

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

**March 5, 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 February 5, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Florence Dormer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**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. City spokesman, Roger Garcia, informed the SCNPC about the progress of the City water/sewer project underway on Point Loma. There will be a water outage in the area of Voltaire Street soon. The distribution main installation will be undertaken in June, causing some street closure and road detours. Each affected home will receive a door hanger containing the schedule information.
2. Virginia Wilson announced that Ocean Beach street trees are now being planted.
3. Doug Ledsam, SCNP project manager (contractor from Silverstrand Construction), introduced himself and brought SCNPC up-to-date on his current work in the Park. Vegetation removal is underway. New plants and 130 Torrey Pines will be planted as planned. Fiber rolls will be installed on the downside. He is using mesh (decomposes) and the sandbags.

Four multi-use paths and an ADA trail will be developed and re-compacted (primary trails will be 6 feet wide and secondary trails will be 3 feet wide). All paths will be tilted back toward the slope. The under-drains of the multiuse trails will have drainage in about 30 areas and will connect with swales that tilt toward the east, then drain under the trails to a rock blanket on the west side to distribute the water.

People seem receptive to the project. There has been no theft problem.

**POLICE REPORT** - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Officer Surwilo reported police staff changes. He will be holding coffee get-togethers with communities. He discussed policing needs during the Park projects work, issues with the Ladera Street stairs and erosion, and parking problems—if your driveway is blocked, parking enforcement will come but you must be ready to drive out. During the Park renovation, he will ask for extra patrol whenever possible.

*[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](mailto:dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov).]*

**LIFEGUARD REPORT** – Sergeant Lonnie Stephens

Absent. No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Rosamaria Acuna

Rosamaria circulated the SCNPC letter of support that was sent to San Diego City Council stating that SCNPC agrees with San Diego City Council that oil drilling off the coast of San Diego should be banned. (Action 202, 2/5/18).

Rosamaria reported that the Adair kiosk was jammed again.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Pat Gallagher

Gene Berger reported \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Barbara Keiller

Absent. No report.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT** – Gene Berger, Chair 3/5/18

Gene Berger reported the following:

I want to thank David Kimball for his work party in the Park, and also thank everyone on our committees for their hard work. We will be hearing from them directly.

On Feb 11, 2018, Ellen Quick, Ann Swanson, and myself took Dave Schwab from *The Beacon* on a tour of the Park. Dave intended to write an article which we thought would help the public understand the HIP program especially when the bulldozers started the project, but the article didn’t get published before the project began. The City also was going to send out a press release but that did not happen.

On February 16, 2018 we heard that someone fell into the ocean at Ladera Street, but I don't know the outcome.

**STAFF REPORT** – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua thanked David Kimball for his work party in the Park. Vince got cables repaired along Sunset Cliffs (by parking lot and blowhole area). He also had to close the Ladera stairway due to bluff falling; a good-sized crack is still there so that stairway will stay closed until the bent handrail is repaired and lifeguards may work on loosening some of that cracked cliff area. (Kim Haynes reported a second handrail is hanging out in space from undermining erosion; Vince will look at that and see about repairs.) Pescadero stairs is also chained up, being weakened by waves. Good news—Ranger Paczona is now back to work full-time.

**CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT** – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

**PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON** – Don Sevens

Don Sevens reported the following:

Harbor View – A project on a collapsing hillside is back, even after being rejected by the City Council and losing in the courts. City staff has approved it for a second time and Don Sevens will appeal the decision on behalf of the Peninsula Community Planning Board on March 20.

Stump's Recycling Center – Three advocates are leading an effort calling for legislative reform of the state's recycling system and to relocate the Voltaire facility to a better location. The center has been served a 30-day eviction notice.

Board election – The election will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 15 at the Point Loma Branch Library. Ten candidates are running for five seats. Sevens listed some events that might be relevant to voters, including conduct by one candidate that has resulted in calls for police presence at meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**201. Authorization for funds** – Pat Gallagher

Absent. No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**301. Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Project (HIP)** – Ellen Quick (3/5/18)

Ellen Quick reported the following.

