

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

September 10, 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 August 6, 2018 SCNPC draft Minutes. Scott Opis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

Dedi Ridenour moved to approve the August 23, 2018 SCNPC draft Special Meeting Minutes. Cammie Ingram seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (8 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) Bob Fode distributed invitations to Meet & Greet for Lorie Zapf. Sunday, Sept. 16, 12-2 pm
- 2) Brad Lally discussed scooters and cars driving into SCNP near 4515 Ladera Street. Police came.
- 2) Camilla Ingram presented SCA's "Surface and Piped Runoff Flows to Ladera Stairs" photo which showed route of drainage entering SCNP's NE Canyon, and flowing through the neighborhood to the Ladera St. Stairs area where it causes erosion and rock falls.
- 4) Craig Barilotti met PLNU's new Grounds Maintenance Manager Dan Toro.

POLICE REPORT - Officer Surwilo or Ricardo Piñon

Absent. No report.

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[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 – Pat Gallagher

Pat Gallagher reported that there is \$3,235.33 in checking account and \$771.19 in savings account. Pat announced that she is in the process of moving to Washington State. Gene Berger thanked her for her dedicated service, and appointed Scott Opis to fill out her term.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Barbara Keiller

No report.

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 reported on the special emergency meeting regarding the proposed bluff stabilization project which was held on 8/23/18.

STAFF REPORT – Vince Paniagua

Vince Paniagua reported the following:

- 1) Vandalism to locks on 8-15 and 9-4 occurred. Repairs were made immediately.
- 2) Scooters are becoming a problem. Members suggested blocking entry with rock barriers.
- 3) Vince attends a meeting with construction workers every 2 weeks. Irrigation system is being pressure tested. The construction team plans to hand water.
- 4) PLNU workers scheduled to work with David Kimball are approved.

- 5) 3 rangers are assigned to shoreline parks, including Ranger Paczona who is back on the job. Members asked how much total ranger time is spent at SCNP. Night ranger duty would be helpful.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 REPORT – Conrad Wear

Absent. No report.

PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD LIAISON – Don Sevens

Don Sevens reported:

- 1) Save Famosa Canyon, that five acre site along Famosa Blvd at Nimitz, is a collision of two forces – affordable housing with 78 apartments, or open space parkland. Neighbors trying to save the canyon, which drains into Famosa Slough, will have a kickoff event Saturday Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at Famosa Lot. They have qualified to circulate petitions for a ballot initiative.
- 2) Pocket Park is perking along. It is presently at the 60% assessment level with baton passed to a new program manager.
- 3) Recreation Council now wears two hats, the rec council and a quasi-city entity.
- 4) City gave the go-ahead for major visual improvements to the Voltaire Street bridge if the community comes up with the money. Don Sevens and volunteers are seeking to raise the \$95K.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Authorization for funds – Pat Gallagher

No request.

202. Election of nominating committee for 2019 SCNPC officers

Dedi Ridenour, Jean Nathan, and Scott Opis were selected to serve on the nominating committee for 2019 SCNPC officers. Dedi Ridenour agreed to serve as chair of the nominating committee and will report the nominating committee's recommendations at the SCNPC meeting on October 1st. At the November 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 SCNPC meeting.

203. Motion for recommendations regarding Bluff Stabilization project at Ladera Street

No motion was made since the negotiations between the California Coastal Commission and City are still in process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Since the last report, grading of the trails has continued, and this is nearly complete.

The contractor has completed almost all of the irrigation installation.

Gabions are being installed at the upper parking lot. Per Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols, SCNPC questions about these at the 60% and 100% comment phases were responded to with the following: they are needed because of the slope in that area.

The bases for the entry signs (called “monuments”) are being installed.

The contractor has largely demobilized from the park while they await delivery of materials for the crib walls and for the pedestrian bridge. They anticipate receiving the materials in about eight weeks.

Late last month there was a citation from the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding SWPPP measures, and the contractor will be doing hydro-mulching of disturbed soils to resolve this issue. This will probably begin this week. There will be no hydro-seeding as part of the hydro-mulching. Jeff Wooley reported that he didn’t know if there will be any color to the hydro-mulch. If there is, it will only be temporary.

I (Ellen) inquired about the path allowing bicycles to travel from the multiuse trail to the Western Loop Road. (This is the only trail in the HIP where bicycles are permitted. It is important because it is part of the California Coastal Trail that provides cycling and pedestrian access from Ladera and points north to Cabrillo Monument and Harbor Drive and points south.)

Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reported that a field change was made adding landings (aka stairs) on that segment of trail, the one connecting the multiuse trail to the Western Loop Road. The landings were deemed necessary because of the slope, in order to provide safe access terrain to all users of the park. The landings were constructed in the center of the 6' trail, leaving 1’-6” of clearance on either side of the stairs for bike travel.

The signage explaining where cycling is permitted will need to be designed and added at a later date, as it is not part of the current project’s scope of work.

The Phase I revegetation project is being monitored by the biologist. He will direct the contractor to replace any plants that he determines to be dead. Project staff will meet on site with the biologist and the contractor next month.

302. Drainage Project Committee (DIP) – Ann Swanson

Ann Swanson reports the following:

Bluff Stabilization (Ladera Street Stair Area) Project Manager Jeff Cramoline reports that the bluff stabilization project is currently on hold while the City determines their response to a letter from California Coastal Commission staff. Jeff says that in recognition that street and parking strip runoff may be contributing to bluff stability and erosion concerns, they are further investigating that matter.

DIP Project Manager Elizabeth Schroth-Nichols reports the following:

- Renovation Project for Housing Areas - Plans for renovation of both the Upper Life Estate and the Ladera Street House areas have been submitted to the Development Services Department (DSD) for review and environmental analysis. In the next couple of months the City will hold a formal scoping and environmental analysis meeting for the projects. The usual notices will be sent regarding this meeting. Elizabeth will be sure the SCNPC is included.
- Parking Lot Designs – On 8-30-18 Park & Recreation Department's Paul Jacob sent an email to Elizabeth regarding the SCNPC's parking lot recommendations. Park & Rec offers the following guidance: 1) Prohibit apron parking along the entry road as recommended by the SCNPC, 2) Comply with provisions of the SCNP Master Plan by reconstructing Lower Parking Lot to provide off street parking to accommodate current parking demand. “Configure parking lot to maximize paving efficiency, and coordinate design with the comprehensive drainage system to minimize erosion impacts.”

“The current parking demand varies, of course, but we think it's around a maximum of 60 +/- cars currently. Our guidance is to maximize the number of parking spaces in the lot, while keeping the limits of the parking within the current footprint of the existing paved areas, excluding the entrance drive, but including the little vegetated area within the entrance loop at the top of the lot. All efforts should be made to reduce surface runoff to the maximum extent possible, provide required accessible parking, and keep the surface slopes within good engineering practices. The conceptual parking layout provided by the SCNPC may be used or modified if it proves a useful concept, but consideration for ease of circulation, visibility, and emergency access need to take precedence over aesthetics.”

The Upper Parking Lot should maximize parking efficiency with the same number of spaces. Parking lot designs are not yet at the 30% design stage.

- All drainage provisions in the DIP will be done at the same time so as to allow for the appropriate environmental review.

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

No report.

304. Revegetation Committee– David Kimball

Gene Berger read the following report from David Kimball:

PLNU Professor April Cordero has contacted me to set up a service project for her students in October or November. I have asked her to schedule it as late as possible in November or December as uncertainty concerning the construction work progress and plans makes it difficult to know where the students can productively work. It may also depend on whether we get funding to buy more plants.

Because of the excessively dry year and problems having access to water during various stages of the construction, we have had a heavy loss of the plants we put in last fall and winter. About 50% did not survive. I have been concentrating on irrigating the Torrey Pines and the youngest plants. (Of the 40 trees we have planted since 2013, 25 survive. We lost four this year due to construction work.)

In preparation for expanding the garden plot to the east, I've cleared all the dead vegetation between area we planted in winter and the contractor's silt fence. We have informally asked the City if they would consider planting that section in compensation for the great number of plants that were removed by the contractor along the ADA trail. An answer to this question would also impact the planning of work parties for the next season.

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 – Pat Gallagher

No report.

309. Northern Entry Project – Scott Opis

No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The *September 10, 2018 SCNPC meeting email notice* included these 7 attachments:

Sept. 10, 2018 Meeting Agenda; June Approved Minutes; July Approved Minutes; Attendance Record January – August 2018; August **Draft** Minutes; August 8-23-18 Special Meeting **Draft** Minutes; and the Sunset Cliffs Association *Ladera Parkway: A Source of Runoff Resulting in Rockfall by Ladera Stairs.*

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m..

Judith S. McEntyre
Judith S. McEntyre, Recording Secretary

Gene Berger
Gene Berger, Chair

Oct. 1, 2018
Date of Approval

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
October 1, 2018
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106