

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

October 1, 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 Sept. 10, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Ann Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed (8 yes; 0 no; 1 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) Dalana Pursel announced France Conoley passed away in August. She was a long-time member of the SCNPC and gave dedicated service to the park through the years.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Both Officer Surwilo and Officer Piñon attended the meeting. Officer Surwilo reported that, with public school back in session, the Beach Team of officers has disbanded until next summer. One of the three annual police shift changes has just occurred. Point Loma residents are encouraged to attend Coffee get-togethers with police now underway. (Check schedule with Officer Surwilo at his email: dsurwilo@pd.sandiego.gov.) Problems with people living in their recreational vehicles on residential streets in the park areas were discussed.

[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 –Scott Opis

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller reported some attendees are close to becoming new members of the SCNPC.

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

Gene Berger announced that a citizens survey is being done by the City concerning the city-wide San Diego Park Master Plan. We all have an opportunity to give input to make our city's park system better. This San Diego Park Master Plan evaluation and update will be a three-year project. We can discuss this further at our next meeting.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported another bad crack developed in Parking Lot 2 last Thursday. He has put up caution tape. Also, destruction of locks at the construction gate is an ongoing problem.

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

No request.

202. Motion to send a letter formally requesting draft renovation plans for Removal of Lomaland Drive and Ladera Street Structures

MOTION: Recommend the SCNPC write a letter to the City requesting draft renovation plans for Removal of Lomaland Drive and Ladera Street Structures

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Jean Nathan.

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

203. Motion: Recommendation for SCNPC to research the emergency coastal development permit process

MOTION: Recommend SCNPC researches the emergency coastal development permit process.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Barbara Keiller.

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

300. Nominating Committee—Dedi Ridenour

Scott Opis presented, on behalf of chair Dedi Ridenour, the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for 2019 SCNPC slate of officers. At the November 5, 2018 SCNPC meeting, additional nominations can be made from the floor. If there are no additional nominations, the vote will take place in November. If there are nominations from the floor, the vote will take place by written ballot at the December 3rd SCNPC meeting. The recommended 2019 SCNPC slate of officers is:

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

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

Ellen Quick reported the following:

This update was received from Jeff Wooley: “The contractor has nearly completed the installation of the irrigation system. They are currently maintaining the on-site BMPs. We will be

meeting this week with the contractor and their subcontractor to discuss phasing of the revegetation. The pedestrian bridge and crib wall materials have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in early November. The monitoring of Phase I is ongoing. We have a quarterly meeting scheduled in about two weeks.”

Last month I (Ellen) learned that there may be an opportunity for some additional revegetation in the Hillside Section. Public Utilities (PU) is putting in a water storage reservoir in upper La Jolla and there is no area near that site to mitigate loss of habitat. PU asked if they could do the mitigation in SCNP. After the HIP is completed, they would look at which additional areas might benefit from revegetation, with species and plans consistent with the revegetation that is part of the HIP. This would be a PU project, coordinated by Parks and Recreation, but with PU responsible for temporary irrigation, plant establishment, monitoring. There is no formal plan for this as of now, but it is good that we are being informed of the possibility.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reported the following:

Drainage Improvements Project (DIP) Phase 1: Lomaland & Ladera St. Structures Demo & Restoration – Project # 616030

Project manager Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that the DIP's Phase 1 plans were sent to the Development Services Department (DSD). DSD is now beginning the environmental review process for Phase 1 and will hold a public scoping meeting soon, probably in late October. The public scoping meeting will be an evening meeting to be held in Point Loma. Although Elizabeth says the plans have not changed substantially, the SCNPC is requesting a current copy of the plans, including grading details.

Elizabeth emphasized that the DSD is just beginning the Environmental Review Process (EIR) which will be slow (1-3 years). The SCNPC has requested to be on DSD's notification list. Notices will be forwarded to you ASAP by Corresponding Secretary Rosamaria Acuna. Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols assured us that they plan to work closely with the SCNPC, and will continue to

seek SCNPC input before sending the project on to the Peninsula Community Planning Board for a recommendation.

DIP - Phase 2

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports that plans for the DIP are still in the design process with special focus right now on parking lot design, including incorporating SCNPC input. The City is working with PLNU regarding drainage from PLNU's Young Hall Parking Lot and how to incorporate that drainage into the Park's drainage system.

