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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SARAH GODINEZ, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY CLERK
DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023
SUBJECT: JANUARY 17, 2023 – REGULAR MEETING

Below are changes and updates related to tonight's meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

PR-1 Proclaiming January 2023 as “National Blood Donor Month”

Staff Reference: ~~Erica Frausto Aguado, Executive Director,~~
American Red Cross, Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys

Patty Madera, Interim Executive Director, will accept on behalf of American Red Cross.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC-6 Temporary Reopening of Canyon Park with Modified Hours of Operation; Resolution No. 2023-05

Staff Reference: Tina Cherry, Community Services Director
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-05

Please refer to the revised Resolution No. 2023-05 attached, with typographical correction to the title Resolution number.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07_05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY RE-OPENING OF MONROVIA CANYON PARK, SUBJECT TO REDUCED HOURS AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF USE, WHILE PARK REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION ARE IN PROGRESS

WHEREAS, Monrovia residents and visitors have used Canyon Park as a recreational park for over a century. Over 250,000 visitors per year have found Canyon Park to be a great amenity that serves as a gateway to the United States Forest Service Public Lands.; and

WHEREAS, since the Bobcat fire heavily damaged Canyon Park in September of 2020, the Park has largely been closed to the public, with the exception of a few months in 2021, while the City and its public agency partners and contractors cleaned up the mess left in the aftermath; and

WHEREAS, heavy rain events in December of 2022 and January of 2021 caused additional damage, and mud and debris flows. The Park has been closed again while repairs and clean-up have been underway; and

WHEREAS, given the progress that has been made by the City, its partners and contractors, the City intends to re-open parts of Canyon Park for public access temporarily on a strictly limited basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. On or after January 23, 2023 the City Manager is authorized to re-open those portions of Monrovia Canyon Park that can safely be accessed by the public, subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution, the applicable provisions of Chapter 12.32 of the Monrovia Municipal Code, and any additional condition or rule the City Manager reasonably believes is necessary to protect public health and safety or the Park.

Section 2. The following rules shall be in effect temporarily:

1. Notwithstanding any City ordinance to the contrary, the temporary hours of opening for Monrovia Canyon Park shall be open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with three (3), 4-hour reservation blocks each day. No person shall enter or remain in the Park at any time outside these temporary hours of operation without specific authorization from the City Manager or his designee.

2. Entry to Canyon Park shall be by advance reservation only, booked through the City's reservation website.

3. Each user must sign an assumption of the risk and liability waiver prior to entering the Park.

4. Existing Annual Passes will be honored, but the City shall not issue new Annual Passes until the Park is fully re-opened.

5. The City Manager is authorized, after consultation with the Director of Community Services and the Fire Chief, to close the Park at any time to protect public health and safety, facilitate repair work, or to protect Canyon Park resources.

6. The Director of Community Services shall have signage that provides notice of these rules posted at the entrance to the Park and in other useful locations, in her discretion.

Section 3. The Chief of Police and the Director of Community Service are authorized to enforce the provisions of this Resolution in their discretion.

Section 4. The adoption of these temporary rules for us of an existing City park is not a "project" as defined in CEQA because there will be no resulting direct or indirect physical change in the environment. These rules are more restrictive than the Park rules in the existing Municipal Code.

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2023

Becky A. Shevlin, Mayor
City of Monrovia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alice D. Atkins, MMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

Craig A. Steele, City Attorney
City of Monrovia