



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: August 9, 2022

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2022.

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 2022.

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, Sturdevent 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.

The first significant rain event following the Bobcat Fire occurred on December 13, 2021. The National Weather Service reported that the event accumulated over 5 inches of rain which caused significant damage to Canyon Park. Monrovia Canyon Park will remain closed indefinitely for a period of time. During the duration of the closure, photos, aerial footage, and much more information will be shared with the community.

Staff has been intimately involved with cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the next several months Staff will continue to assess and identify damages from the

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December 2021 rainstorm clean up, identify infrastructure repairs, and oversee the possibilities of upgrades to Canyon Park.

ANALYSIS: During the month of July 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 121 hours of maintenance in Canyon park, Maintenance performance that included establishing trails, making improvements on the trails that had significant trail erosion, and cut up trees and limbs that fell on the trail.

During the month of July, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include ash and debris removal that fell on the trail, cutting up trees that fell on the trail, and erosion mitigations. Staff is continuing to monitor the progress of their work as they assist in Canyon Park and HWP's post fire rehabilitation.

Progress has been made with the cleanup of the mud and debris in Canyon Park. Contractors finished majority of the cleanup with debris, boulders, and fallen trees on the main Canyon Park road. Contractors have shifted focus on repairing trail erosion and clean up on the Lower Clamshell Motorway starting at the Ridgeside access points surrounding area. Staff is closely monitoring their work to prepare for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Canyon Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2022.

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 2022.

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July 2022
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log

Canyon Park and HWP 121 hours of maintenance in July 2022

July 1	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 6	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 8	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 11	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 12	Mahogany Trail – Park Naturalist cleared overgrown brush growing onto the trail.
July 13	Mahogany Trail – Park Naturalist cleared overgrown brush growing onto the trail.
July 15	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 18	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 19	Bobcat Trail – Park Naturalist cleared overgrown brush growing onto the trail.
July 20	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 22	Bobcat Trail – Park Naturalist cleared overgrown brush growing onto the trail.
	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree branch that fell onto the trail.
July 25	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 27	Canyon Park Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell blocking the Waterfall Trail access point.
	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
July 29	Canyon Park – Canyon Park Volunteer and Community Services YES intern worked on establishing a trail leading to the Veteran Memorial.
	Arcadia Ridge Trail – Park Naturalist cleared overgrown brush growing onto the trail.

July 2021/2022

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2021	# of staff patrols 2022	Pedestrians 2021	Pedestrians 2022	Vehicles 2021	Vehicles 2022	Cyclists 2021	Cyclists 2022	Pets 2021	Pets 2022	Public Service Calls 2021	Public Service Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2021	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2021	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Unsecured Gate 2021	Unsecured Gate 2022	Citations 2021	Citations 2022	Activity Totals 2021	Activity Totals 2022	
Sleepy Hollow																							
July 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
July 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
July 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
July 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
July 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	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
July 1-7	14	14	87	65	0	0	8	2	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	69	
July 8-14	14	14	126	81	0	0	8	5	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	94	
July 15-20	14	14	47	80	0	0	5	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	93	
July 21-28	14	14	25	59	0	0	5	14	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	75	
July 29-31	6	6	32	25	0	0	4	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	29	
Total =	62	62	317	310	0	0	30	34	33	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	380	360	
Cloverleaf																							
July 1-7	14	14	14	25	0	0	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	31	
July 8-14	14	14	47	32	0	0	12	5	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	42	
July 15-20	14	14	19	15	0	0	7	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20	
July 21-28	14	14	26	28	0	0	5	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	30	
July 29-31	6	6	13	21	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	23	
Total =	62	62	119	121	0	0	26	14	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	146	
Highland																							
July 1-7	14	14	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	
July 8-14	14	14	5	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	
July 15-20	14	14	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	
July 21-28	14	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
July 29-31	6	6	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	
Total =	62	62	19	6	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	
Grand Total =	248	248	455	437	0	0	61	49	52	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	568	513	

*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2021 due to Canyon Park closure from the Bobcat Fire.

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