

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

September 12, 2016

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Camilla Ingram moved to approve the 08/01/16 Minutes/seconded by Kim Haynes

Passed Unanimously

COMMUNICATION

1. Craig Barilotti presented the 1969 Cal Western campus picture and discussed the design challenges to control the erosion issues there.
2. Barbara Houlton reported her observations of a wedding at Luscomb's Point along Sunset Cliffs Blvd.. A young boy attending stood dangerously at the edge of the cliff. She had to speak to the mother to call him. The whole area has no visible safety sign.
3. Dedi Ridenour discussed SCNP deaths and commended police, lifeguards, rangers in the excellent safety watches and rescues they have been doing this summer at SCNP. She recommended SCNPC send a letter of thanks to these city departments and to Council woman, Lori Zapf. President Ann Swanson will write the letter to be sent. Pat Gallagher is keeping a database of SCNP deaths.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo

Officer Surwilo was absent. No report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Larry McCleary circulated a copy of the letter to Herman Parker entitled:
"SCNPC Recommendation for ADA Accessibility".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gene Berger reported \$3,000.95 in regular account and \$771.19 in savings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Faith Hussy was absent. No report.

[Faith Hussey requests an email for excused absences. Send to Faithnhome@att.net or call Faith at 228-1854.]

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Ann Swanson

Many thanks to Faith Hussey for setting up the SCNP booth at the Ocean Beach Library's 100th Anniversary Celebration! Faith, Dedi Ridenour, and I shared with folks about the Hillside Improvement Project, Drainage Project, and other Sunset Cliffs information. We received feedback that “No Surf” continues to have a problem with illegal behavior such as off leash dogs, drinking, etc.

The SCNPC has been invited to have a SCNP booth at Jensen grocery store's opening festivities to be scheduled in October.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Ranger, Michael Ruiz, reported that police and rangers do not go down to No Surf area unless there is a life-threatening situation, because it is not an official access. Lifeguards have data on rescues. There have been 61 contacts for cliff jumping; 6 for camping; and 24 for alcohol. Fifty bags of trash were picked up by a youth group and the USS Anchorage Navy volunteers all up and down the coast but most of the trash was collected from SCNP. Michael will check on reported incorrect phone numbers on some old park signs. He will also look into disintegrating plastic covers at park kiosks.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 – REPORT

Conrad Wear was absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD -- LIAISON

Don Sevrens and Ann Swanson reported that SCNPC has been invited to staff a booth and offer volunteer planting sign-ups at an introductory block party event for Jensen's Finest Foods, taking over the vacant Fresh & Easy site after extensive remodelling. The Event will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct. 29 in the Catalina/Talbot shopping center, using the portion of the parking lot in front of the grocery. There will be vendors' samples, DJ and choral group entertainment, activities for kids, and tours of grocery store.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds –

Gene Berger submitted a receipt from Larry McCleary for \$47.00 for one hundred U.S. stamps.

MOTION: SCNPC will reimburse Larry McCleary \$47.00 for one hundred U.S. stamps.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Kim Haynes/ Steve Scatalini

MOTION Passed unanimously

202. Election of Nominating Committee for 2017 SCNPC Officers

MOTION: I nominate Gene Berger, Pat Gallagher, and Judy McEntyre to form the 2017 Nominating Committee to present a slate of 2017 officers at the October 2016 meeting. Gene Berger will be chair.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Kim Haynes/Jean Nathan

MOTION Passed unanimously.

203. SCNP Removal of Lomaland Drive and Ladera Street Structures, Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) Phase 1: Proposed Design Scope. – Lyle Beller

MOTION: The DIP committee proposes and I move that the SCNPC request the following summary be submitted as our request of design scope for the first phase of the Drainage Improvement Project (DIP). Note that this summary is based on our review of the scope summary provided by city staff to SCNPC, and not on the draft contract scope of work, which is not yet available to SCNPC.

**Sunset Cliffs Natural Park
Removal of Lomaland Drive and Ladera Street Structures
Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) Phase 1
Proposed Design Scope**

The contract with the design consultant, Rick Engineering, for the removal of Lomaland Dr. and Ladera St. structure project includes, but is not limited to the following tasks:

1. Collection of existing data, studies, and site conditions.
2. Site Survey performed to a vertical resolution of 1-foot, in order to create an accurate map for proper design.
3. Community input. Solicit community input through public outreach at key design milestones.
4. Historical evaluation of 4 houses and surrounding landscape features. Utilize all materials previously created for the City.

