



## **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

**TIME:** Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** City of Chula Vista Civic Center, Building C, Training Rooms  
111/112 276 Fourth Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

**CALL TO ORDER:** CAC Chair Breny Aceituno called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 6, 2024 (*Action*)

Item continued due to lack of Quorum.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 1. OVRP Connections Project update (*Green Infrastructure Consortium*) (*informational*)

Vicki Estrada, from Green Infrastructure Consortium presented on the Enhancing Connections and Restoration Project within OVRP. The presentation included an overview of the project location and existing grades, an overview of project concepts including cross sections, partnership opportunities, and questions and answers. Vicki Estrada asked if any CAC members were interested in helping with historic research of the site, and CAC member Ceasar Castro and CAC Chair Breny Aceituno both expressed interest in helping with research.

In accordance with the CAC Bylaws, CAC Member Charles Rili made a recommendation to establish an adhoc committee for the purpose of research. CAC Chair Breny Aceituno established the adhoc committee for a period of 6-months with the specific scope of researching the historical context of the project site. CAC Chair Breny Aceituno appointed herself and CAC Member Ceasar Castro to the adhoc committee. The adhoc committee will report out at each CAC meeting that takes place within the 6-month period.

#### 2. Active Recreation Area 3 Project Update (*County*) (*informational*)

Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco, representing the County of San Diego, provided update on the County Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) Active Recreation Area 3 Project, including progress to date, community outreach efforts, and next steps. Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco shared that DPR presented the Active Recreation Area 3 Project to a dozen

community planning groups, planning commissions, and rotary clubs within the south bay area in the summer in order to expand outreach and provide awareness to the project and encourage participation. Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco also shared that OVRP projects are featured in the Hometown publication. Copies of that publication were provided to the committee members and other CAC meeting attendees. Lastly, Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco shared that the online survey for the project has been extended and will remain open through October 16, 2024 to allow for additional participation.

### 3. 805-to-Heritage Trails and Staging Area Project Update (*County*) (*informational*)

County of San Diego Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco provided update on the County Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) 805-to-Heritage Trails and Staging Area Project, including progress to date, community outreach efforts, and next steps. Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco shared that DPR presented the 805-to-Heritage Trails and Staging Area Project to a dozen community planning groups, planning commissions, and rotary clubs within the south bay area in the summer in order to expand outreach and provide awareness to the project and encourage participation. Lastly, Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco shared that the online survey for the project has been extended and will remain open through October 16, 2024 to allow for additional participation.

## **RANGER REPORT**

### 1. Western OVRP, City of San Diego

Western OVRP Senior Ranger Mika Shimada provided an overview of events in OVRP, including public engagement activities and events. Highlights of these public engagement activities and events included: events for the upcoming Latino Conservation Week in partnership with the San Diego Bird Alliance, the San Diego Parks Foundation Park after Dark 2024 program, the 2024 Bike the Bay event, an upcoming Tree Planting event with Republic Services, and an upcoming Otay River cleanup with San Diego Coastkeeper.

Senior Ranger Mika Shimada introduced new Supervising Park Ranger Carey Goldstein, and informed the group that Park Ranger Mansour Habis is starting as Park Ranger at OVRP, coming from Balboa Park.

### 2. Eastern OVRP, County of San Diego

Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco provided the Eastern OVRP Ranger Report, and announced that the new County DPR Park Ranger, Aaron Escobedo, will be joining OVRP starting October 4, 2024.

Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco gave an overview of upcoming events in eastern OVRP, including: the August 10 and October 19, 2024 Movies in the Park events, the I love Clean San Diego cleanup day on September 21, 2024, and morning yoga classes that will begin the first Sunday in August. Joint Staff member Juliette Orozco also reported out that the construction for the Scouting America zip line at Camp Bashor is well underway.

## **CHAIR COMMENTS**

None

## **VICE CHAIR COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Susie Murphy requested that the City of San Diego provide an update on their Trails Master Plan Update at an upcoming CAC meeting. Vice Chair Susie Murphy also made the committee aware that some of the staging areas in OVRP had been closed. Senior Ranger Mika Shimada let the group know that they were working on contracting services to allow for the reopening of the closed staging areas. Vice Chair Susie Murphy also brought to the attention of Joint Staff that she had noticed flooding around Main Street while biking. Joint Staff member Harold Phelps, City of Chula Vista, responded letting the group know that all three agencies were aware of the flooding and working to resolve that issue.

## **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

1. Adjacent Development Review  
Subcommittee None
2. Trails  
Subcommittee  
None
3. Community Outreach and Youth Involvement  
Subcommittee None
4. Economic/Habitat Restoration Subcommittee  
None

**ADJOURNMENT** CAC Chair Breny Aceituno adjourned the meeting at 3:02pm.

### **CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

Mark Kukuchek  
Charles Rili  
Ceasar Castro  
Susie Murphy  
Breny Aceituno

### **STAFF:**

Juliette Orozco  
Laura Ball  
Harold Phelps  
Charles Gailband  
Blanca Castillo  
Carey Goldstein  
Mika Shimada

### **PUBLIC:**

Joan Schneider  
Vicki Estrada  
John Zarem  
Angelica Davi

