



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2019

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 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 September 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 systems 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 and urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's Smoking Ban Ordinance.

The included HWP and Canyon Park Log provide additional information related to the comments, maintenance, incidents, and events which occurred in September 2019.

ANALYSIS: During the month of September 2019, Park Naturalist and Volunteers worked on maintaining Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserves' hiking trails. Park Naturalists and Volunteers completed 106 hours of maintenance throughout the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and 120 hours in Canyon Park. The maintenance included brush clearance, erosion control, debris and slide clearing, facility grounds maintenance, and invasive species removal.

Park Naturalist and Volunteers hosted two Family Hike and Campout Events on Saturday, September 7 – Sunday, Sunday September 8, and Saturday, September 28 – Sunday, September 29. Participants enjoyed day and night hikes, family craft activities, library Storytime, s'mores, and other camping related activities.

On Sunday, September 29, Park Naturalists hosted Kid's Craft in the Canyon where 18 children created nature wind chimes from items found in Canyon Park.

Park Naturalists increased their patrols from September 2018 to September 2019. The increase in patrols increased the number of pedestrian's counted specifically at Ridgeside and Cloverleaf.

There were no incidents to report for September.

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

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**September 2019
HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

HWP Maintenance – 106 hours of maintenance in September 2019

September 3	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 5	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 6	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 9	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 12	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 13	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
	Highland-Park Naturalist cleared approximately ¼ of an acre of invasive species.
September 17	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 18	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 20	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 23	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 24	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.
September 25	Highland-Park Naturalist cleared approximately ¼ of an acre of invasive species.
September 27	Ridgeside - Park Naturalist cleared debris and slides that fell onto the trail.

Canyon Park Maintenance – 120 hours of maintenance in September 2019

September 4	Bill Cull- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail and placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion.
September 6	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a down tree obstructing the trail.
September 9	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris from down tree obstructing the trail.
September 10	Cabin- Canyon Park Naturalist cleared the picnic areas and parking lots of overgrown brush and grass.
September 11	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
September 13	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
September 17	Cabin- Canyon Park Naturalist cleared the picnic area and parking lots of overgrown brush and grasses.
September 16	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail and placed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion
September 18	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
September 20	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared graffiti along the trail.
September 23	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
September 30	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately 200 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
	Waterfall- Canyon Park Naturalist cleared downed limb on the trail.

Canyon Park Events

September 7-8	Canyon Park hosted the Family Hike and Campout event at Fireman's Flats Campground.
September 28-29	Canyon Park hosted the Family Hike and Campout event at Fireman's Flats Campground.
September 29	Nature Center – Park Naturalists hosted Kid's Craft in the Canyon event where 18 children participated in creating nature wind chimes from forest found items.