



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for April 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 April 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 the cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the last few years Staff has diligently worked to identify damages from the bobcat fire and heavy rainstorm disasters, identify infrastructure repairs, and has looked at the potential of upgrades to Canyon Park.

In March 2024, City Council awarded the contract for the Canyon Park infrastructure improvement project to the Pokrajac Corporation. 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
- Removing the old Canyon Park water tank, installing a 6" sewer line and removing septic tanks,
- Repairing damaged culverts, guardrails, walls, etc.
- Park enhancements including enhanced education space, new picnic benches and enhanced staff kiosk.

The timeline of the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, reopening the park by early 2025.

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ANALYSIS: During the month of April 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 124 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, trail repairs, tree removal off trails, and trail improvements to prevent trail erosion.

Managed Career Solutions (MCS) continues to the Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve team and volunteers with post rainstorm disaster clean up, trail repairs and invasive species removal.

The month of April 2024, Eco-Counter continues to generate enhanced data on trail use at the Ridgeside access point. The new data reports are showing higher use of trail use around 7:00 p.m. Staff attributes the increase use to daylight savings and the longer days. Staff will continue to monitor trail usage while patrolling the HWP access points and the trails to give comparable data in areas where the eco-counter does not exist.

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

April 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 124 hours of maintenance in April 2024	
April 1	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 3	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 5	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 8	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared a tree that fell onto the trail.
April 10	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer reinforced a portion of trail that suffered trail damage from mud and debris flows.
April 12	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 15	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 17	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 19	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 22	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer reinforced a portion of trail that suffered trail damage from mud and debris flows.
April 24	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer reinforced a portion of trail that suffered trail damage from mud and debris flows.
April 26	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush growing onto the trail.
April 29	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer 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																							
April 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
April 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
April 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
April 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
April 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
April 1-7	14	14	65	59	0	0	12	8	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	73	
April 8-14	14	14	75	65	0	0	12	12	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	89	
April 15-20	14	14	52	72	0	0	16	10	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	93	
April 21-28	14	14	61	77	0	0	8	11	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	98	
April 29-30	6	6	38	29	0	0	6	6	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	39	
Total	=	62	291	302	0	0	54	47	39	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	392	
Cloverleaf																							
April 1-7	14	14	42	22	0	0	6	8	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	38	
April 8-14	14	14	36	35	0	0	21	24	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	66	
April 15-20	14	14	27	42	0	0	18	12	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	58	
April 21-28	14	14	27	31	0	0	17	17	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	60	
April 29-30	6	6	18	12	0	0	8	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	21	
Total	=	62	150	142	0	0	70	69	47	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	267	243	
Highland																							
April 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
April 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
April 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
April 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
April 29-30	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	=	246	441	444	0	0	124	116	86	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	651	635	

Eco - Counter April 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	8,075	269	233	369	4/7/2024
Ridgeside In	4,724	157	139	208	4/7/2024
Ridgeside Out	3,351	112	94	160	4/7/2024