



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for June 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 June 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 June 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 108 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, fallen tree removal, and trail improvements to prevent trail erosion.

For the month of June, Managed Career Solutions (MCS) focused on brush clearance and invasive species removal in various areas of the Canyon Parks Nature Center picnic grounds, as well as Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Canyon Park hiking trails.

This month, the Eco-Counter continues to record high trail usage on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Monday through Fridays show slightly lower usage but is consistent with the mid mornings being the busiest part of the day to visit Ridgeside. The eco-counter also shows a slight increase in overall pedestrian use after the first week of June.

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

June 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 108 hours of maintenance in June 2024	
June 3	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
June 5	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
June 7	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer removed a large tree branch that fell onto the trail.
June 10	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
June 12	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
June 14	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
June 17	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
June 19	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
June 21	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteer installed edge barriers along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
June 24	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.

June 2023/2024

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																							
June 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
June 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
June 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
June 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
June 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																							
June 1-7	14	14	65	59	0	0	16	12	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	76	
June 8-14	14	14	83	51	0	0	5	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	67	
June 15-20	14	14	75	65	0	0	12	14	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	80	
June 21-28	14	14	87	48	0	0	10	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	61	
June 29-30	4	4	32	35	0	0	4	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	45	
Total	=	60	342	258	0	0	47	54	33	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	422	329	
Cloverleaf																							
June 1-7	14	14	17	24	0	0	6	14	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	42	
June 8-14	14	14	28	45	0	0	8	13	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	60	
June 15-20	14	14	32	32	0	0	12	11	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	44	
June 21-28	14	14	34	33	0	0	4	8	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	49	
June 29-30	4	4	12	19	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	21	
Total	=	60	123	153	0	0	31	47	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172	216	
Highland																							
June 1-7	14	14	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
June 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
June 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
June 21-28	14	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
June 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	=	60	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	
Grand Total	=	240	467	414	0	0	78	101	51	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	596	548	

Eco - Counter June 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	7,170	239	201	315	6/9/2024
Ridgeside In	4,223	141	120	183	6/9/2024
Ridgeside Out	2,947	98	81	132	6/1/2024