



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Services

**MEETING DATE:** August 8, 2017

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk  
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 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 July 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, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP 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 foot. Park Rangers also respond to calls related to Monrovia's No Smoking Ordinance.

The included HWP and Canyon Park Log provide additional information related to the Comments, Maintenance, Incidents, and Events which occurred in July 2017.

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

**CC-2**

**July 2017  
HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

**HWP Comments**

July 1	Cloverleaf - Three patrons asked when the new directional signs were going to be installed. Park Rangers assisted with orienting the hikers on the trail and informed them of the timeline for new sign installation.
July 10	Cloverleaf - HWP resident informed Park Rangers of concerns on the malfunctioning Cloverleaf vehicle gate, and asked for updates as repairs were being made. Park Rangers informed resident that Supervisor Eugene Suk would give periodic updates on the gate operations.
July 16	Ridgeside - Hiker commented that she was very happy with the improvements to Ridgeside (Lower Clamshell) Trail.

**HWP Maintenance – 195 Hours of Maintenance Work in July**

July 3	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers relocated sandbags in the area surrounding Station 103.
July 6	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers placed edge barrier on the experienced hiking trail to prevent erosion.
July 12	Ridgeside - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
July 13	Cloverleaf - Park Ranger rerouted a new trail at the bottom of Coyote Ridge to create an improved connection to the existing trail.
July 15	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers installed edge barriers on Coyote Ridge to prevent erosion.
July 17	Ridgeside - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
July 19	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown brush on the trail.
July 20	Ridgeside - Park Rangers worked on drainage to divert water preventing erosion.
July 23	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers widened 50 yards on the experienced hiking trail.
July 26	Sleepy Hollow - Park Ranger executed defensible space measures around the access point and trash receptacle.
July 28	Highland - Park Rangers cleared a quarter mile of overgrown brush on to the trail.
July 30	Ridgeside - Park Rangers worked on culvert drain to divert water on the trail to prevent erosion.

**HWP Incident**

July 3	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers asked two hikers to exit the preserve due to the Fourth of July Holiday Closure. Patrons complied with the Rangers request.
July 4	Library Park - Subject was told by Park Rangers that drinking was not allowed in public. Subject complied and did not open alcoholic beverage in the park.
July 5	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers asked three hikers to exit the preserve due to the Fourth of July Holiday Closure. Patrons complied with the Rangers request.
July 7 & 8	HWP - Park Rangers closed the preserve for public safety due to excessive heat dangers. Rangers reopened the preserve on July 9.
July 9	Recreation Park - Tennis instructor was told that tennis lessons could not be offered in the park unless it was through Public Services. Instructor responded stating he was not charging the student. Staff will follow-up.
July 10	Library Park - Park Rangers called Monrovia Police to assist in citing a subject drinking alcohol in the park. Subject was cited and released by Monrovia Police.
July 12	Grand Park - Park Rangers asked three patrons not to smoke in the park and advised them of the new no smoking policy. Patrons complied with the Rangers request.
July 15	Cloverleaf - Park Rangers asked two hikers to place leashes on their dogs while in the preserve. The Patrons complied with the Rangers request.

July 21	Skate Park - Park Rangers asked four patrons to use safety gear while skating in the park. All patrons complied with the Rangers request.
July 22	Ridegeside - Park Rangers called Monrovia Police to assist with a car parked in the preserve. Unable to locate the owner of the vehicle, Ranger and Police Officer left the vehicle.
<b>Canyon Park Maintenance – 134 Hours of Maintenance Work in July</b>	
July 5	Ranger Station - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
July 6	Ranger Station - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
July 12	Cabin Conference Center - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
July 13	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed two edge barriers to prevent erosion on the trail.
July 17	Cabin Conference Center - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
July 19	Ben Overturf Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers installed three water bars to prevent erosion on the trail.
July 21	Overlook - Canyon Park Volunteers installed two edge barriers to prevent erosion on the trail.
July 24	Ranger Station - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
July 27	Nature Center - Park Rangers removed brush to comply with defensible space practice.
<b>Canyon Park Incidents</b>	
July 2	Park Rangers responded to a report of a bear blocking the trail, preventing hikers from exiting the park. Ranger was able to safely detour bear and assist the hikers exiting the park.
July 7 & 8	Park Rangers closed the park for public safety due to excessive heat dangers. Rangers reopened the park on July 9.
July 11	Park Rangers responded to a report of a bear blocking the trail, preventing a hiker from exiting the park. Ranger was able to safely detour bear, and a Monrovia Police Officer was able to assist the hiker exiting the park.
July 15	Park Rangers responded to a report of a bear blocking the trail, preventing hikers from exiting the park. Ranger was able to safely detour bear. A fellow patron was able to escort the hikers out of the park.
July 17	Park Rangers responded to a report of a bear blocking the road. Ranger drove up the road and bear ran away allowing patrons to exit the park.
July 31	Waterfall Trail - Park Rangers assisted West Coast Arborist contractors with the removal of a tree blocking the trail.
<b>Canyon Park Events</b>	
July 11	Park Rangers gave a Nature Interpretive Presentation to the Boys and Girls Club group.
July 18,19,20 and 26	Canyon Park Rangers hosted Summer Extravaganza participants with a variety of outdoor activities.
July 26	Canyon Park Rangers, Public Services staff, and the Monrovia Fire Department hosted the Family Hike and Campout event.

# July 2016/2017

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
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
July 1-7	8	18	0	6	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
July 8-14	9	22	0	26	0	0	15	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
July 15-21	7	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 22-28	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 29-31	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total =</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																						
July 1-7	6	18	4	26	0	0	8	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	43
July 8-14	8	23	22	34	0	0	6	8	0	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	54
July 15-21	7	21	9	34	0	0	10	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	55
July 22-28	7	16	0	6	0	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
July 29-31	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total =</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
July 1-7	8	18	0	15	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
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July 15-21	7	20	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
July 22-28	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
July 29-31	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total =</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Highland</b>																						
July 1-7	8	16	0	10	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
July 8-14	9	20	0	9	0	0	10	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
July 15-21	7	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 22-28	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>Total =</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Grand Total =</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>688</b>