

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDENCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Eloise Battle

David Harpster

Robert Mathers

Terressa Whitaker

Marc Schaefer

Absent

Wilbur Smith

Anitra Kaye

Niki Ahrens

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Jim Roberts

Guests

N/A

City of San Diego Staff

Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 20TH, 2023

1. (MADISON), Do I have a MOTION to approve the minutes of the meeting of September

20th, 2023. David Harpster moved to approve, and Robert Mathers seconded, (HARPSTER/MATHERS). (MADISON) asked, all those in favor? BATTEL, HARPSTER, MATHERS were in Favor. All those opposed? None. Any Abstentions? WHITAKER and SCHAEFER abstained. The motion to approve the minutes passes.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None present.

1. None

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT – *DARREL MADISON*

1. Darrel stated Meet-Up group is now up to 771 members.
2. Darrel sent an email to Jen Campbells office in support of an effort to get a bike lane or sidewalk along Snead Ave. and a safe crossing at Mt. Acadia to better connect Tecolote Canyon. A discussion ensued on the topic.
3. Darrel said he talked with Ally, the Project Manager with the City of San Diego concerning Stevenson Canyon development. She told him there are plans to build 2 private residences on private property at the bottom of the canyon.
4. Darrel said he wrote a letter asking about what mitigation efforts could be done due to lost habitat in Stevenson Canyon. Ally gave a response that the project is still in the planning phase. A discussion ensued about the best outcome the group could see concerning the habitat loss.

RANGER'S REPORT – PARK RANGER CAMERON ENGELHART

1. Steve stated that restoration site 10 had been cleared in preparation for next years planting. Steve stated site 9 would begin its planting efforts this coming first Saturday in December.
2. Steve stated that the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) was working at the Nature Center to propagate native plants for the purpose of replanting in the canyon.
3. Steve told the group that Tri-Canyons now has a new Park Ranger, Monica Graves, who would be starting on Friday.
4. Steve talked about the donation to the Nature Center for the purpose of improvements. Steve stated he wanted to get a group together to come up with the best community-based plan on where and how to utilize the funds to improve the Nature Center.
5. Steve talked about the Tecolote Golf Course lease coming up for review soon and the issues that the golf balls entering the canyon issue would be addressed. Also, that he was working on the sidewalk/trail being added to Snead Ave and a safe crossing at Mt. Acadia.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Darrel has racoons in his backyard.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Grace Peter Sargent

1. A short discussion on who would receive the award occurred as it either going to Bud Phillips or David Harpster. Bud won approval.
2. (HARPSTER) MOVED that Bud Phillips receive the award of Grace Peter Sargent award for 2023. (BATTLE) seconded. All were in favor with (WHITAKER) abstaining.
3. A discussion on issuing Grace's book, "Natures Child" as part of the award occurred.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. TCCAC Outreach Efforts

1. A discussion about the name of the group occurred and integrating Community Recreation Group (CRG) into the title occurred.
2. Darrel suggested creating a new mission statement as part of an effort to create consistent communication to the public about TCCAC.
3. Darrel would like the group to be able to comment on anything that occurs in Tecolote Canyon.
4. A mission statement will be an action item at the next meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Tecolote Canyon Sewer Project

1. No updates.

402. Natural Resource Management Plan/ Master Plan Update for Tecolote Canyon Natural Park

1. The second quarter of 2024 was the last update on when it would likely be passed.
2. Balboa crossing and Snead Ave will be the biggest projects for TCCAC.

403. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ Fundraising Events

1. No update.

404. Open Discussion

1. Teresa asked if Darrel could confirm the meeting 1 week in advance. Darrel agreed.
2. Eloise suggested looking at dog walkers as possible new members.
3. TCCAC may come to Canyon Coffee Day for an outreach effort.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

(SCHAEFER) MOVED to adjourn. (BATTLE) seconded. (ALL) were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Tri-Canyons/Mission Valley Preserve