

SKYLINE-PARADISE HILLS COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Paradise Hills Recreation Center - 6610 Potomac Street, San Diego, CA 92139

Public Notice and AGENDA

November 8, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

This Planning Group covers the neighborhoods of Skyline Hills, Paradise Hills, South Bay Terraces, North Bay Terraces, Lomita and Jamacha.		
ITEM #	TIME	DESCRIPTION
1.	6:30 p.m.	Correspondence Review (available in Rec. Center office prior to meetings)
2.	7:00 p.m.	Call to Order
3.	7:02 p.m.	Approval of Agenda (with additions or omissions)
4.	7:03 p.m.	Setup/Tear Down Reminder
5.	7:05 p.m.	Announcements
6.	7:10 p.m.	Public Comments
7.	7:15 p.m.	Approval of Minutes
8.	7:17 p.m.	Treasurer's Report: \$326.01 on account in bank.
9.	7:20 p.m.	PRESENTATIONS a. City/County/State/Police/Fire/CPC Representative
10.	7:30 p.m.	INFORMATION ITEMS a. Will Anderson, program manager for the San Diego Canyonlands (http://www.sdcanyonlands.org) will discuss affects in the Skyline-Paradise Hills planning area of dedicating 10,000 acres of city property as open space.
11.	7:35 p.m.	ACTION ITEMS: a. Executive Board Action Approval of/notification of dismissal of member of Article IV Section I Vacancies.
12.		Adjournment

"We are fighting for things that make these homes worthwhile; a yard big enough to raise a garden; a paved street in front; sidewalks to walk on; sewers that don't stop up; garbage cans emptied weekly; decent playgrounds for the children; a tax bill we can afford to Pay." - Harley Knox



San Diego Canyonlands

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September 28, 2011

Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Committee
111 Wedgewood Drive
San Diego CA 92114

Re: Support for Dedication of ~10,000 acres of City-owned open space as parkland, and/or
Support for Dedication of City-owned parcels within the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Area.

Dear Members of the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Committee:

San Diego Canyonlands (SDCL) respectfully requests a letter of support from the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Planning Committee for the dedication of ~10,000 acres of City-owned open-space as parkland and support for dedication of the City-owned land in your planning area. Dedication is as an important step towards preserving our open space resources for future decades and for guiding planners as our city grows and changes. We are proposing to dedicate approximately 64.94 acres of open space for parkland in your planning area.

For background, we have provided links below to the 6/10/11 Park and Recreation Board Report regarding dedication and to updated information packages (including maps and tables of proposed land for dedication, organized by community planning area). The Park and Recreation Board Report contains the guiding Council Policy on dedication (700-17). The Community Planning Area packages were updated per the direction of the City Parks and Recreation Open Space Division after completing their review of the proposed land for dedication under their management, which represents 8,199 acres or over 71% of the land being proposed for dedication. Scroll down through the labeled planning areas to see maps and tabular information regarding the proposed lands for dedication in your planning area. **Also attached below is a bullet sheet of facts regarding dedication.**

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Please save the links below. The maps are subject to change during or subsequent to the public vetting process.

Link to: [6/10/11 SDCL Report to Park and Recreation Board PDF](#)

Link to: [Updated \(09/13/11\) List of Community Planning Area Dedication Information Packages](#)

Link to: [Updated \(09/13/11\) City-Wide Map and Summary Package PDF](#)



San Diego Canyonlands (SDCL) Proposes to Dedicate ~10,000 Acres of City-Owned Open Space as Parkland

SDCL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to *promote, protect and restore the natural habitats in San Diego's canyons.*

THE FACTS ABOUT DEDICATION

- This Dedication proposal continues a process that started at the City's Natural Resources and Culture Committee in 2006 after a Canyonlands White Paper report. Subsequently Parks and Recreation staff produced a report indicating that ~17,000 acres were ripe for Dedication.
- In December 2007, the City ratified state legislation, sponsored by Mayor Sanders, authored by Senator Christine Kehoe, and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger that Dedicated ~6,600 acres of open space land. This legislation allowed the city to save over \$1 million dollars in unnecessary entitlement costs.
- The purpose of ***Dedicating*** city land is to provide for reliable open-space preservation and recreational opportunities within communities. It provides a framework for future planning.
- After a public vetting process, which is initiated by citizens, City Council can approve parcels for Dedicated open space.
- Lands that are Dedicated require a 2/3s approval of SD voters to be converted for non-park uses.
- Dedicated lands are preserved as natural open space or developed for active, outdoor recreation.
- **Dedication itself does not result in any changes or additional cost in maintenance of the land.**
- The city council retains the authority to grant easements for utility purposes across Dedicated property including roads, sewer lines, drainage channels etc.
- SDCL is proposing Dedication of ~10,000 more acres as a next step to preserve our city's designated open spaces and Canyonlands legacy. SDCL has produced maps for each City Council District showing the city parcels that are recommended for Dedication. These maps are facilitating the required public vetting process and are available on-line for public review.
- The Park and Recreation Department has reviewed and approved the proposal of all lands under their management totaling 8,199 acres, or 71% of all proposed lands for Dedication, (9/13/11).

The controlling document and criteria we used for the Dedication as we reviewed each parcel is Council Policy 700-17 which is found within the [6/10/11 Report to Park and Recreation Board PDF](#) , <(report link). We reconciled this policy with the adopted 2008 General Plan goals to protect and conserve:

1. Riparian Woodlands, Wetlands and Watershed
2. Connections for Public Access
3. Habitat
4. Landform and Viewshed

For background, more details, and to see a City-wide map of the currently proposed parcels, visit the [Park-Dedication page](#) of our website.

Sincerely,

Eric Bowlby
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