Public Meeting - Verbal Comments
Draft Trails Management Plan
Torrey Pines State Reserve
Meeting Date: February 6, 2007
Meeting Location: The Lodge at Torrey Pines

(NOTE: Verbal Comments arranged by subject and by trail)

Signage
- Why no signage at entrance in one location to explain trail rules?
- More interpretive signs on trails are needed.
- Disagreement with reducing/eliminating interpretive signage at Whitaker Garden Trail or Guy Fleming Trail.

Future Planning Efforts
- Need for better future planning
- Include City of San Diego, planning groups and other interested groups in state park planning
- Regarding “Future Planning Efforts” Section:
  - Trails funding issues are absent from plan – need to be included
- More interaction with stakeholders is needed

Trail Running
- Runners should remain on Guy Fleming. Support user co-existence
- Conflicts with wildlife viewing, because of running.
  - Consider alternative time for running
- Objection to runners impacting other user’s experience
  - Non-Runners recreation
  - Enforcement will be needed if trails are closed
  - What standards will be used to judge success of changes?
- Multiple access – challenge: can’t have every activity on every trail
  - It is reasonable to close Guy Fleming Trail to runners – it is only one trail, all others remain open
- Surprise at hearing antagonism between joggers & hikers.
- Minority of runners/cyclists create difficulty for specialty walks e.g. Children

Bicycling on Reserve Road

- Bicycle community wants access to two-way use on park road (Agency: SD CO. Bicycle Coalition)
- Close Park Road to cycling (or change pattern)
- One way is not recommended for cycling on Park Road
  • Consider signage-speed limits as alternative

Accessibility

- Not possible to make any trail there as completely ADA compliant
- Overall, reasonable approach to ADA Compliant Policy
- Seriously consider if ADA (trail specific) is logical
- Why not make the Lodge second parking lot trail be ADA?

Trail Maintenance

- Width of trails
  • 3’ too narrow
  • 4’ narrow as well
  • Post & Cable height issues – 18” is too low

Trail Monitoring and Funding

- Monitoring – not part of docent scope currently; their task are education.
- DPR / docent / TPA cooperation needed in implementing & funding trail repairs/improvements
  • E.g. in bank funding since June, last year for beach access.
Beach Trail

- Regarding the repair of Beach Trail:
  - Shore up language in Plan maintaining access
  - Develop / co-op with the Civilian Conservation Corps in the process
- Concerned about beach trail as recreational access to beach

Canyon of The Swifts Trail

- Canyon of Swifts – closed is acceptable. Concerned about condition of trails to get up to Red Butte
- Keep Canyon of the Swifts Trail open
- Regarding potential Canyon of the Swifts Overlooks: Need flat surface that is solid and dries quickly for children’s tours

Fat Mans’ Misery

- Re-open Fat Mans Misery. Why not?

Guy Fleming Trail

- Trail etiquette signage is needed for Guy Fleming
- Guy Fleming Trail should not be changed to support ADA accessibility standards
- Opposition to making Guy Fleming Trail accessible
- Guy Fleming Trail: Not good as 1-mile accessible trail – leave topography as is
- Guy Fleming Trail should be used for passive use only

High Point Trail

- High Point Trail railing: A lot of structure (this is not in compliance with Draft Trail Plan guidelines)

Parry Grove Trail
- Parry Grove Trail: It is a difficult trail and needs attention now

**Reserve Road**

- Close Park Road to traffic to improve aesthetics and reduce pollution

**Sorrento Valley Road**

- Sorrento Valley Road – (City of S.D. access)
  - Trail plan – acceptable

**South Marsh Trail**

- Regarding South Marsh Trail:
  - Safe access needed at west end
  - Tunnel should be considered

**Whitaker Garden Trail**

- Whitaker Garden Trail: The trail sign is not in compliance with Trail Plan guidelines

**Miscellaneous**

- Talk to docents at meeting on March 3
- Need general calendar/schedule for steps - CEQA, etc.
- Golf Tournament impacts vegetation
- Plan should state additional alternatives - Not limited to what is stated in Plan
- Missing from Draft Trail Plan:
  - Broken Hill Trail
  - Revegetation needed at Mar Scenic Area – worst area is in gorge
  - Magaret Fleming Trail
- Guidelines for all trails must be clear