

Navajo Canyon Enhancement Planning (CEP)

**Agenda, Stakeholder Workshop 1, July 20, 2019, 9-11am
Met at Trailhead at Easton Court off of Waring Road**



Stakeholder Attendees

Facilitators

- Eric Bowlby, San Diego Canyonlands Executive Director
- Carey Goldstein, City of San Diego Park Senior Ranger, Park & Recreation Department
 - CGoldstein@sandiego.gov Work Phone: **619-533-6211**

Other Community Stakeholder Attendees

- Chris Elliott
- Alan Young
- Tom Larwin
- Kim Morris
- Vera Ramirez
- Erin Milligan-Hill
- Wendy Wheatcroft
- Rhonda Soule-Killilea
- Jon Redick
- Walter Pasels

1. Stakeholder Introductions -Summary of Canyon Enhancement Planning (CEP) Process:

- Eric gave an overview of the CEP process and how this is the first of a series of about three or four stakeholder workshops to gain input from stakeholders/residents on any needed enhancements for the canyon such as trail improvements.
- Eric handed out maps showing:
 - City-owned Open Space, SDG&E power lines, Right of Way ect.
 - Areas proposed for restoration including areas for active (planting) or passive (weed control) restoration
 - Existing trail system
 - Locations of most palm trees proposed for removal via helicopter and/or truck and the proposed staging areas for palm tree processing for removal
- Other stakeholder meetings will be planned. The next one will be indoors.
 - It was suggested that the next meeting be at the Benjamin Library off of Zion Ave. (holds 30 – 40 people).
- **Senior Ranger Carey Goldstein is the City's San Diego River Park ranger.** Navajo Canyon has a tributary stream to the river so it is part of his territory.
- Carey summarized the concerns with hang-out locations, trash, homeless encampments, and fires.

- **Carey gave his contact info** (see attendees info above) so that residents could contact him if there were any concerns with the canyon.
 - **Carey gave his office/direct number too: 619-533-6211**
 - Carey will handle volunteer events for Navajo Canyon. He has routine youth events with students from the nearby schools
- Carey mentioned the **“Get It Done” application to reports concerns going on in the canyon: Here is the link: <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>**
 - Click **“Report”** to report things like trash, illegal dumping;
 - NOTE: This is the best way to get things on a list for action by City crews
- This app. is downloadable to a smart-phones.
- The reports generated by this app. are called “999” reports
- Carey gave this number for people to give to the homeless if they are interested in getting help from the City: **Dial “211” on any day.**
 - Carey added that the City tries to steer homeless to programs and resources to help them out and they provide this number to them for further information

2. Stakeholder Input

- Stakeholders toured the canyon and discussed the main issues
- SDG&E still has power lines on poles in the canyon. **Are they active? Eric will look into it.** Stakeholders mentioned that SDG&E has buried the power lines that go through Allied Gardens and Del Cerro.
- A question came up whether or not a visible, 6” pipeline is active or not. **Eric will look into it.** The sewer line in the canyon is active. This pipe could be a lateral line.

Access and Trails

- Access during wet weather was discussed. There are locations on the trail that become puddles and people navigate around them through the nearby brush;
- There are some stretches of trail with large cobble stones that are difficult to hike on.
 - An idea came up to add small rocks to the existing trail where it would fill in around the large cobble and smooth out the trail somewhat for hikers.
 - There is a section of trail 18” inches wide beside the stream that hikers are using to avoid the large cobble. This narrow path will likely not be sustainable.
- There is an existing access and loop trail off the Lyden Way cul-d-sac in the southeast branch of the canyon.
 - This trail could be extended and built to access the main trail of the canyon.
- Ranger Carey indicated that interpretive wildlife signage could be installed at the trailhead at Mound Ave. and possibly at the main entry off of Adobe Falls Road.
- Support for connecting Navajo Canyon via trail to other open space
- Suggestion to use smaller rock on the trail to fill in between the larger rock and make hiking safer;

