

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

SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 23, 2018

Meeting held at:

Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Canon 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 6:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS □

MOTION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bluff Stabilization Project Update since SCNPC meeting on 8-6-18

8-10-18 SCNPC Chair Gene Berger emailed Andy Field, Jong Choi, Jeff Cramoline, and Paul Jacob with results of action taken at the SCNPC meeting of 8-6-18.

Action Item 204. Recommend the City do a full EIR of the Emergency Ladera St. Bluff Stabilization Project before moving forward.

Action Item 205. Recommend the City consider moving the coastal access farther south, as proposed as a possibility in the SCNP Master Plan instead of pursuing the \$1.8M emergency proposal for bluff stabilization at the Ladera Street access.

8-12-18 SCA sent a document, including photos expressing their concerns about the project.

8-15-18 City sent revised Scope of Work indicating some reduction in the size of the project, but without specific dimensions. Photos indicate areas on the cliff face to be scraped, and laid back.

8-15-18 SCNPC received a copy of the *Agreement for an Emergency Site Development Permit dated July 20, 2018: Emergency Stabilization – Beach Access Stairway (Ladera Street), PTS No. 613125, Emergency Permit No. 2173150.*

8-20-18

SCNPC received information regarding the emergency permit process. The CA Coastal Commission should be notified within 3 days of a coastal emergency. If

quicker action is required than would occur following a normal CDP process, the City's Local Coastal Program requires that an emergency CDP authorize only the minimum necessary to stabilize the situation. Options should be included that indicate the least damaging alternatives." In order for a Section 30611 emergency permit waiver to be granted, the Commission district office must be notified within 3 days of the disaster or discovery of the danger, and no permanent structures valued at more than \$25,000 are allowed."

201. A motion to recommend proposed emergency bluff stabilization project not be implemented.

MOTION: The SCNPC recommends that the proposed emergency bluff stabilization project not be implemented since: 1) instead of a quick temporary repair, the project calls for procedures which would damage the natural cliff face and drainage channels, could destabilize the cliff, and would result in a permanent restructuring of this valued land form; 2) the City declares the stairs are undamaged; the cliff does not overhang the stairs; and the stairs can continue to provide access for emergency personnel until a better alternative is planned; and 3) effective long term planning can provide for both improved rescue access and safe public access to the beach instead of Ladera stairs, a risky slippery boulder landing, which can only be egressed by the general public at low tide, precarious at best.

MOTION: Moved by Ann Swanson; seconded by Cammie Ingram

MOTION: Passed unanimously (15 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

202. A motion to the City to not harm the cliffs.

MOTION: SCNPC has reviewed the latest City proposals for bluff stabilization south of Ladera stairs, and strongly opposes cutting into the upper bluff south of Ladera stairs, laying back the cliff to a one-to-one slope. Revegetation has failed repeatedly on this type of salt-drenched steep coastal bluffs. We recommend retaining the protective embankment as is. Do NOT cut into the upper Bluff.

MOTION: Moved by Dedi Ridenour; seconded by Cammie Ingram

MOTION: Passed unanimously (14 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

203. A motion for conservation of natural cliff and related natural resources.

[This draft corrects recording errors of previously circulated draft copies of the motion. Here is the correct proposed motion, voted upon and passed unanimously at the 8/23/18 meeting.]

MOTION: Sunset Cliffs Natural Park was created for, and is dedicated to, the conservation of the unique sculpted coastal amenities, including but not limited to sea arches, caves, tide pools, sea stacks, cliff faces and beaches. SCNPC strongly urges the City to reject this project because it impacts these resources and is inconsistent with the SCNP Master Plan.

MOTION: Moved by Dedi Ridenour; seconded by Barbara Keiller

MOTION: Passed unanimously (13 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

204. A motion for Ladera Street parkway runoff to be controlled.

[See 3-page photo/script attachment by Sunset Cliffs Association—Ladera Parkway: A Source of Runoff Resulting in Rockfall by Ladera Stairs.]

MOTION: The Ladera Street parkway (the area between the street and side walk) is the primary cause of the bluff rock fall at the Ladera stairs area. Therefore, the parkway runoff, erosion needs to be controlled by implementing best management practices, clean out and repair the storm drains, and repair the west curb in order to reduce the risk of further rock falls.

MOTION: Moved by Cammie Ingram; seconded by Ann Swanson

MOTION: Passed unanimously (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain)

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

9-10-18
Date of Approval

SCNPC August 23,2018 Special Meeting, **Approved** Minutes (3 pages)

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting
September 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.,
Cabrillo Recreation Center
3051 Cañon St., San Diego, CA 92106