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

May 7, 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 April 2, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Marty Kolb seconded the motion. Motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain).

Cammie Ingram moved to approve the April 9, 2018 SCNPC Special Meeting Draft Minutes. Ellen Quick seconded the motion. Motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 4 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. One visitor expressed her concern about the changes underway in the SCNP.
2. Another visitor, a surfer, also expressed concern about the changes.
3. Dan Dennison reported checking with the City to obtain a copy of the Comprehensive Drainage Plan study for SCNP. He was told the study has not been completed.
4. Cammie Ingram distributed a few copies of a Sunset Cliffs Association (SCA) document entitled *Examples and analysis of Implementation of the Hillside Improvement Project in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, April 24, 2018*. This nine-page document contains 5 general concerns, an analysis of implementation of the HIP with 13 concerns, followed by 10 Park site photos. Cammie said the SCA has discussed this document with the City and the Water Quality Control Board.

The report states: “The primary concern is that both the design and methods employed to create the graded areas, appear to have deviated from the construction plans.” It also states: “At present the trails and the areas to be vegetated with native plants have been bulldozed in swaths that range from approximately 20-feet wide to 100-feet wide.” The report also states: “The construction documents

show minimal LID/BMPs to deal with the large volumes of water that can flow down the Park slopes, especially once they have been denuded.”

5. Craig Barilotti is concerned that jute mats being used in SCNP are not according to EPA standards.
6. Dalana Pursel mentioned tonight’s news that 3 suspects are under a drug-related investigation for the recent death of a girl in the ocean at the Ladera Street steps.

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 was absent. Judy McEntyre circulated two SCNPC letters Rosamaria has sent to Elizabeth Schroth-Nichol:

- Letter regarding the April 2, 2018, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council’s (SCNPC) Recommendations to the City for Conceptual Lower Parking Lot, Upper Parking Lot, and Entry Road Designs.
- Letter regarding the April 9, 2018, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council (SCNPC) special meeting which passed two motions: 1)—Recommendation to the City that the secondary trail and all 10-foot wide clearing on each side of the 3-foot wide trails in the Demonstration Garden be eliminated; and 2)—Recommendation to the City the described bioswale be eliminated.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Pat Gallagher

Pat Gallagher reported \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

Reporting for Barbara Keiller, Ann Swanson welcomed all visitors.

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

I want to thank Ellen Quick for doing a great job preparing a SCNP update presentation speech which I gave at the Peninsula Community Planning Board meeting on April 19, 2018. The presentation was well received.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported the Ladera Street stairs are still closed, awaiting repairs. There are 20,000 plants being ordered for the revegetation part of the Park project. The one eucalyptus tree being retained at the upper hillside section of the Park has been examined by a horticulturist and found healthy enough to keep at this time, so the trail will be moved around it and it will be trimmed of any dead branches to help maintain its health.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevrens

Absent. No report.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Pat Gallagher

No request.

202. Motion to continue to HIP construction throughout the summer – Ellen Quick

Whereas: a delay in planting (currently scheduled for fall) could result in severe damage to the environment, the Executive Committee recommends and I move the following:

MOTION: The SCNPC requests that the City continue construction of the Hillside Improvements Project (HIP) throughout the summer, that is, omitting the usual moratorium on summer construction in the beach area, for this project only.

MOTION: Moved by Ellen Quick

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ellen Quick reported the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported, “Construction is moving along in the park. The contractor is continuing progress in grading the ball field and trails as well as removing nonnative species. We are currently asking our design consultant to do some redesign work on the ADA trail in order to avoid the erosion that has taken place at the southeast end of the trail (by the multi-use trail) and to try to lessen the impact to the community garden based on feedback from the community.” She expressed appreciation for our continuing support.

In April, at the request of the SCNPC executive committee, I asked Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols the following: 1) whether other SWPPP measures (in addition to the fiber rolls and silt fences) are being used by the contractor, especially in the bulldozed areas, and if so, what they are, and 2) what permanent BMP/LIDs are being installed.

