the Badlands where it joins the multi-use trail, and the storm water channel from the Arizona Crossing to the east end of Cretaceous Canyon.

It is hoped that the contractor understands the magnitude of these flows and is able to put up some form of temporary energy dissipation to prevent heavy sediment flows into the ocean. We hope that granitic rocks and gravel is not chosen for this purpose. We look forward to helping with innovative and soft solutions.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported that the recent bull dozing in preparation for the ADA trail and drainage swale adjacent to the demonstration garden resulted in the loss of 400 established native plants. He was only given a one-day notice, so he was able to only move about 40 plants to safety. David also says that there is no regular water service, so he has to beg for water. On the positive side, he says the new ADA trail will be higher, providing a great view of the garden. He’ll use this as an opportunity to redesign the garden so as to showcase the native plants.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

No report.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey announced the OB Street Fair scheduled for June 23. She requests volunteers to work at the SCNPC information booth.

307. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb

Marty Kolb reported on the following Safety Committee concerns.

- 1) Possibility of putting new call box phone inside the park at the far end of the parking lot. The one on Ladera Street and Sunset Cliffs is too far for emergencies in the parking area or south part of the linear park.
- 2) Traffic and speeding on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and on Ladera Street. Could stop signs be put up on some of the local intersections to slow traffic?
- 3) Portable toilets on Ladera Street at park entrance need to be cleaned. Nearby neighbor

complained of doors left open and odor in her yard. Some people are urinating right next to the portable toilets and in neighbor's yards.

- 4) Dog poop in the linear section of the park is not removed. Owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. It washes into the ocean and is not good for surfers or others using the ocean.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The *June 4th SCNPC meeting email notice included these attachments:*
June 4, 2018 Meeting Agenda; May 7 2018 SCNPC Draft Minutes; April 9, 2018 SCNPC Special Meeting Approved Minutes; April 2, 2018 SCNPC Approved Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Judith McEntyre
Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger
Gene Berger, Chair

July 9, 2018
Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
July 9, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106