



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2024

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-4

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 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 December 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. 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. Since then, limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

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 rainstorms, identify infrastructure repairs, and oversee the possibilities of upgrades to Canyon Park.

The construction plans for Canyon Park which are close to 100% complete. The project estimate is between \$17-\$18 million. Some of the general scope of work will include, replacing roadway in segments of the park, changing the cross-slope of the roadway to prevent future debris from flowing directly down the center of the park, replacing all parking lots and adding approximately 24 new parking spaces, replacing the water main, installing a booster pump to feed water from the Oakglade tank, and removing the old Canyon Park water tank, installing a 6" sewer line and removing septic tanks, repairing damaged culverts, guardrails, walls, etc. and one of the exciting components of the park project is the addition of approximately 10 new features or enhancements to the park.

ANALYSIS: During the month of December 2023, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 97 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris removal from the trail, tree clearing, and trail improvements.

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-4, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2023.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-4 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for December 2023.

December 2023 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 97 hours of maintenance in December 2023	
Dec. 1	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
Dec. 4	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell onto the trail and into the water stream.
Dec. 6	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell onto the trail and into the water stream.
Dec. 8	Bill Cull Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell onto the trail.
Dec. 11	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
Dec. 13	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
Dec. 15	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
Dec. 18	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
Dec. 20	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.

December 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	
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	42	35	0	0	5	12	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	52	
December 8-14	14	14	36	23	0	0	6	5	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	36	
December 15-20	14	14	25	40	0	0	8	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	51	
December 21-28	14	14	33	31	0	0	1	11	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	46	
December 29-31	6	6	10	15	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	20	
Total =	62	62	146	144	0	0	21	40	16	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	205	
Cloverleaf																							
December 1-7	14	14	35	30	0	0	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	39	
December 8-14	14	14	48	26	0	0	6	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	38	
December 15-20	14	14	30	18	0	0	10	9	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	37	
December 21-28	14	14	21	33	0	0	5	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	42	
December 29-31	6	6	6	12	0	0	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	18	
Total =	62	62	140	119	0	0	27	30	6	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	174	
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	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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
	62	62	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total =	248	248	286	263	0	0	48	71	22	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	356	380	

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