



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: Nov. 14, 2017

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 2017

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of October 2017.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events; Ranger led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Rangers, with the support of many volunteers, maintain the trail system and facilities.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Rangers patrol the HWP as well as urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and foot. Park Rangers also respond to calls related to Monrovia's No Smoking Ordinance.

The included HWP and Canyon Park Log provide additional information related to the Comments, Maintenance, Incidents, and Events which occurred in October 2017.

ANALYSIS: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve was closed for public safety from October 9-11 and 17-19 due to fire danger caused by excessive heat and winds. Maintenance efforts, in the HWP, focused on finishing the installation of directional signage on the hiking trails and the installation of water bars on the hiking trail to prevent trail erosion. Park Rangers led education tours for Mayflower and Wildrose Elementary Schools for third, fourth and fifth grade classes. The tours focused on water conservation, social studies, and wildlife adaptation. Canyon Park Volunteers hosted their 4th annual Native Garden Plant Sale at Library Park on October 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. On October 29, Canyon Park Rangers hosted a "build a bat" craft day at the Nature Center. This was the first of its kind and was extremely successful. Rangers will provide craft days once a month due to the popularity of the first workshop.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 2017.

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**September 2017
HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

HWP Comments

October 18 | HWP resident expressed their concern toward increased bear activity.

HWP Maintenance – 98 Hours of Maintenance Work in September

October 1	Ridgeside- Park Ranger worked on water diverters to prevent trail erosion.
October 4	Cloverleaf- Park Rangers assisted contractors with installing directional signs along the trail.
October 5	Cloverleaf- Park Rangers placed edge barriers along the trail to prevent erosion.
October 9	Highland- Park Rangers cleared approximately a quarter acre of invasive species along the road.
October 13	Cloverleaf- Park Rangers assisted contractors with installing directional signs along the trail.
October 16	Cloverleaf- Park Rangers assisted contractors with installing directional signs along the trail.
October 21	Ridgeside- Park Ranger worked on removing dirt that fell onto the trail and added water diverters to prevent erosion.
October 23	Highland- Park Rangers cleared approximately a quarter acre of invasive species along the road.
October 26	Cloverleaf- Installed wood posts alongside the trail to assist hikers traversing on steep grades.

HWP Incident

October 4	Ridgeside- Reporting party called Monrovia Police to report two vehicles parked in a no parking zone. Officers were unable to contact the owners of the vehicles.
October 9	Ridgeside- Reporting party called Monrovia Police to report patrons who were in the preserve during closure hours. Officers were unable to locate the subjects.
October 9	Park Rangers closed the HWP for public safety due to excessive heat. Rangers reopened the preserve on October 11.
October 17	Park Rangers closed the HWP for public safety due to excessive heat. Rangers reopened the preserve on October 19.
October 21	Cloverleaf- Park Rangers saw a patron leaving the preserve with a tree stump. Park Ranger advise the patron to leave forest material in the Preserve. Patrons complied with the Rangers request.
October 22	Ridgeside- Park Rangers saw a patron leaving the preserve with plant material. Park Ranger advise the patron to leave forest material in the Preserve. Patrons complied with the Rangers request.
October 22	Ridgeside- Reporting party called Monrovia Police about a bear their neighborhood. Officers were unable to locate the bear.
October 22	Cloverleaf- Reporting party called Monrovia Police about a possible hunter in the surrounding areas of the access point. Officers were unable to locate the subject.

Canyon Park Maintenance – 128 Hours of Maintenance Work in September

October 2	Ben Overturf Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared three quarters of a mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
October 4	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
October 6	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
October 9	Waterfall Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers removed graffiti on the Waterfall Trail and various locations near surrounding areas of the trail entrance.
October 11	Canyon Park Entrance Trail - Park Rangers cleared a half mile of overgrown brush on the main road.
October 12	Dam House – Canyon Park staff cleared overgrown vegetation around the Dam House
October 13	Bill Cull Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
October 16	Bill Cull Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers placed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.

October 19	Nature Center - Park Rangers removed brush around the facility for defensible space practice.
October 20	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers placed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
October 23	Ben Overturf Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
October 27	Waterfall Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers replaced a water diverter and repaired a retaining wall to prevent erosion.
Canyon Park Incidents	
October 9	Park Rangers closed the park for public safety due to excessive heat. Rangers reopened the park on October 11.
October 17	Park Rangers closed the park for public safety due to excessive heat. Rangers reopened the park on October 19.
Canyon Park Events	
October	Park Rangers led Education Tours for third, fourth and fifth grade Monrovia Unified School District Elementary students.
October 3	Canyon Park Recreation Coordinator attend JPIA Writing for Success training seminar.
October 11	Canyon Park Ranger a JPIA training for Power Tool and Chainsaw Safety Training.
October 18	Canyon Park Ranger and volunteers attended Wilderness First Aid training.
October 25	Canyon Park Ranger and volunteers attended Wilderness First Aid training.
October 28	Canyon Park Volunteers held 4th Annual Native Garden Plant Sale at Library Park.
October 29	Canyon Park Rangers held a build a Bat Box workshop at the Nature Center
October 31	Park Rangers provided an informational booth at the City of Monrovia Spooktacular Event at Library Park.

October 2016/2017

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2016	# of staff patrols 2017	Pedestrians 2016	Pedestrians 2017	Vehicles 2016	Vehicles 2017	Cyclists 2016	Cyclists 2017	Pets 2016	Pets 2017	Public Service Calls 2016	Public Service Calls 2017	Staff Service Calls 2016	Staff Service Calls 2017	Wildlife Sightings 2016	Wildlife Sightings 2017	Unsecured Gate 2016	Unsecured Gate 2017	Citations 2016	Citations 2017	Activity Totals 2016	Activity Totals 2017	
Sleepy Hollow																							
Oct 1-7	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 8-14	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 15-21	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 22-28	2	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oct 29-31	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ridgeside																							
Oct 1-7	3	12	9	12	0	0	7	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	24	16	
Oct 8-14	3	13	0	15	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	16	
Oct 15-21	3	12	4	14	0	0	2	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	19	
Oct 22-28	2	13	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	
Oct 29-31	3	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	
Total	=	14	15	45	0	0	9	9	4	7	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	38	61	
Cloverleaf																							
Oct 1-7	3	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Oct 8-14	3	13	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	
Oct 15-21	3	12	2	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	
Oct 22-28	2	13	1	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	
Oct 29-31	3	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total	=	14	5	13	0	4	0	7	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	32	
Highland																							
Oct 1-7	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Oct 8-14	3	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	
Oct 15-21	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Oct 22-28	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oct 29-31	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Total	=	14	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	
Grand Total	=	56	219	20	62	0	4	9	17	5	17	4	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	108	319	