

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

**November 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 October 1, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Marty Kolb seconded the motion. Motion passed (9 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) Craig Barilotti presented a Sunset Cliffs Association report, *Scoping Considerations of SCNP Building Demolition Project Hillside Park*. The report included a large watershed map identifying the park's building demolition areas involved and the corresponding drainage/erosion issues needing attention and restoration.

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

Officer Surwilo discussed the problems of off-road driving and scooter issues in the Park. Reach out to the park rangers when possible. Call 911 if necessary. The yellow bike rental company is now out of business, leaving the bikes littering streets.

*[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 Acuna asked that members and interested others on the SCNPC email list please contact her if they are not getting SCNPC emails of meetings and other announcements. The monthly meeting announcement email includes attachments of the meeting agenda, meeting minutes, attendance records, and other pertinent information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** –Scott Opis

Scott Opis reported that there is \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Barbara Keiller

No report.

*Barbara reminds members to send Barbara an email for excused absences during 2018. Send to [Barbara@Keiller.net](mailto:Barbara@Keiller.net) or call Barbara at 619-223-2784.*

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Gene Berger, Chair

No report.

**STAFF REPORT** – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported graffiti on the south side of the Ladera Street stairs, on cement. The handrail of the stairs is damaged; it will be repaired. The bluff has been fixed and the stairs opened. Planting is already underway in the east grove; over 2,000 plants have been planted and are irrigated regularly.

**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 – Scott Opis

**MOTION:** Ann Swanson moved that \$20.52 be paid to Gene Berger for reimbursement of blueprints expenses. Seconded by Dalana Pursel. Motion passed unanimously (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

**202. Nominating Committee SCNPC 2019 Slate Of Officers.**

Gene Berger presented the following Nominating Committee’s slate of 2019 SCNPC officers:

Chair:	Gene Berger
Vice Chair:	Ann Swanson
Recording Secretary:	Judy McEntyre
Corresponding Secretary:	Rosamaria Acuna
Treasurer:	Scott Opis
Membership:	Virginia Wilson

No additional nominations from the floor were made so a motion to accept the 2019 Slate of Officers as presented was made.

**MOTION:** I move that the SCNPC approve the 2019 Slate of Officers as presented by the Nominating Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved by Scott Opis; seconded by Kim Haynes.

**MOTION:** Motion passed unanimously (18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

**203. Motion recommending further safety signage at the Ladera Street stairwell area.**

**MOTION:** I move that SCNPC recommends further safety signage at the Ladera Street stairwell such as follows: 1) a sign showing man standing with rock falling on him; 2) “Dangerous cliffs—use at your own risk”, and 3) a sign of lengthier information about the cliffs and safety.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dedi Ridenour; seconded by Judy McEntyre.

**MOTION:** Motion passed unanimously (17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

**204. Motion recommendation regarding Project 616030 – Housing Demo & Restoration**

Background for Action Item 204: The City's Development Services Department (DSD) publicly noticed the Preparation of a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Scoping Meeting for the “Lomaland Structures Demo/616030” to be held by DSD on November 1, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Point Loma Library.

As requested at the October SCNPC meeting, the SCNPC requested and received a copy of the plans, which was distributed to SCNPC members prior to a DIP committee meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> when a preliminary response was prepared and sent to DSD. It was noted that an official SCNPC response would be sent to DSD by the November 19, 2018 deadline.

Tonight we would like any additional input for the SCNPC response. The DIP committee will meet at the Cabrillo Rec Center at 6:45 pm on 11/12/18 to finalize the SCNPC input before sending it to DSD.

**MOTION:** I move that the SCNPC authorize the DIP Committee to compile the official response to be sent to DSD by 11/19/2018.

**MOTION:** Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Kim Haynes.

**MOTION:** Motion passed unanimously (17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

**205. Motion recommendation to use jute bags filled with sand or soil and to find alternative to plastic fencing in HIP –Dedi Ridenour**

Background for Action Item 205: There have been previous motions and communications from SCNPC regarding jute bags filled with soil or sand (no plastic or gravel). However, recently members have observed fiberglass or plastic bags on site. Some of the bags are breaking and beginning to shred. In addition, members have expressed concern about the orange plastic fencing in Phase 1. (The issue is the material, not the color.) Some of the fencing is also beginning to break down, shred, and migrate toward the ocean. We are concerned about these materials impacting the intertidal zone and the ocean.

**MOTION:** I move that SCNPC recommend to the City the following:

Within the HIP site:

1. only biodegradable jute bags (not plastic or fiberglass bags) filled with sand or soil, preferably our soil because it is very durable, (not gravel or stones), should be used; and
2. the plastic fencing around the vegetation should be replaced with fencing constructed of some biodegradable alternative material.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dedi Ridenour; seconded by Judy McEntyre.

**MOTION:** Motion passed unanimously (17 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 300. Nominating Committee—Dedi Ridenour

SEE: Action Items, Motion 202.

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

Ellen Quick reported the following:

Jeff Wooley reported that in October the contractor's work on site was maintenance of the storm water BMPs.

Habitat West, the planting subcontractor, has begun planting in the former eucalyptus grove and will continue planting in the areas north of the location of the pedestrian bridge.

The contractor is working with Development Services Department to obtain the necessary permit to begin construction of the crib walls and the pedestrian bridge.

It is hoped that construction of these items will begin within the next couple of weeks.

Planting in the ball field and areas south will begin after construction of the bridge and crib walls is completed.

### 302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reported the following:

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that Rick Engineering continues work on the Drainage Improvement Plans.

They are currently working on the overall hillside drainage plan and parking lot design.

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

Dedi Ridenour discussed issues the City needs to address, such as erosion and safety concerns when the park houses are demolished, and location of the Ladera house path too close to the cliff edge. Cement stairs with handrails is proposed near the Ladera house—does this mean bulldozing of the cliff area? Do the stairs need to be located in a less erosion prone area? Further group discussion favored the idea that the City proposal of cement stairs should be changed to wood landings as seen used elsewhere in similar situations.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball announced a work party at the Sunset Cliffs garden area on Friday afternoon, November 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be 170 native plants to plant. A group of PLNU students will join us. He will get some wildflower seeds we can scatter along the trail edges. Also, David recommended to the City that no cactus plants should be planted in the park's hillside renovation presently underway. The City has taken his advice and are planting the hillside vegetative areas with more passive plants. David will be taking the Garden Club on a tour of the Sunset Cliffs garden area in January or February.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

No report.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

No report.

307. Safety Committee –Marty Kolb

No report.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee – Scott Opis

No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

No report.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

The *November 5, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice* included these attachments: November 5, 2018 Meeting Agenda; October 1, 2018 Draft Minutes; Attendance Record January – Oct. 2018; and the approved minutes for September 10, 2018. Also included was the document: *Preliminary Comments Regarding Lomaland Structures Demo Project # 616030*.