Emergency Stabilization Beach Access Stairway Site and Coastal Development Permits – Project # 61821

- 1) The *Notice of Proposed Work for a Coastal Emergency* for the bluff stabilization project was posted on 9/27/2018. Project Manager Jeff Cramoline reports that the scope of this project has been significantly reduced:

“Revised Scope: The emergency project would include removal (i.e. scaling/trimming) of loose rock material and soil material from the bluff face which currently presents an immediate hazard to the public and emergency personnel. It is estimated that the bluff scaling would remove 10 to 20 blocks of sandstone up to 2 feet in maximum dimension. Trimming will be limited to areas that result in overhanging terrace deposit caused by the scaling work. The overall height of the affected bluff face will be less than 10’ in height. All scaling and bluff trimming will be performed using hand tools. Scaling/trimming of the bluff by the construction crew would occur by use of a crane stationed within the developed public right-of-way. A laydown area will be located within a portion of the parking lot within the Sunset Cliffs Nature Park. No work would occur below the bluff within the cove area. All public access around the bluff/cove area will continue to be restricted until the emergency work has been completed. The emergency work is estimated to require 5-8 working days.

The project will also include repair of a damaged portion of curb near the staircase entrance on Ladera Street where stormwater runoff can access the top of the bluff during rain events. In accordance with the emergency Coastal Development Permit, a City biologist will assess the site and prepare a restoration plan (i.e. revegetation/erosion control plan) to be submitted to Development Services for review within 60 days of completion of the emergency work. Any required plantings necessary to limit erosion will consist of native plant species consistent with plant species occurring within the Sunset Cliffs Nature Park. Note – any approval for emergency development requires the subsequent processing of a standard

Coastal Development Permit application for any work authorized on an emergency basis.”

2. Upon receiving the Project 618217 notice, California Coastal Commission Planner Dennis Davis sent a letter to Public Works Engineer James Arnhart which included the following:

“While the revised project scope is significantly scaled back from the original scope, staff still believes that the removal of portions of the natural bluff face goes well beyond the temporary measures allowed through an emergency permit. The revised scope of work does not appear to be the least environmentally damaging option that could be implemented to stabilize the emergency situation. As described in our 8/20/18 letter, the

safety concern raised by the rock fall that occurred in February 2018, was addressed through the temporary closure of the stairway. Since then, a permanent, long-term solution should have been reviewed through the regular coastal development permit. Bluff erosion and failure is a naturally occurring aspect of a dynamic coastal environment, and removing portions of the natural bluff could ultimately result in more erosion, further destabilization of the bluff, and adverse impacts to the scenic quality of the shoreline. However, Commission staff is sensitive to the City’s need to protect public safety on the City’s beaches and bluffs and understand why the City has decided to move forward with this project.

As we discussed, Commission staff originally was not notified by the City of the temporary closure of the stairway or of the issuance of the emergency permit. Section 126.0781(h) of the LDC requires the City to send notice of the issuance of an emergency CDP to the Coastal Commission. The Public Works Department has reviewed its noticing procedures and indicated that in the future, the Commission will be notified of all Emergency Coastal Development Agreements/Permits and City Council Memos for emergency work, which may be issued prior to approval of an emergency permit, as well as the Notice of Right to Appeal Environmental Determination.”

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

Absent. No report.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

David Kimball announced there will be further major planting when the rains come, November – February. Dates will be planned when rain is forecast.

305. Education Committee – Barbara Keiller

Barbara Keiller announced an interpretive signage meeting at her home tomorrow, 10:30 – 12 noon. The hillside portion of the park will have 9 signs. The Linear portion of the park will have 6 signs.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Absent. No report.

307. Safety Committee – Marty Kolb

No report.

308. Western Loop Road Ad Hoc Committee –

No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The *October 1, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice included these attachments:*

October 1, 2018 Meeting Agenda; Sept. 10, 2018 **Draft** Minutes; Attendance Record January – Sept. 2018; and the approved minutes for August and the August Special Meeting (8/23/18).

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m..

Judith S. McEntyre
Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger
Gene Berger, Chair

November 5, 2018
Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
November 5, 2018
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