



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: December 14 2021

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

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

In September 2020, the Bobcat Fire forced the closure of Canyon Park and HWP for an extended period of time, as the areas were unsafe and significant repairs were needed.

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

Staff worked diligently to repair trails and remove hazards in an effort to open Canyon Park as soon as possible. On August 30, 2021 Canyon Park was reopened to the public through a reservation system to ease visitors back into the Park. Staff continue to work on remediating potential hazards and improve trail conditions for Park users. Future wind and rain events may temporarily close the Park as needed to improve safety conditions for Park users.

In addition, following the Fire, the Burn Emergency Area Response (BEAR) report from the US Forest Service Department showed potential rainfalls could create heavy mud and debris flows in Canyon Park and HWP. Staff is prepared to handle each incident on a case by case basis and will assess damages and coordinate repairs as needed.

ANALYSIS: During the month of November 2021, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed ninety-eight (98) hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance activities included clearing debris on the hiking trails and installing edge barriers and waterbars along the trail to prevent trail erosion.

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During the month of November, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire recovery in Canyon Park and HWP. Recovery efforts include ash and debris removal that fell on the trail, erosion midigations, and invaisive species removal of tree tobabcco and castor bean. Staff is continuing to monitor the progress of work as they assit in Canyon Park and HWP’s post fire rehabilitation.

On November 11, staff attended the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Adaptation Virtual Summit. This meeting was a great way for staff to gather information on current tecniques and programs for foothill communitis addressing wildfires in the San Gabriel Valley region.

On November 18, Canyon Park Naturalist hosted a information and craft booth at the Thankful and Grateful event at Library Park. Staff engaged with participants, teaching them about Canyon Park’s wildlife and having attendees leave with a nature realted homemade craft.

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

November 2021 CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG	
Canyon Park 98 hours of maintenance in November 2021	
November 1	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 3	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 5	Bill Cull trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 8	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed debris that fell onto the trail.
November 9	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed debris that fell onto the trail.
November 10	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed water bars to prevent trail erosion.
November 12	Bill Cull trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 15	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 17	Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.
November 19	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed debris that fell onto the trail.
November 22	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed debris that fell onto the trail.
November 24	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed debris that fell onto the trail.
November 29	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier to stabilize the trail and prevent erosion.

November 2020/2021

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# 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	
Sleepy Hollow																							
November 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
November 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
November 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November 29-30	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	= 62	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
November 1-7	14	14	1	15	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
November 8-14	14	14	3	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12
November 15-20	14	14	49	21	0	0	5	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	31	
November 21-28	14	14	63	42	0	0	10	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	43	
November 29-30	6	4	17	15	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	18	
Total	= 62	60	133	101	0	0	16	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	124	
Cloverleaf																							
November 1-7	14	14	0	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
November 8-14	14	14	1	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	
November 15-20	14	14	20	8	0	0	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	16	
November 21-28	14	14	36	12	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	13	
November 29-30	6	4	6	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	
Total	= 62	60	63	57	0	0	13	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	71	
Highland																							
November 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
November 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
November 15-20	14	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	
November 21-28	14	14	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	
November 29-30	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Total	= 62	60	9	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	
Grand Total	= 248	240	205	164	0	0	29	38	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	257	202	

Note- November 1st-15th, 2020 Hillside Wilderness Preserve was closed due to bobcat fire.