



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** August 10, 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 July 2021.

**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 July 2021.

**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.

The post Bobcat Fire, Burn Emergency Area Respose (BEAR) report from the US Forest Service Department shows potential rainfalls this winter and spring season creating heavy mud and debris flows in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve. Staff is prepared to handle each incident with a case by case study after each rain event to assess damages and a response type based on each outcome.

Due to minimal damage in Hillside Wilderness Preserve the trail systems reopened on November 16 2020. Limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley such as Canyon Park, Sturdevent Falls, Hwy 39, and Eaton Canyon has increased amount of daily visitors to the Hillside Wilderness Preserve, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

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**ANALYSIS:** During the month of July 2021, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 174 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance completed included clearing debris on the hiking trails, brush clearance, and cleared fallen trees that fell on the trail.

In addition to maintenance, Canyon Park Staff and Volunteers we asked to participate in other Community events and programs. The following is a list of outreach staff and volunteers participated in:

- July 6, 2021 - Staff assisted Pepperdine Universtiy with access to Canyon Park to retrieve burned soil samples for research on soil eroision. The research would help build information on preemitive soil erosion warnings for post burned forested areas.
- July 8, 2021 - Staff met with Oak Crest Institute to learn about their current research study on our tick population, specifically on the various dieases they can carry. The initial studies of Oak Crest's findings shown a negeative result in lime disease for the City of Monroiva.
- July 9 and 30, 2021 - Park Naturalist hosted show and tell booth at the Library Park Teen Scene event. Staff entertained and educated youth with an interpretive program on adaptive qualities in our Monroviaian wildlife.
- July 21, 2021 - Canyon Park held its annual Volunteer Summer Picnic at Canyon Parks Cabin picnic areas. This was Canyon Park Volunteers first in person gathering since February 2020. This event gives staff the opportunity to show its appreciation to the dedicated Volunteer group for Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve.
- July 24, 2021 – Volunteers participated in the K-Rail Painting Party and created a colorful and educational display for park visitors to enjoy.
- July 28, 2021 - Staff met with our paint contractor, American Painting Concepts (APC), for a final walk through of the of the Canyon Park facilities. The project is scheduled to begin on August 9 and finish within two weeks from the start date. APC will be painting the exterior of the Nature Center, Cabin and restroom facilities, which were damaged from the Bobcat Fire.
- July 31, 2021 – Staff participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MAP Block Party at Julian Fisher Park. Staff was there to answer questions from the community, pass out park information and connect with the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2021.

**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 July 2021.

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**July 2021  
CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

**Canyon Park 174 hours of maintenance in July 2021**

July 2	Overlook trail- Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 5	Overlook trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 7	Overlook trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 9	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 12	Bill Cull trail- Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 14	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 15	Over Bill Cull trail look- Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 16	Waterfall trail - Park Naturalist cut up fallen trees that fell along the trail and stream bed.
July 19	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris, brush and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 21	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 22	Waterfall trail - Park Naturalist cut up fallen trees that fell along the trail and stream bed.
July 23	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 26	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 28	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.
July 29	Waterfall trail - Park Naturalist cut up fallen trees that fell along the trail and stream bed.
July 30	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers and Staff cleared debris and dirt that fell onto the trail.

	# of staff patrols 2020	# of staff patrols 2021	Pedestrians 2020	Pedestrians 2021	Vehicles 2020	Vehicles 2021	Cyclists 2020	Cyclists 2021	Pets 2020	Pets 2021	Public Service Calls 2020	Public Service Calls 2021	Smoking Ban Calls 2020	Smoking Ban Calls 2021	Wildlife Sightings 2020	Wildlife Sightings 2021	Unsecured Gate 2020	Unsecured Gate 2021	Citations 2020	Citations 2021	Activity Totals 2020	Activity Totals 2021
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
July 1-7	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 8-14	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 15-20	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 21-28	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 29-31	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 39</b>	<b>62</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>																						
July 1-7	9	14	20	87	0	0	5	8	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	108
July 8-14	9	14	17	126	0	0	4	8	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	144
July 15-20	9	14	12	47	0	0	8	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	53
July 21-28	9	14	16	25	0	0	1	5	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	35
July 29-31	3	6	8	32	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 39</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</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>99</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
July 1-7	9	14	12	14	0	0	2	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19
July 8-14	9	14	8	47	0	0	4	12	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	62
July 15-20	9	14	15	19	2	0	1	7	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	30
July 21-28	9	14	5	26	1	0	0	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	34
July 29-31	3	6	6	13	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 39</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</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>70</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Highland</b>																						
July 1-7	9	14	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
July 8-14	9	14	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
July 15-20	9	14	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
July 21-28	9	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
July 29-31	3	6	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 39</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</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>4</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 156</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>52</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>173</b>	<b>568</b>