



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 2020

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 2020.

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 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.

On September 12, the Bobcat Fire entered Monrovia Canyon Park, firefighters used a defensive approach to protect buildings and structures, including the Nature Center, Ranger Station, Cabin, and restrooms. The fire suppression tactics, which included controlled burns, burned a significant amount of brush in the park but all buildings remain intact with only smoke damage. Popular hiking trails are no longer accessible and debris from high above is already rolling down the hills and landing on park trails. In total, about 278 acres of Monrovia owned open space (including 80 acres of Monrovia Canyon Park) is damaged. With the need for ongoing damage assessments and emergency preventative measures needed, we anticipate the park will be closed for some time. During this time, to secure Monrovia Canyon Park, a secondary fence has been installed at the gate to further secure the park after hours. Additionally, signs are posted as the area remains very dangerous.

The community will be relieved to know that the Hillside Wilderness Preserve suffered minimal damage and will be open to the public much sooner. Staff is anticipates opening HWP in November.

ANALYSIS: During the month of October 2020, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 24 hours of maintenance in the Hillside Wilderness Preserve performing brush clearance and erosion control measures to stabilize the trail for the coming winter season.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 2020.

CC-2

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 2020.

October 2020 CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG	
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Maintenance 24 of maintenance in October 2020	
October 26	Bobcat Trail- Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail and created natural water bars to prevent trail erosion.
October 30	Bobcat Trail- Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail and created natural water bars to prevent trail erosion.

October 2019/2020

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2019	# of staff patrols 2020	Pedestrians 2019	Pedestrians 2020	Vehicles 2019	Vehicles 2020	Cyclists 2019	Cyclists 2020	Pets 2019	Pets 2020	Public Service Calls 2019	Public Service Calls 2020	Smoking Ban Calls 2019	Smoking Ban Calls 2020	Wildlife Sightings 2019	Wildlife Sightings 2020	Unsecured Gate 2019	Unsecured Gate 2020	Citations 2019	Citations 2020	Activity Totals 2019	Activity Totals 2020	
Sleepy Hollow																							
October 1-7	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 15-21	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 22-28	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	= 62	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
October 1-7	14	15	44	1	0	0	8	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	
October 8-14	14	14	47	0	0	0	13	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	
October 15-21	14	15	25	0	0	0	18	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	
October 22-28	14	15	44	0	0	0	24	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	
October 29-31	6	6	10	2	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	
Total	= 62	65	170	3	0	0	69	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	279	3	
Cloverleaf																							
October 1-7	14	15	15	4	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	4	
October 8-14	14	14	15	3	3	0	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	
October 15-21	14	15	12	0	3	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	
October 22-28	14	15	28	0	0	0	7	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	
October 29-31	6	6	4	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	
Total	= 62	65	74	7	6	0	27	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	139	7	
Highland																							
October 1-7	14	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	
October 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
October 15-21	14	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
October 22-28	14	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
October 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	= 62	65	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	
Grand Total	= 248	260	251	10	6	0	96	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	428	10	