

# PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 9, 2018

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## MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
  - Glenn Morgan stated that Old Survey Road 97 is open for one last weekend. The trail in Ramona Grasslands was opened for the first time in 23 years, and trail participants needed to pass a test to receive a permit to enter the trail.
3. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
  - Committee Member Ashley Jaques announced she has officially replaced Rod Groenewold as the Director of the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum.
  - Chairman Doug Goad expressed how wonderful the MSCP Workshop on November 3<sup>rd</sup> was. SDMBA had a lot of participants for the bike ride. The event was very well attended, due mostly because it was on a Saturday this year. Many environmental organizations were represented.
  - Committee Member Bert Long announced that Encinitas will have its holiday parade on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, honoring Julian Duval, former CEO of the San Diego Botanic Garden.
  - Committee Member Mike McCoy asked for an update on the TJRV Campground. Assistant Director Renee Hilton stated the MND went out for review and the comment period closed this past Wednesday. Staff will compile and review all comments and see if there are any modifications or clarifications to be made.
  - Chairman Goad asked Committee Member Susie Murphy to share about new trails and preservations. Murphy is an advocate for maintaining and preserving what is there but hoping to have more trails open that connect. She stated that people enjoy loop trails.
4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2018 MINUTES  
MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 12, 2018 MINUTES – Chairman Doug
  - Committee Member LONG motioned to approve; Committee Member Davis seconded.ALL IN FAVOR – 6 – 0 – 0
5. PLDO & CSA FUND BALANCE REPORTS
  - No comment.
6. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Assistant Director Renee Hilton
  - Board Items
    - Nov. 14: Two acquisitions – 1) West Alpine (Peutz Valley Preserve), 240 acres within the South County MSCP. DPR has a \$200k in state grant funds through Habitat Conservation. 2) 72 acres to expand the Lakeside/Linkage Preserve, which will be bought for \$2.2M within the SC MSCP for gnatcatcher habitat.

- Dec. 12: Second hearings for the acquisitions. First hearing for 250 acres in NC MSCP plan area, \$200k state grant funds through Habitat Conservation in Hellhole Canyon.
- Committee Member Paul Davis commended DPR on all the acquisitions.
- Chairman Goad wants everyone to be aware of the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> ribbon-cutting of the Borrego Springs Park. Hilton agreed and stated that Supervisor Horn will be in attendance. Committee Member McCoy asked if DPR received support from State Parks since they have a lot of adjacent land, and Hilton said yes, State Parks has been supportive.

#### 7. BICYCLE SKILLS PARK – Chelsea Jander

- Park Project Manager Chelsea Jander presented on Bicycle Skills Parks.
- The County will propose bike skills parks in each area of San Diego County over next several years. The parks resonate well with the Board of Supervisors and have strong advocates in communities. Proposed locations include Sweetwater (funded), OVRP (funded,) Flinn Springs (requesting funding in FY21-22) and a future North County location to be determined.
- Specific pieces of land are sought for bike skills parks. The parks have to be designed for all skills and ages. Typical bike park elements include pump tracks, dirt jumps, and various skill elements.
- The Sweetwater Bike Park is 4 acres and includes a loop trail. It will go out for bid this winter.
- The OVRP Bike Park is 3.2 acres and is a collaboration with City of Chula Vista. Chula Vista will keep the west part of the land for a future park, separated by Poggi Creek. There is a trail and bridge that connects both areas. Committee Member Davis asked what happens when it rains since it is next to a creek. Jander affirmed the park is outside of the flood plain and has steep topography.
- Committee Member McCoy asked if there would be full-time supervision at the OVRP bike park. Chief of South Operations Matt Bohan stated that City of San Diego has rangers in the western valley, and County has rangers in the eastern valley that make regular patrols. City of Chula Vista should monitor the active recreation site. Appropriate signage for non-motorized bikes will be posted.
- Committee Member Davis asked if bike parks are geared toward a specific demographic. Bohan said no, are very diverse in nature, and because of the different levels of skill elements, there are opportunities to blend the generations.
- Chairman Goad asked if Committee Member Murphy assists on identifying locations. Murphy stated that SDMBA does discuss potential locations with the appropriate jurisdictions. Hilton affirmed that each agency dictates the need for a bike skills park based on their respective master plan. User-groups can be partnered with to identify areas and needs, but ultimately it is up to the agencies.

#### 8. OPERATING PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Assistant Director Hilton gave an overview of the County's Operating Plan. The County creates a five-year strategic plan, then each department has two-year operating plans of accomplishments and goals within the strategic plan. The departments focus on first year of the two-year op plan because it is updated every year. Hilton shared the County's general plan as a framework reference.
- Objectives are broken up into four areas: Building Better Health, Living Safely, Sustainable Environments/Thriving, Operational Excellence.
- Committee Member McCoy asked where homelessness falls into the op plan. Hilton stated it is a great challenge within our parks and highly vegetated areas. Rangers must

do very active patrols. DPR received funding to increase its homelessness interaction and must partner with other groups such as housing, integrated services, and Sheriff's Department to provide resources to the homeless.

9. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Glenn Morgan asked why volunteers now have to give 48 hours' notice before they would like to do a voluntary patrol. Hilton stated that staff would get back to him on why that rule was dictated. Morgan believes this will effectively decrease volunteer hours within County parks.

MOTION TO DISMISS DECEMBER MEETING - Committee Member Davis motioned to approve; Committee Member Jaques seconded.

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ADJOURNMENT – 10:04 A.M.

ATTENDEES:

Doug Goad, Chair District 3

Mike McCoy, District 1

Susie Murphy, District 1

Bert Long, District 3

Ashley Jaques, District 5

Paul Davis, District 5

Glenn Morgan, Member of the Public

Renee Hilton, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Chelsea Jander, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Matt Bohan, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Joanne Emerick, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation