

# Minutes OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2022 MEETING OF THE TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, held on Nov.16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

## ATTENDENCE

### Members Present

Anitra Kaye

Darrel Madison

Eloise Battle

Robert Mathers

David Harpster

Niki Ahrens

Evan Solberger

Terressa Whitaker

Marc Schaefer

Wilbur Smith

### Absent

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Jim Roberts

Ingrid Lewin

Rick Bussell

### Guests

Ron Sandvick, Mesa College

## City of San Diego Staff

Erika Weikel, Parks & Recreation Department

### CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

1. Two abstentions because they were not present at the last meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passes with 6 members voting in favor.

### CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None present.

### CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT – *DARREL MADISON*

1. Darrel noted a homeless camp in middle Tecolote.
2. Darrel mentioned bike jumps reoccurring in Tecolote
3. Meet-up members numbers are at 645 people
4. Discussion of increasing volunteer events
5. TCCAC would like to have a presentation regarding PUD and long-term sewer access

### RANGER'S REPORT – *Park Ranger Erika Weikel*

1. Ranger Erika reported that 2.3 acres in Tecolote had been cleared for restoration sites 8 and 9.
2. San Diego Mountain Bike Association has begun work. First project is a new bridge at Balboa creek crossing.

### WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Anitra reported white-throated sparrows
2. Ranger Erika reported rescuing 3 trapdoor spiders from puddles after heavy rains. She released them on the next dry day.
3. The rangers have received 5 reports of bobcat sightings and they attribute the increase in bobcat sightings to the success of the restoration sites.

## ACTION ITEMS

### *201. Mesa College Interpretive Trail*

1. Ron Sandvick spoke about the Woodland trail that is proposed to be constructed on Mesa College property, the trail will connect to the main trail in Tecolote Canyon.
2. The committee approved the proposed connection the of woodland trail to the main trail in Tecolote.

### *202. Grace Peter Sargent*

1. A discussion on the candidate for the Grace Peter Sargent award was had, as well as thoughts on how to honor the receipts of the past 2 years awards.
2. A consensus was not reached, and Marc motioned to table the discussion until Jan.

### *203. Volunteer Appreciation Event*

1. Ranger Erika discussed having an appreciation event at the monthly habitat restoration volunteer event. The event will be discussed more in Jan.

## WORKSHOP ITEMS

### *301. TCCAC Bylaws*

1. A discussion on who TCACC reports to ensued.
2. The committee discussed going to the director of Parks and Recreation.
3. Darryl discussed writing their own bylaws.
4. The committee discussed the purpose of the committee.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### *401. Tecolote Canyon Sewer Project*

1. This item was joined with 402 and point will be discussed in 402).

### *402. Natural Resource Management Plan*

1. Darrel stated they are waiting on a permit from Army Corp of Engineers for the wetland crossing.
2. Daryl followed with the statement by saying Parks and Recreation wants to wait for mitigation after the truck sewer proposal.

### *403. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update*

1. Eloise said that training for new docents will occur Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

2. Per Eloise education events will begin in spring 2023.

404. *Tecolote Nature Center's Canyon Connection*

1. Event will be held on the first Saturday of June 2023.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

## ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>,  
2023@6:30pm.