



San Diego Canyonlands

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RE: "Land Dedication" Item #9 on Land Use & Housing Committee Agenda October 17, 2012 Staff Report/Background for "Declaration of the Dedication of Land"

Dear Committee Members,

San Diego Canyonlands respectfully requests that the LU&H Committee:

1. Support Department staff recommendation for dedication of 5,881 acres of City-owned open space and move it forward for a City Council vote on November 26 or 27.

2. Establish a procedure for further evaluation of other sites for possible inclusion on the Declaration of Dedication of Land list before and during the Council Hearing in November. To do so, here are some suggestions:

A. Encroachment Issue (647 acres)

- For all lands not cleared for dedication because of illegal encroachment, review each site and dedicate all parcels within the site that are not involved in the encroachment.
- Seek a policy that the City Council could adopt to alleviate delays in dedication due to encroachment issues.

B. Outside City Limits (2,034 acres – part of site C701RU)

- City Charter Section 55 does not limit dedication to land inside the City limits, but instead refers to "All real property owned in fee by the City..."
- Request the legal basis for not dedicating lands owned by the City outside the City boundaries.
- Please clarify or amend Policy 700-17 to be consistent with the Charter so that City Council can dedicate any lands that it owns in fee and title if the other Policy 700-17 criteria are met.

C. Other Transportation Allowances

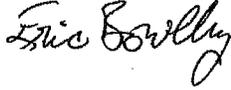
- City Charter Section 55 is clear regarding allowances of roads through dedicated land, without a vote of the people.
- Please clarify or amend Council Policy 700-17, which addresses and makes allowances for other linear infrastructure, to include railroads.

D. Other Questions & Clarifications

- Does recreation on dedicated lands have to be free to the public? (Mission Bay, Balboa Park, Fairbanks Ranch Country Club).
- Please clarify the "Other Potential Uses" category which reads "*Other Potential Uses (transportation, fire station, other agency, etc.)*" (1,270 acres).
 - Please define the "other agency" criteria for not clearing a site for dedication.
 - Please indicate what other use is anticipated for each site.
- Regarding the criteria: "*Other (No Parcel Number, Already Dedicated)*" (275 acres).
 - Which sites are "already dedicated"?
 - Where a site has no parcel number but it is owned in fee and title by the City, could it be dedicated?

San Diego Canyonlands would like to thank you for your leadership in the dedication of our precious canyons and open spaces throughout San Diego.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Bowlby".

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Use Google Earth Online To Review Proposed Lands Not Cleared for Dedication by City Departments

Instructions

1. Go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/sdcanyonlands.org/dedication/>
2. Use your mouse and the legend below to “fly around” in 3-D and explore the City-owned sites proposed for dedication and their dedication approval status.

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Dedication Approval Status

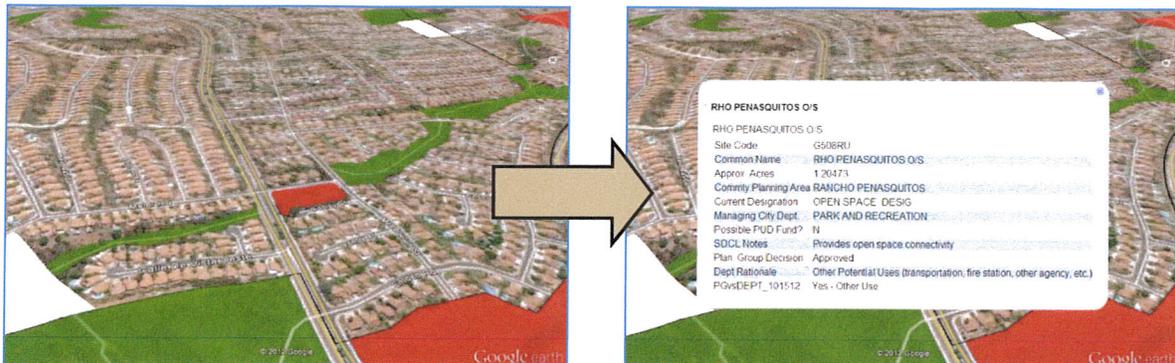
- Plan. Group Approved - Not Cleared by Depts.
- Plan. Group Approved - No Review by Depts. (Not Park & Rec Land)
- Plan. Group Approved Part - Not Cleared or Not Reviewed by Depts.
- No Vote Taken by Plan. Group - Cleared by Depts.
- Approved by Plan. Group - Cleared by Depts.
- Not Approved by Plan. Group - Cleared by Depts.
- Not Approved or No Vote Taken by Plan. Group - Not Cleared or Not Reviewed by Depts.

Reference

- Community Planning Area Boundary
- Currently Dedicated Parkland



3. Click on a site to view more information, including Dept. staff's rationale for not approving/clearing the proposed site for dedication (see figures below). Note: You need to be zoomed in fairly close to the site.



4. A corresponding list of sites not cleared for dedication by City Departments is available for download at: http://www.sdcanyonlands.org/images/pdfs/DedicationInfo/ded_deptresults_table_notcleared.pdf