5. Evaluate drainage of the site after removal of the buildings and likely affects on surrounding Parklands, including the upper parking lot. This work should support the follow-on drainage work in phase 2 of the DIP project.
6. Grading, per LID/BMP guidelines, and revegetation plans for the project area of work from which the houses were removed.
7. Determination of the type of environmental document required by CEQA for this level of work. The level of CEQA document cannot be determined without knowing the level of land and resource disturbance that will occur when the houses are removed and the land graded. The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) and the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan are valuable resources to be consulted during this process.
8. Trails and revegetation in area of removed buildings to align with the Estrada Land Planning construction documents for the Hillside Improvement Project and SCNPC motion 202 of August 1, 2016.
9. Obtain related Agency approvals and permits.
10. Creation of final plans, specifications, and cost estimates for demolition of structures (pending historical review), grading, inclusion of LID/BMPs and drainage features as needed, revegetation, and trails.

Note: This project shall conform to the 2013 MS4 Permit Requirements. This project is not anticipated to be a priority development project.

MOTION	MOVED/SECONDED	Lyle Byler
MOTION	Passed unanimously.	

204. SCNP Hillside Drainage Improvements, Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) Phase 2: Proposed Design Scope. – Lyle Beller

MAIN MOTION: The DIP committee proposes and I move that the SCNPC request the following summary be submitted as our request of design scope for the second phase of the Drainage Improvement Project (DIP). Note that this summary is based on our review of the scope summary provided by city staff to SCNPC, and not on the draft contract scope of work, which is not yet available to SCNPC.

**Sunset Cliffs Natural Park
Hillside Drainage Improvements
Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) Phase 2
Proposed Design Scope**

The contract with the design consultant, Rick Engineering, for the Hillside Drainage Improvements project includes but is not limited to the following tasks:

1. Community input. Solicit community input from stakeholders (such as SCNPC, SCA, PLNU, Park neighbors, PCPB, US Navy, etc.) and from the general public at key design milestones.
2. Collection of existing data, studies, and site conditions including intertidal and near-shore waters.
3. Provide site survey of elevations to a vertical resolution of 1-foot, and borders, in order to create an accurate map for proper design.
4. Geotechnical investigation to determine if the dry-weather flows from upslope properties, which flow into Point Loma Formation, are the primary source of cliff seeps and bluff failure such as above Garbage Beach.
5. Hydrology and hydraulics analyses to include upstream tributary areas of runoff and run-on, either as surface water or in pipes. These analyses are needed for siting source control BMPs.
6. Obtain as-built drawings for all drainage systems discharging runoff and run-on onto Parkland.
7. Preliminary water resources Low Impact Development/Best Management Practices (LID/BMPs) analysis. Analyses should determine design criteria, best use of, and costs for implementing LID/BMPs that reduce water flows to levels comparable to what occurs naturally. Reference areas: undisturbed land at the Cabrillo National Monument or on adjacent Navy property.
8. Preliminary drainage evaluation to consider multiple design alternatives that conform to the 2005 SNCP Master Plan. Include comparisons of traditional storm drain systems that use roadways and pipes for storm water collection, conveyance and ocean disposal with LID/BMP approaches capable of reducing discharges to the sea off SCNP, landform modification to reduce flow to natural levels, and use of treatment BMPs. One alternative should be to contain flows from all collection devices, including from uphill neighbors storm drain pipes, in closed pipe systems to preclude addition of additional sediments and pollutants. Also provide option to remove pollutants from water before it enters the system.
9. Environmental studies (marine and terrestrial biology, noise, air, cultural and paleontological resources, soil, etc.) to determine the level of CEQA review required relative to the drainage alternates. The level of CEQA document cannot be determined without knowing the level of land and resource disturbance that will occur with the selected drainage alternative. The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) and the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan are valuable resources to be consulted during this process. Studies should include:
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 - b. Biological surveys to determine if there have been changes in the distribution and abundance of marine plants and animals that could correlate with various reports and scientific publications.
 - c. Determine percent cover for surf grass aggregations to determine changes correlated with freshwater discharge and increased intertidal sand levels due to cliff erosion.
10. Assessment of proposed alternatives in relation to site geologic and geotechnical conditions including

bluff stability and site erosion, for both current conditions and future sea level rise; and in relation to impacts of climate change such as extended drought periods.

