



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

DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2019

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 2019

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 May 2019.

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; Naturalist led Night Hikes, Interpretive Tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and 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 Naturalists patrol the HWP as well as urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's No Smoking in Parks Ordinance.

The HWP and Canyon Park Log provide additional information related to the Comments, Maintenance, Incidents, and Events which occurred in May 2019.

ANALYSIS: During the month of May 2019, Park Naturalist and Volunteers worked on maintaining Canyon Park and HWP's hiking trails. Park Naturalists and Volunteers completed 112 hours of maintenance throughout the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and 104 hours in Canyon Park. The maintenance included brush clearance, trail repair, erosion control, and invasive species removal.

There were two incidents that required support from public safety. On Sunday, May 5, Monrovia Police Officers responded to a report of a bear blocking the Lower Clamshell Trail at the Ridgeside Access Point. The Officer met the hiker and escorted her to her vehicle. On Saturday, May 18, Monrovia Police Officers responded to and cited two vehicles parked in a permitted parking only area.

On Saturday, May 11, Park Naturalist and Volunteers assisted with the Fountain to the Falls Run/Walk. The Naturalists and Volunteers handed out water along the route and provided support of the trails. During Monrovia Days, Park Naturalist assisted with various tasks throughout the weekend.

Throughout the month of May, Park Naturalists provided Educational Tours for Kindergarten and First Graders from Plymouth, Wildrose, Mayflower, Bradoaks, and Monroe Elementary Schools. On Monday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 29, Park Naturalists provided and Educational Program for Murry Elementary School. Park Naturalists hosted the Kids Craft in the Canyon on Sunday, May 26. Participants made customized garden stones with recycled glass and cement.

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 2019.

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 May 2019.

| May 2019 HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG | |
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| HWP Maintenance – 96 Hours of Maintenance Work in May | |
| May 1 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 2 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 6 | Highland – Park Naturalist cleared approximately one-half acre of invasive species growing along the trail. |
| May 8 | Ridgeside – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 9 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 10 | Highland – Park Naturalist cleared approximately one-half acre of invasive species growing along the trail. |
| | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 13 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared water bars on the trail to prevent trail erosion. |
| May 15 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 75 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 22 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 23 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 24 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 29 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 31 | Cloverleaf – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| HWP Incidents | |
| May 14 | Ridgeside – Park Naturalist asked a hiker to place his dog on leash. The hiker complied with the Park Naturalist’s request. |
| Canyon Park Maintenance – 104 Hours of Maintenance Work in May | |
| May 1 | Waterfall - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |

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| May 2 | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the surrounding picnic area. |
| May 3 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 6 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Cabin - Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the surrounding area of the facility. |
| May 8 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Entrance Road - Park Naturalist cleared brush in the surrounding area on road. |
| May 9 | Entrance Road - Park Naturalist cleared brush in the surrounding area on road. |
| May 10 | Waterfall - Canyon Park Volunteers prepared the hiking trail for Fountain to the Falls. |
| | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 13 | Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a small tree that was blocking the trail. |
| May 14 | Entrance Road - Park Naturalist cleared brush near the edge of the road. |
| May 15 | Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion. |
| May 17 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| May 20 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that was blocking the trail. |
| May 22 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 23 | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 24 | Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 28 | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 29 | Waterfall - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 30 | Canyon Park- Park Naturalist cleared brush growing in the picnic area. |
| May 31 | Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail. |
| Canyon Park Events | |
| May 11 | Canyon Park- Canyon Park Volunteers and staff assisted with public safety on the trail and handed out water for Fountain to the Falls. |
| May 16-19 | Staff assisted with parking control and dignitary parking for the Monrovia Days Event at Library Park. |
| Canyon Park Programs | |
| May 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 | Park Naturalists led Kindergarten education tours for Plymouth, Wildrose, Mayflower, Bradoaks, and Monroe Elementary Schools. |
| May 20, 29 | Park Naturalists led third grade programs for Murry Elementary School. |
| May 26 | Nature Center – Park Naturalists hosted the Kid’s Craft in the Canyon event where children created stepping stones for their home gardens. |

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| PATROLS | | | ACTIVITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | # of staff patrols 2018 | # of staff patrols 2019 | Pedestrians 2018 | Pedestrians 2019 | Vehicles 2018 | Vehicles 2019 | Cyclists 2018 | Cyclists 2019 | Pets 2018 | Pets 2019 | Public Service Calls 2018 | Public Service Calls 2019 | Smoking Ban Calls 2018 | Smoking Ban Calls 2019 | Wildlife Sightings 2018 | Wildlife Sightings 2019 | Unsecured Gate 2018 | Unsecured Gate 2019 | Citations 2018 | Citations 2019 | Activity Totals 2018 | Activity Totals 2019 | |
| Sleepy Hollow | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 1-7 | 17 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| May 8-14 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 15-21 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| May 22-28 | 11 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| May 29-31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | = 48 | 56 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | |
| Ridgeside | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 1-7 | 19 | 13 | 13 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 27 | |
| May 8-14 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 24 | |
| May 15-21 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 15 | |
| May 22-28 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 25 | |
| May 29-31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| Total | = 61 | 56 | 68 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 22 | 20 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 101 | |
| Cloverleaf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 1-7 | 27 | 13 | 71 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 20 | |
| May 8-14 | 20 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 21 | |
| May 15-21 | 21 | 14 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 23 | |
| May 22-28 | 21 | 13 | 35 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 23 | |
| May 29-31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Total | = 89 | 58 | 134 | 56 | 5 | 0 | 16 | 29 | 35 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 190 | 91 | |
| Highland | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 1-7 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| May 8-14 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 15-21 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 22-28 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| May 29-31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | = 44 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Grand Total | = 242 | 226 | 207 | 124 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 51 | 55 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288 | 192 | |