



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2023

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-3

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2023.

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 January 2023.

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 January 2023, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 139 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris clearing from the trail, installation of trail retention walls to prevent trail erosion, and reestablishing the trails from rainstorm damage.

During the month of January, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include ash and debris clean up 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2023.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-3 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2023.

**January 2023
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

Canyon Park and HWP 139 hours of maintenance in January 2023

January 2	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
January 4	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails.
January 5	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails.
January 6	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
January 11	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
January 12	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Staff worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails.
January 13	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
	Bill Cull trail - Canyon Park staff worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails.
January 17	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park staff worked with the California Conservation Corps to supervise fuel reduction projects along the trail.
January 18	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails. Canyon Park staff worked with the California Conservation Corps to supervise fuel reduction projects along the trail.
January 19	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park staff worked with the California Conservation Corps to supervise fuel reduction projects along the trail.
January 20	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trails.
January 23	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park staff worked on installing a retaining wall to prevent trail erosion.
January 24	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park staff worked on removing debris that fell onto the trail, and installing a retaining wall to prevent trail erosion
January 25	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
January 26	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park staff worked on removing debris that fell onto the trail, and installing a retaining wall to prevent trail erosion.
January 27	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail, and installing a retaining wall to prevent trail erosion.
January 30	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteer worked on clearing brush and debris that fell onto the trail.

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PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2022	# of staff patrols 2023	Pedestrians 2022	Pedestrians 2023	Vehicles 2022	Vehicles 2023	Cyclists 2022	3Cyclists 2023	Pets 2022	Pets 2023	Public Service Calls 2022	Public Service Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Unsecured Gate 2022	Unsecured Gate 2023	Citations 2022	Citations 2023	Activity Totals 2022	Activity Totals 2023	
Sleepy Hollow																							
January 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
January 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
January 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
January 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
January 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																							
January 1-7	14	14	89	75	0	0	16	12	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	95	
January 8-14	14	14	111	82	0	0	14	10	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129	96	
January 15-20	14	14	88	65	0	0	5	14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	80	
January 21-28	14	14	116	79	0	0	11	18	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	138	104	
January 29-31	6	6	25	22	0	0	5	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	28	
Total	= 62	62	429	323	0	0	51	56	29	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	509	403	
Cloverleaf																							
January 1-7	14	14	50	45	0	0	20	16	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	67	
January 8-14	14	14	51	33	0	0	22	18	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	55	
January 15-20	14	14	57	48	0	0	8	11	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	60	
January 21-28	14	14	48	38	0	0	14	16	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	59	
January 29-31	6	6	18	25	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	27	
Total	= 62	62	224	189	0	0	70	62	15	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	309	268	
Highland																							
January 1-7	14	14	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	
January 8-14	14	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
January 15-20	14	14	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	
January 21-28	14	14	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	
January 29-31	6	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Total	= 62	62	21	8	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	9	
Grand Total	= 248	248	674	520	0	0	121	118	47	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	842	680	