11. Obtain related/required Agency approvals and reviews.
12. Final Drainage Report to incorporate City and community input and to determine preferred alternative using the 2005 SCNP Master Plan and MEIR for guidance.
13. Creation of final plans, specifications, and cost estimates for demolition of structures (pending historical review), grading, restoration of disturbed areas, inclusion of LID/BMPs and drainage features as needed, revegetation, and modification of trails as needed.

Note: This project shall conform to the 2013 MS4 Permit Requirements. This project is anticipated to be a Priority Development Project and a Storm Water Quality Management Plan (PDP SWQMP) will be prepared in accordance with the City Storm Water Standards Manual based on 2013 MS4 Permit Requirements to address requirements for permanent storm water BMPs.

MAIN MOTION **MOVED/SECONDED** **Lyle Beller**

PRIMARY AMENDMENT: In Number 13, delete “of structures (pending historical review)”.

PRIMARY AMENDMENT Moved by Lyle Beller

PRIMARY AMENDMENT **Passed** (Yes—13; No—1; Abstention—1)

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AMENDED MAIN MOTION

Passed (Yes—13; No—1; Abstention—1)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

301. Trails/Coastal Conservancy Grant Project – Ellen Quick

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that planning continues for Phase 2 construction plans. The project designer, senior biologist, and Elizabeth met with David Kimball at the park to walk through the native plant garden.

A communication plan for the projects within the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park has been sent to us. In general, it requests that all project background information and recommendations be submitted to the park council to be vetted prior to being submitted to the City. This does not mean that the SCPNC is necessarily agreeing with information submitted but that we consider it worthy of City review.

A document submitted 10/14 was reviewed and comments on it made 1/20/15. She sent me a copy of that document with City comments.

302. Drainage Improvement Project (DIP) Committee – Lyle Beller:

Lyle Beller reported City progress on the DIP design scope. The scope of work is a negotiated procurement to be done by Rick Engineering (Phase 1 and 2). No one yet has asked for a performance bond. [See also #203 and #204 Proposed Motions from DIP Committee]

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

No report.

304. Revegetation – David Kimball

David Kimball was absent. Judy McEntyre read his report he submitted as follows:

On August 26th, the tumbleweeds that I identified to the city crew were sprayed and now the areas where we will be planting next season are clear of live plants. PLNU classes have been set for a late October or early November work party to prepare the site to the east and begin the planting. Vincent has confirmed that we have \$2,000 for use in plant purchases at RECON Native Plants. We will have students clear the dead weeds to the

east of our current planted area and (if we can get it) have them spread mulch there and on the central trail. What jobs remain will be done the following Saturday.

As in the past, we will likely have work parties on four or five Saturdays from November through March. I'll have firm dates by the end of this month.

On August 17th I met with Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols and other city staff and contractors to discuss the way we've done our restoration and to recommend various methods we used that were (and weren't) successful. We had an understanding that when water is installed for Phase 2, we will be allowed to access it. The area where we will be planting this year will be difficult to irrigate as the distance from the current water taps to the plants is over 80 feet.

The summer has been relatively free of vandalism with the usual half-dozen bottles harvested each week and occasional rope cutting. The major act was an attempt to break into our tool storage. The lid was cracked and the hasp pulled out, but the lock held. I have repaired the lid and refastened the hardware that was damaged.

305. Education – Barbara Keiller

A meeting of the Education Committee will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday September 13, 6:45 – 8 p.m. at the Cabrillo Recreation Center, to brainstorm interpretative and safety signs for SCNP. The committee will consider applying for a financial grant from Friends of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park and financial support from the City. Ranger David Paczona will attend the meeting.

306. Publicity – Faith Hussey

Faith Hussey was absent. No report.

307. Safety Committee – Jean Nathan/Marty Kolb

No Report.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. as moved by Jean Nathan and seconded by Marty Kolb.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting -- October 3, 2016 at 6:45 P.M.
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