



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2024.

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 2024.

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 the Canyon Park Renovation Project are complete and currently out to bid. The project estimate is \$14 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 January 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 112 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-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2024.

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 January 2024.

| January 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log | |
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| Canyon Park and HWP 112 hours of maintenance in January 2024 | |
| January 3 | Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris that fell onto the trail. |
| January 5 | Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris that fell onto the trail. |
| January 8 | Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on repairing a portion of trail to prevent erosion. |
| January 10 | Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 12 | Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| | Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 15 | Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 17 | Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 19 | Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 22 | Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 24 | Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers added edge barriers to the side do the trail to prevent trail erosion. |
| January 26 | Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a large tree branch that fell onto the trail. |
| January 29 | Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |
| January 30 | OverlookTrail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail. |

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| PATROLS | | | ACTIVITY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | # of staff patrols 2023 | # of staff patrols 2024 | Pedestrians 2023 | Pedestrians 2024 | Vehicles 2023 | Vehicles 2024 | Cyclists 2023 | Cyclists 2024 | Pets 2023 | Pets 2024 | Public Service Calls 2023 | Public Service Calls 2024 | Smoking Ban Calls 2023 | Smoking Ban Calls 2024 | Wildlife Sightings 2023 | Wildlife Sightings 2024 | Unsecured Gate 2023 | Unsecured Gate 2024 | Citations 2023 | Citations 2024 | Activity Totals 2023 | Activity Totals 2024 | |
| 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 |
| Ridgside | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 1-7 | 14 | 14 | 75 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 25 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 92 | |
| January 8-14 | 14 | 14 | 82 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 102 | |
| January 15-20 | 14 | 14 | 65 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 81 | |
| January 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 79 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 55 | |
| January 29-31 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 21 | |
| Total | = 62 | 62 | 323 | 265 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 61 | 24 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 403 | 351 | |
| Cloverleaf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 1-7 | 14 | 14 | 45 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 54 | |
| January 8-14 | 14 | 14 | 33 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 36 | |
| January 15-20 | 14 | 14 | 48 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 64 | |
| January 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 38 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 61 | |
| January 29-31 | 6 | 6 | 25 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 30 | |
| Total | = 62 | 62 | 189 | 179 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 47 | 17 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 245 | |
| Highland | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 1-7 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | |
| 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 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | |
| January 21-28 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 | |
| | 62 | 62 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | |
| Grand Total | = 248 | 248 | 520 | 445 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 108 | 42 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 680 | 597 | |

*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2023-24 due to Canyon Park closure from the 2021 December rain storms.