

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