



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for November 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 November 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 November 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 118 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, installation of edge barriers to prevent trail erosion, and clearing debris that eroded onto the trail.

During the month of November, 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 fallen trees, invasive species removal from the stream bed and erosion mitigations. Staff is working with MCS to prepare and respond to rain events that may effect the park, preserve and trail systems.

November 7 – Canyon Park Staff visited Plymouth Elementary School to give a presentation on living with wildlife in our foothill communities. This visit was to support a stem program encouraging students to investigate and present to their classrooms why Monrovia has a diverse population of wildlife.

November 15 - Canyon Park Staff hosted a information booth at the Thankful Grateful tree lighting event at Library Park. Staff engaged with participants about the wildlife and habitat of Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve.

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

**November 2022
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

Canyon Park and HWP 118 hours of maintenance in November 2022

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| November 2 | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 4 | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 7 | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 9 | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers along the trail to reduce trail erosion. |
| November 11 | Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| | Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers along the trail to reduce trail erosion. |
| November 14 | Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| | Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| November 16 | Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 18 | Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 21 | Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 23 | Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail. |
| November 25 | Overlook trail – Canyon park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| November 28 | Overlook trail – Canyon park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| November 30 | Bill Cull trail – Canyon park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |

November 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | = | 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 | 15 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 29 | |
| November 8-14 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 48 | |
| November 15-20 | 14 | 14 | 21 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 37 | |
| November 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 42 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 47 | |
| November 29-30 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 14 | |
| Total | = | 60 | 101 | 124 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 35 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124 | 175 | |
| Cloverleaf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November 1-7 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 18 | |
| November 8-14 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 26 | |
| November 15-20 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 28 | |
| November 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 22 | |
| November 29-30 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 15 | |
| Total | = | 60 | 57 | 72 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 29 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 109 | |
| 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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| November 15-20 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| November 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | |
| November 29-30 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | = | 60 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | |
| Grand Total | = | 240 | 164 | 197 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 64 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 285 | |

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

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