



**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-3

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

The bid for the renovation of Canyon Park have closed and the award of contract is expected to go to City Council on Tuesday, March 19. 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 February 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 102 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, debris removal off the trail, trail improvements. The Canyon Park Volunteer Trail Crew have been vital to responding to trail clean up from heavy rainstorm events throughout the month of February.

Canyon Park Staff welcomed back Managed Career Solutions (MCS) to Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve to assist with post rainstorm disaster clean up. MCS is a labor group that gives work experience helping their participants prepare themselves in transition to skilled work force. The focus of MCS for Monrovia is to help Canyon Park and HWP staff by repairing and improving hiking trails, removing invasive species from our eco system, and responding to debris clean from major rainstorms.

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MCS has been a vital help in past years as Canyon Park and HWP comes out of post fire and rainstorm disasters from the past years.

Canyon Park Staff installed the first of possible many Eco Counters in HWP. Eco Counter is a pedestrian counting device that will track data showing how or trails are being used in our preserve. Ridgeside was chosen as the first access point location that will start collecting data starting the month of March. As hiking and mountain bikes pass the pedestrian counter, an invisible beam (similar to a garage door safety reflector) will detect, count, and record the data to outlay a variety of reports that will give us a true understanding how are trails are being used on our hiking trails.

Several cubic yards of base gravel was placed on the Lower Clamshell Motorway service road trail in HWP. This base gravel is used to stabilize the saturated mud on the trail from days of periodic rain events. This gravel makes the trail safer for vehicular travel as city staff and residents of HWP ingress and egress to and from HWP.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for February 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 February 2024.

February 2024
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log

Canyon Park and HWP 102 hours of maintenance in February 2024

February 2	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail
February 5	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 7	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 12	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 14	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
February 16	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 21	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 23	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
February 26	Ridgeside Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree and debris that fell onto the trail.
February 28	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell 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																						
February 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 29	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	= 58	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																						
February 1-7	14	14	78	65	0	0	15	22	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	93
February 8-14	14	14	92	39	0	0	20	14	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	57
February 15-20	14	14	83	51	0	0	18	12	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	71
February 21-28	14	14	96	78	0	0	11	10	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	100
February 29	2	2	x	6	x	0	x	2	x	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Total	= 58	58	349	239	0	0	64	60	36	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	449	330
Cloverleaf																						
February 1-7	14	14	42	65	0	0	8	12	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	85
February 8-14	14	14	31	42	0	0	22	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	57
February 15-20	14	14	46	35	0	0	14	7	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	46
February 21-28	14	14	35	37	0	0	6	18	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60
February 29	2	2	x	4	x	0	x	5	x	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Total	= 58	58	154	183	0	0	50	56	29	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	258
Highland																						
February 1-7	14	14	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
February 8-14	14	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
February 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February 21-28	14	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
February 29	2	2	x	0	x	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	58	58	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
Grand Total	= 232	232	506	425	0	0	115	116	65	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	686	591

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