



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** June 13, 2023

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-3

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for May 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 May 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.

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

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**ANALYSIS:** During the month of May 2023, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 113 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris removal from the trail, installation of trail retention walls to prevent trail erosion, and clearing overgrown brush along the trails.

During the month of May, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire and rainstorm disaster recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include debris removal that fell on the trail, and invasive species removal and clearing. Staff is continuing to monitor their progress of work as they assist in Canyon Park and HWP's post fire and rainstorm rehabilitation.

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

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

**Canyon Park and HWP 113 hours of maintenance in May 2023**

May 1	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 3	Bill Cull and Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 5	Bill Cull and Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 8	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail and a fallen tree limb blocking the trail.
May 10	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 12	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 15	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 17	Ben Overturff Trial - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 19	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 22	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 24	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 26	Ben Overturff Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
May 29	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail and installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
May 31	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail and installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.

# May 2022/2023

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2022	# of staff patrols 2023	Pedestrians 2022	Pedestrians 2023	Vehicles 2022	Vehicles 2023	Cyclists 2022	Cyclists 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
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
May 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 8-14	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 15-20	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																						
May 1-7	14	14	81	75	0	0	16	21	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	102
May 8-14	12	14	96	82	0	0	14	18	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	104
May 15-20	12	14	72	95	0	0	13	9	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	119
May 21-28	14	14	115	93	0	0	8	15	14	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	127
May 29-31	6	6	62	51	0	0	5	7	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	63
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>515</b>
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
May 1-7	14	14	45	60	0	0	12	22	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	89
May 8-14	12	14	32	52	0	0	16	12	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	76
May 15-20	12	14	42	40	0	0	10	8	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	56
May 21-28	14	14	39	35	0	0	9	16	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	63
May 29-31	6	6	22	25	0	0	3	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Highland</b>																						
May 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 8-14	12	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
May 15-20	12	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
May 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 232</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>835</b>

\*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2022-23 due to Canyon Park closure from the 2021 December rain storms.