Regarding permanent BMP/LIDs, she reiterated what we have been told previously in her recent presentation to the SCNPC: Because this project is designated as a “standard development project,” no permanent BMP/LIDs are required. “Standard development project” is a formal designation and has been part of the plan from the beginning.

However, even though these are not formally required, the contractor is installing the conveyance system, the swales and under drains. In addition, the revegetation provides protection.

Regarding SWPPP during construction, this is the contractor’s responsibility, and exact measures are determined by need and may change during the project. In addition to fiber rolls and silt fences, water has been sprinkled over disturbed areas, there is a rumble strip, the street has been swept, and there are sandbags.

The project is regularly monitored by the Water Quality Control Board, through regular site visits, which may be unannounced. The WQCB writes reports, and if the SWPPP is found to be inadequate, the contractor is fined. This safeguard insures that the SWPPP is adequate.

[Further questions and discussion followed the above report. Past HIP work already done was summarized, including Phase 1 (Hillside Improvements Project); the present Phase 2 is now underway; much has been learned from Phase 1—Phase 2 will have buried pipes and no hydroseeding. How will the Park and ocean be protected from massive erosion? SEE ALSO: COMMUNICATIONS , page 1-2 above.]

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson (5-7-18)

Ann Swanson reports:

Drainage Improvements Project (DIP) Manager, Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols, sent both of the

recent SCNPC letters to Rick Engineering for review: 1) the letter regarding parking lot criteria including the conceptual designs for both the lower and upper parking lots, and the Ladera Street entry road, and 2) the letter recommending retention of as much of the demonstration garden as possible. Elizabeth has let Rick Engineering know that the community feels strongly about both issues.

Rick Engineering continues to update the environmental reports for the rental house removals in preparation for sending them to the Development Services Department (DSD) for environmental review. Rick Engineering also continues working on the preferred alternative drainage possibilities.

Ann briefly reviewed the long history of drainage studies for SCNP beginning with the fact that the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan (2005) called for a comprehensive drainage study. By 2007 Paul Jacob, Associate Civil Engineer with the SD Park & Recreation Department, held a series of drainage planning meetings which included the following participants: PLNU's Vice President Dr. Joe Watkins; SCNPC members Gene Berger, Barbara Keiller, Dedi Ridenour, Ann Swanson; and SCA members Craig Barilotti, Camilla Ingram, and Dan Mendiguchia. The City hired Dudek and Associates to develop the SCNP's comprehensive drainage plan. During the planning process, there were numerous professional drainage studies. At a well noticed community meeting held in 2012, Dudek presented three drainage alternatives for the hillside section. Although the community was disappointed that all 3 were pipe solutions instead of "soft" solutions, the SCNPC selected one alternative as their preferred of the 3 which were presented... and requested that additional study be made to determine possible "soft" solutions which could potentially eliminate the need for an ocean outfall. Dudek's report was printed in 2012. More recently, Rick Engineering was hired to prepare a drainage solution for SCNP's hillside section. Rick Engineering is reviewing the previous studies, updating information, and exploring additional possibilities for solving the drainage problems in the hillside section.

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

Absent. No report

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball reported that the lack of rain has reduced the flowers this year. He continues to have broken water pipe issues.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Absent. No report.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

No report.

307. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb

Marty reports considerably less Park problems, and less late night activity and traffic requiring police. [A discussion followed: other members agree that more families are now coming to the Park and feeling safer since the eucalyptus grove has been removed and you can see easily throughout the Park. The expanded vision has also helped police enforcement. More people are also abiding the dog-on-leash law. Signs stating Park rules should be prominently placed.]

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Pat Gallagher

No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

Absent. No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The *May 7, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice included these attachments:*

May 7, 2018 Meeting Agenda; April 2, 2018 SCNPC **Draft** Minutes; April 9, 2018 SCNPC Special Meeting **Draft** Minutes; April 2, 2018 SCNPC Attendance Record; and March 5, 2018 Approved Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m..

Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger, Chair

Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
June 4, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106