



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 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 December 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 December 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 115 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris removal from the trail, installation of edge barriers to prevent trail erosion, and reestablishing the trails to prepare for incoming rainfall.

During the month of December, 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 affect the park, preserve and trail systems.

December 1– Canyon Park assisted in the Annual City of Monrovia Holiday Parade. Staff assisted with line route management and public safety. The parade brought out spectators to gather on Myrtle Ave to see a holiday parade of Community Groups and Members along with Santa riding in to ring in the holiday season.

December 5 – 9 – Canyon Park Staff joined Monrovia Police and Fire with the Annual Monrovia citywide Santa Tours. Staff decorated vehicles with holiday attire to add and enhance the Santa tour experience. Each day of the week Santa and a group of holiday city vehicles travel throughout the City of Monrovia to spread holiday cheer.

December 14 – Canyon Park Staff and Volunteers gathered for the Canyon Park Volunteer Recognition dinner. Every year Staff recognizes selected members with Spirit and Volunteer of the year awards for those who showed great leadership and commendation for the 2022 year.

December 21 – Canyon Park Staff visited Plymouth Elementary 3rd grade class to concluded a STEM partnership program that started 5 week prior. Students presented on their finding of California native wildlife and impacts of residents of Monrovia coexisting together in the foothill community.

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

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

Canyon Park and HWP 115 hours of maintenance in December 2022

December 2	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail from erosion and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 5	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail from erosion and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 7	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
December 9	Veterans Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
December 12	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
December 14	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
December 16	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
December 19	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
December 21	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail from erosion and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 23	Bill cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail from erosion and debris that fell onto the trail.
December 26	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail in preparation of incoming rainstorms.
December 28	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail in preparation of incoming rainstorms.
December 30	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer worked on reestablishing the trail in preparation of incoming rainstorms.

December 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																							
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 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December 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
December 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																							
December 1-7	14	14	41	42	0	0	3	5	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	53	
December 8-14	14	14	27	36	0	0	2	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	44	
December 15-20	14	14	14	25	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	34	
December 21-28	14	14	12	33	0	0	2	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	40	
December 29-31	6	6	2	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	
Total =	62	62	96	146	0	0	7	0	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	183	
Cloverleaf																							
December 1-7	14	14	47	35	0	0	4	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	39	
December 8-14	14	14	36	48	0	0	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	54	
December 15-20	14	14	2	30	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	43	
December 21-28	14	14	12	21	0	0	2	5	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	27	
December 29-31	6	6	1	6	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	
Total =	62	62	98	140	0	0	8	27	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	173	
Highland																							
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 15-20	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
December 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
December 29-31	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total =	62	62	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Grand Total =	248	248	197	286	0	0	15	27	29	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	335	

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

*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2022 due to Canyon Park closure from the 2021 December rain storms.