



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

DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2017

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for February 2017

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 2017.

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; Ranger led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Rangers with the support of many volunteers maintain the trail system and facilities.

In 2016, HWP opened over four miles of trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Rangers patrol the HWP as well as urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle, and on foot. Park Rangers also respond to calls related to Monrovia's no smoking municipal code for our parks.

Monthly Patrol Log – The following information is an overview from the daily patrol logs for February 2017.

HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE (HWP)

HWP Public Comments

February 4

- Cloverleaf - Four hikers from Temple City told the Park Rangers that the trail was beautiful and wished they were Monrovia residents.

HWP Maintenance

There was a total of 222 hours worked on maintenance, in the HWP, for the month of February; below are highlights from the work completed by the Rangers.

February 9

- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared a half mile of overgrown brush with hand tools on the switch back trail. Park Rangers placed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown vegetation with hand tools. Park Rangers cleared a clogged water culvert to prevent erosion.

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February 15

- Ridgeside - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown vegetation with hand tools.
- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared fifteen (15) yards of overgrown poison oak with hand tools.

February 16

- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared fifteen (15) yards of overgrown poison oak with hand tools.

February 23

- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared trail from mud slides and cut back overgrown vegetation with hand tools.

HWP Incidents

February 4

- Cloverleaf - HWP resident alerted staff that the Hidden Valley/Cloverleaf automatic gate was not closing properly. Staff called the contractors to fix the malfunction. The gate was fixed within the week.

February 8

- Ridgeside - Park Rangers removed graffiti from six (6) different locations on the trail ranging from trash cans, interpretive signs and k-rails.

February 17

- Highland - Park Rangers distributed sand bags and straw swaddles to residents in anticipation of heavy rain.

February 18

- HWP was closed to the public for safety reasons in anticipation of heavy rains.
- Cloverleaf - Park Rangers met with seven (7) patrons in the preserve to inform them the HWP was closed for the public's safety due to the recent heavy rain. The patrons understood and left the preserve.

February 19

- Ridgeside - Park Rangers saw an adult male climb over the access gate during HWP closure. Park Rangers told the subject that the preserve was closed for the public's safety. The subject complied and left the preserve.
- Ridgeside and Cloverleaf - Park Rangers checked and cleared slides on utility trails and switchback trails.

February 23

- Cloverleaf - HWP residents called Park Rangers and told them there were mountain bikers using the residential utility roads. Park Rangers responded to the location but were unable to find the mountain bikers.

February 24

- HWP reopened after Park Rangers were able to assess the safety of the trail.

CANYON PARK

Canyon Park Incidents

February 5

- At approximately 8:30 p.m. Park Rangers called Monrovia Police to report a vehicle parked just outside Canyon Park's entrance gate. Park Rangers observed beer cans outside of the vehicle. The driver and passenger appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Police officers arrested the driver and passenger and towed their vehicle.

February 12

- Park Rangers called Monrovia Police about two individuals, near Camp Trask who had a verbal argument. The individual's apologized to one and other and went their separate ways.
- Park Rangers, Monrovia Police, and Monrovia Fire responded to an adult male that suffered a seizure near the Canyon Park Waterfall. Monrovia Fire sent in a helicopter to air lift the injured male from the Waterfall. The subject was transported to Huntington Hospital for further medical treatment.

February 18

- Canyon Park was closed for the public's safety due to heavy rains.
- Park Rangers cleared mud slides, with hand tools, on the Waterfall and Overlook trails.

February 19

- Park Rangers cleared mud slides, with hand tools, on the Waterfall and Overlook trails.
- Park Rangers cleared mud slides, with hand tools, on the entrance road leading up to the Ranger Station.

February 20

- Park Rangers informed two mountain bikers that the park was closed for the public's safety. The mountain bikers complied and left the park.

February 21

- Canyon Park reopened after Park Rangers were able to assess the safety of the trails.

Canyon Park Maintenance

There was a total of 204 hours worked on maintenance, in Canyon Park, for the month of February; below are highlights from the work completed by the Rangers.

February 1

- A small fence was built around the Nature Center's native flower mound to prevent visitors from walking through newly planted flowers.

February 8

- Canyon Park Volunteers placed edge barriers on the Bill Cull/Waterfall Trail to prevent erosion.

February 22

- Canyon Park Volunteers removed a fallen tree partially obstructing the Ben Overturf Trail.

February 27

- Canyon Park Volunteers placed edge barriers on the Waterfall Trail to prevent erosion.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for February 2017.

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 2017.

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PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2016	# of staff patrols 2017	Pedestrians 2016	Pedestrians 2017	Vehicles 2016	Vehicles 2017	Cyclists 2016	Cyclists 2017	Pets 2016	Pets 2017	Public Service Calls 2016	Public Service Calls 2017	Staff Service Calls 2016	Staff Service Calls 2017	Wildlife Sightings 2016	Wildlife Sightings 2017	Unsecured Gate 2016	Unsecured Gate 2017	Citations 2016	Citations 2017	Activity Totals 2016	Activity Totals 2017
Sleepy Hollow																						
Feb 1-7	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 8-14	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 15-21	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 22-28	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	43	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																						
Feb 1-7	11	16	56	25	0	0	5	6	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	36
Feb 8-14	15	16	56	16	0	0	14	2	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	20
Feb 15-21	9	14	30	10	0	0	6	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	20
Feb 22-28	6	15	19	14	0	0	3	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	22
Feb 29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	42	61	161	65	0	0	28	22	31	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	220	98
Cloverleaf																						
Feb 1-7	11	16	9	15	6	0	0	12	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	33
Feb 8-14	14	15	2	17	5	0	0	14	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	36
Feb 15-21	10	14	0	11	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Feb 22-28	6	15	0	22	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Feb 29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	42	60	11	65	11	0	0	32	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	113
Highland																						
Feb 1-7	11	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Feb 8-14	14	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Feb 15-21	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Feb 22-28	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	42	61	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Grand Total																						
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