3. Next Meeting to Be Determined

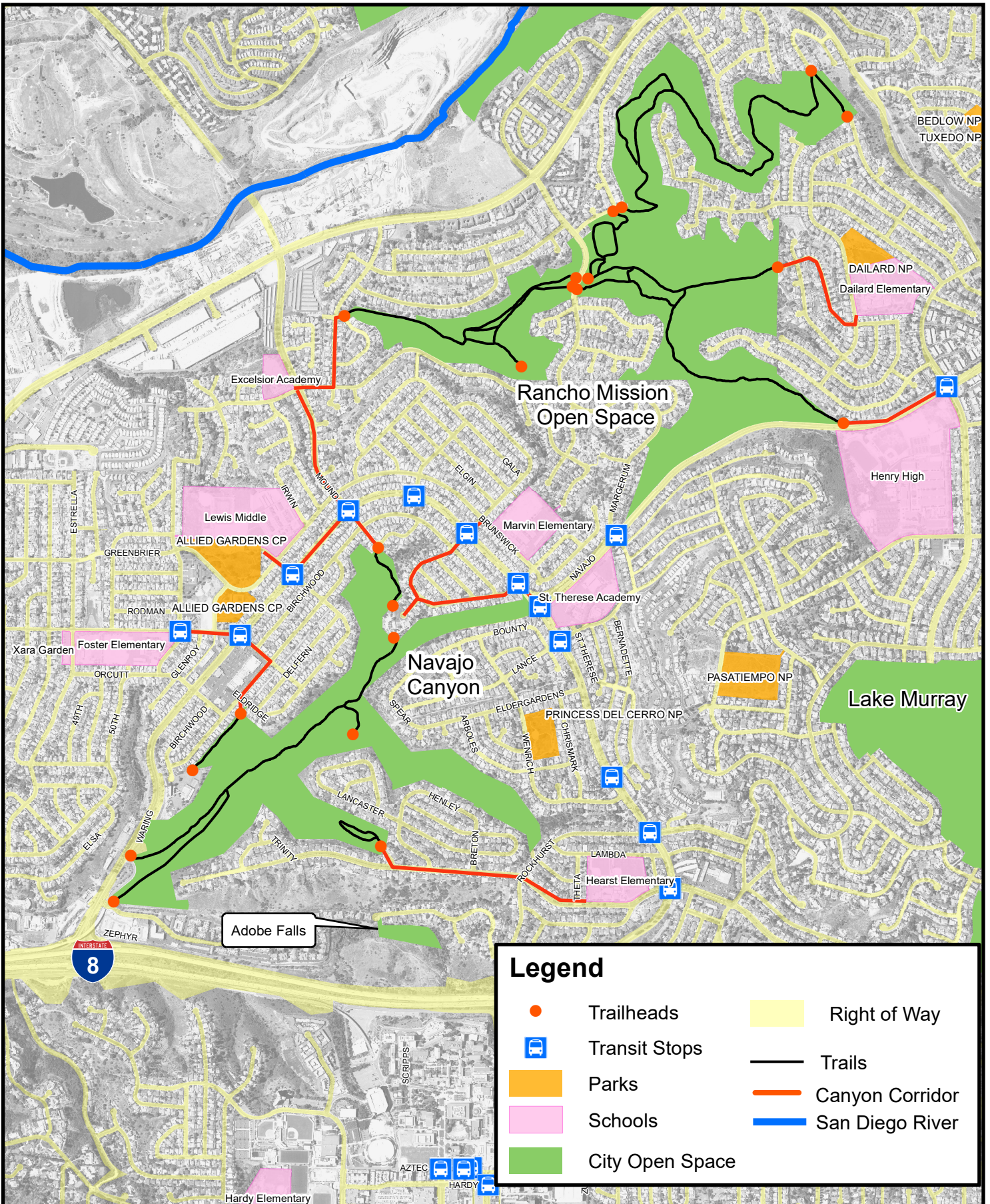
- Eric will announce to the group when the next meeting is scheduled.

4. Canyonlands Enhancement Plan Goals

Balance conservation of resources with open space enjoyment and nature education opportunities;

- **Preserve and restore natural habitat within the canyons;**
 - **Navajo Canyon is within the City's Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) for species conservation.**
- **Provide public access to nature and connections to other trails or key destinations.**
 - **See attached map of possible connections for Navajo Canyon**
- **Protect historical resources**
- **Incorporate recreation in ways that are compatible with natural resources.**

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Navajo Canyon Connections Map

Map Date: 3/22/2019
 Data Sources: SANDAG/SanGIS,
 San Diego Canyonlands
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 More Info: www.sdcanyonlands.org/cep

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