Construction has begun. There is a construction trailer in the lower parking lot but no parking lot closure has been needed so far. Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan has been approved by City staff and is being put into place. Trail locations are being staked out. Grading for the multi-use trail is a next step, and eucalyptus trees will be removed. No nesting birds were found by the biologist; he will continue to be on site. This is the same biologist who worked with the City during Phase 1, so he is familiar with the area. Jeff Wooley, resident engineer, will also be the resident engineer for the maintenance phase (current) for Phase 1, providing additional continuity.

A few field changes are anticipated for trail location. One will move the southeast section of the ADA trail a bit to the north because of the erosion in that area. Another will change the location of one secondary trail section in that area to where the existing trail (currently with mulch on it) goes through the revegetated area. This will avoid needing to destroy existing vegetation.

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols expressed her appreciation for SCNPC efforts to educate various community groups about the project and for the publicity information we have shared with the media.

### **302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson 3/5/18**

Ann Swanson reported the following:

The DIP/WMEC Committees met on 2-22-18 to formulate suggested criteria for the City to use in the development of the Park parking lots. The committee's recommendations, consistent with the SCNP Master Plan, are as follows:

- Plan for natural look and feel.
- Incorporate more natural, curved features.
- Use 3-4' high native plants to partially screen vehicles from view.
- Provide for ocean vistas from parked cars. (ADA provisions)
- Consider a terraced approach including vegetated swales.
- Use generously sized spaces to allow for surfboards, etc. (9' wide?)
- Plan for drainage using nonerosive runoff techniques.
- Investigate drainage friendly surface options.
- Provide for optimal biofiltration for protection of ocean water quality.
- Provide for optimal placement of porta potties, security cameras, signage, emergency phone, trash containers, etc.
- Consider realignment of eastern edge of lower parking lot to align with entry road.

A second DIP/WMEC committee meeting was held on 3-1-18. It was announced that Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols has invited us to submit conceptual parking lot design suggestions to the City for the Park's parking lots. The committee was impressed with Virginia Wilson's conceptual design for the Ladera Street parking lot which she will share with you now. Dedi Ridenour will follow up.

[Virginia Wilson then presented her conceptual Ladera Street parking lot design. She distributed a colored map and notes. Her design was well received. Helpful suggestions were made, such as the need for a center pathway so visitors won't be walking on the plants.]

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

Dedi Ridenour then followed Virginia Wilson's parking lot presentation. Dedi explained that the WMEC has joined the DIP committee to review, at the City's request, the initial City design alternatives A and B for the DIP (Phase 2) which has begun at the Park. She distributed a summary sheet of input issues discussed at the Feb. 28, 2018 committee meeting.

Examples of important DIP issues/criteria include:

- 1- Keep the incident rainfall on the native plants by using contour furrows, soil improvement, and other natural methods. Do not transport incident water away from native plants.
- 2- Camouflage with native plants and carefully design the non-natural park amenities such as roads, parking lots, etc..
- 3- Achieve a natural appearance by using native sandstone rocks, rather than granitic rocks, where viewable.
- 4- Use curved boundaries in design, rather than straight lines and corners.
- 5- By using vegetation, attempt to keep views as pristine as possible.

[SEE: the handout "*Design Criteria for Drainage Improvement Project—Issues Discussed at DIP/WMEC Committee Meeting 2/28/18*"]

[SEE ALSO: COMMITTEE REPORTS: #302 (above)]

**304. Revegetation Committee – David Kimball**

David Kimball reported that, because of the DIP project underway in the Park, he is not sure if there will be another work party in the garden area.

**305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller**

Absent. No report.

**306. Publicity – Faith Hussey**

Faith Hussey reported the members of the People's Co-Op are interested in learning more about the DIP project underway in the Park.

**307. Safety Committee** –Marty Kolb

No report at this time.

**308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee** – Pat Gallagher

Absent. No report.

**309. Northern Entry Project** – Scott Opis

Scott Opis has nothing more to report at this time. Members would appreciate a copy of his 4-page completed project summary/evaluation.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The *March 5, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice* included these attachments:  
March 5, 2018 SCNPC Meeting Agenda; Feb. 5, 2018 **Draft** Minutes; Jan. 8, 2018 Approved Minutes;  
and the SCNPC 2018 Meeting Calendar.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. as moved by Ann Swanson and seconded by Kim Haynes.  
The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

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Gene Berger, Chair

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Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting  
April 2, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,  
Cabrillo Recreation Center  
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 02106