

MINUTES (Corrected 04-03-17)
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SUNSET CLIFFS NATURAL PARK COUNCIL

March 6, 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. Ann made the following announcement:

“We had a computer problem this month which resulted in only some receiving agendas by the 72 hour deadline required by the California Brown Act. When the problem was discovered, a second notification was immediately sent. Approval of the February minutes and other items requiring motions and votes will be deferred until the April 3, 2017 meeting.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the February 6, 2017 SCNPC Minutes was deferred to the April 3, 2017 meeting.

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

1. Craig Barilotti showed a park map of erosion/sewage runoff that goes through the Ladera Street outfall pipe. The pipe is completely filled in, requiring maintenance that could come from the maintenance budget. It is not a capital improvement. He is preparing to go to the regional board to present this action needed.
2. Dedi Ridenour announced that the Ocean Beach Historical Society annual garden party will be held Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2017.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Officer Surwilo reported monthly Coffee With The Cops program. He encouraged citizens to email him whenever we have concerns. He has reported to Western Division the need for faster non-emergency police service. He will set up a spring meeting at Western Division Headquarters with Conrad Wear, himself, and interested SCNPC members concerned about more police service for the SCNP area this 2017 summer. Officer Surwilo was thanked for the very positive outcomes of safety and enforcement last summer which resulted from the increased number/oversight/coordination of police, lifeguards, rangers, and fire department.

[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 she still has a problem opening a kiosk. She also reported she sent a letter regarding herbicide use in the linear section to Vince et al.

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 expressed thanks to all who attended the farewell breakfast for Larry McCleary, and to Rosamaria Acuna for hosting the event at her home.

Faith reminds members to send her an email for excused absences. Send to Faihnhome@att.net or call Faith at 619-228-1854.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reported the following:

A major focus since our February meeting has been on native habitat restoration. 1) On February 8th, The California Native Plant Society held a meeting at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center to review their North Entry Project in the Sunset Cliffs' Linear Section and present a plan to move forward during the year that remains on their Right of Entry Permit. Scott Opis will fill in the details. 2) The Hillside Section's native habitat demonstration garden is thriving under the excellent leadership of David Kimball. The abundant rains have contributed to making this a spectacular year for the native plants!

On February 25th, a thank you brunch was held at Rosemaria Acuna's lovely home for Larry McCleary who has been a dedicated SCNPC member for many years. His many valuable contributions include his outstanding service first as the SCNPC's recording secretary and, for the last several years, as corresponding secretary. We very much appreciate Larry, wish him well in his move to the retirement community, and look forward to his help in the future. Many thanks to Rosamaria for organizing and hosting the celebration for Larry!

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

Vince Paniagua reported that Sunset Cliffs entry signs are to be installed March 10th. A UCSD scientific study on Argentine ants is underway (four times/year, for each season) behind homes and PLNU in the Sunset Cliffs area. The scientists have been given right of entry. Ranger David Paczona is still on light duty. Vince will address the knee-high weed growth in SCNP. No herbicide will be used. Vince will also repair the kiosk door problem.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevens

Don Sevens reported:

1) Portuguese Park. KTU&A has been selected as the landscape architect/consultant firm. The city's public arts and culture commission has agreed to a piece of public art at the park. By the way, Don Sevens and Jon Linney found the money for the park in a forgotten city account that was about to expire with money at risk of being given back to the developers. Sunset Cliffs was not eligible for the funds.

2) Planning Board election is being held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 16. As supporters of Sunset Cliffs, this is an important election to you. The PCPB transportation committee chair is retiring. There will be a new chair. [Don then introduced 2 guests.]

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Gene Berger

None.

202. Motion to recommend sending a letter to the City to investigate safety concerns such as 1) pedestrian safety at "No Surf" and "Rock Slides, and 2) redesign of the Cordova & Sunset Cliffs Boulevard Intersection.

No action.

203: Motion to request that the Streets Department 1) survey traffic along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, and 2) provide the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council with information from previous traffic surveys.

No action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick presented the following report:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that City staff recently received the plans, specifications, and estimate from the consultant. Staff are now in the process of reviewing these and will soon begin preparation of the final package.

During a conversation with Elizabeth last month regarding David Kimball's recommendations for alternatives to Torrey pines in the project (toyon, lemonadeberry, and possibly scrub oak), I learned that the ~~Council office~~ City Council District 2 Lorie Zapf's office wants to add 5 additional Torrey pines as part of the Climate Action Plan, (even if not all survive). Further details about how these have been added to the plans are not available.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Lyle Beller

Lyle Beller reported:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that city staff has completed the PA2625 internal process and has now started the PA2625 external process. The external process usually takes less time than the internal process. This is the last step before design contract award.

The PA2625 internal process included lots of review of the environmental process in an effort to make the process as efficient as possible while still making sure the required environmental reviews would be accomplished per all applicable laws and regulations.

We discussed the way the City prioritizes projects and how this prioritization might be affecting how fast the bureaucratic wheels turn, and Elizabeth told me that she and her supervisors had designated the PA2625 process as a "RUSH".

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

Dedi Ridenour discussed the damage that puddles cause long term along the linear section of SCNP. There are presently many such puddles. The puddles are usually parallel to Sunset Cliffs Blvd., weakening the entire cliff face. They must be filled so that they drain into the street. This requires dirt but not a big expense to fix. She will work with Vince Paniagua and Michael Ruiz on this issue.

304. Revegetation – David Kimball

David Kimball expressed how happy he is with the rain effects on his garden project. Four people meet with him each Monday for weeding. He will call for a work party soon.

305. Education – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported that Conrad Wear is hopeful that progress can be made this summer on funding for new interpretive signs for SCNP. Please do research on interpretive sign design at other parks which may be applicable to SCNP sign choices. No meeting for sign design discussion has been set yet.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey announced that the Chili Cookoff is coming in June and she would appreciate volunteers to help her with the SCNPC information table. Display photos, video documentation, and other items are needed.

307. Safety – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

Jean Nathan asked for anyone interested in her co-chairmanship; she will remain on the committee but does not want to be co-chair.

Jean reported the work of the Safety Committee at its Sunday, March 5th meeting. She presented a list of 15 permitting questions for Park & Recreation Permit Office to answer regarding permits and locations given for group events in the SCNP.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

Pat Gallagher announced a March 13th meeting of this committee.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Scott Opis announced a work meeting on Saturday, March 18, around 9 a.m..

INFORMATION ITEMS:

David Kimball asked for project ideas for Eagle Scouts.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was informally adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
April 3, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.,
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106