



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** January 12, 2021

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 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 December 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 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.

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.

Due to minimal damage in Hillside Wilderness Preserve the trail systems reopened on November 16 2020.

**ANALYSIS:** During the month of December 2020, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 89 hours of maintenance in the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and 96 hours of maintenance in Canyon park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance and erosion control measures to stabilize the trail for the 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 December 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 December 2020.

<b>December 2020 CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG</b>	
<b>Canyon Park 96 hours of maintenance in December 2020</b>	
December 7	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 9	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 11	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 14	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 16	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 21	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
December 23	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and mud slides that fell onto the trail.
<b>Hillside Wilderness Preserve 89 hours of maintenance in December 2020</b>	
December 2	Coyote Ridge Switchback – Canyon Park Volunteers installed water diverters to prevent trail erosion.
December 4	Coyote Ridge Lookout – Canyon Park Volunteers repaired a sitting bench at the lookout area.
December 9	Cloverleaf Bypass - Park Naturalist cleared approximately 50 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
December 14	Cloverleaf Bypass – Park Naturalist installed water diverters to prevent trail erosion.
December 15	Cloverleaf Bypass – Park Naturalist installed water diverters to prevent trail erosion.
December 18	Coyote Ridge Switchback – Canyon Park Volunteers installed water diverters to prevent trail erosion.
December 23	Arcadia Ridge – Park Naturalist cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.

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	
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 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
December 15-21	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 22-28	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 29-31	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	30	86	0	0	5	2	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	97	
December 8-14	14	14	36	66	0	0	20	9	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	84	
December 15-21	14	14	28	47	1	0	3	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	52	
December 22-28	10	10	22	45	0	0	13	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	59	
December 29-31	6	4	18	5	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>299</b>	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	28	97	1	0	6	4	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	104	
December 8-14	14	14	30	48	1	0	4	1	21	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	58	
December 15-21	14	14	33	24	0	0	8	3	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	29	
December 22-28	10	10	29	36	0	0	9	10	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	52	
December 29-31	6	4	7	13	0	0	0	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>263</b>	
<b>Highland</b>																							
December 1-7	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
December 8-14	14	14	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
December 15-21	14	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
December 22-28	10	10	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	
December 29-31	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 232</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>565</b>	