

MINUTES OF THE March 13th, 2024
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR NATURAL PARK RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council was held on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Ann Graham
Wendy Hancock
Michael Kowalski
Brent Banta
Alex Wenz

Absent

Mark Bear
Del Cover
Joni Stern
Toni Bear

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2024? (Rague) moved, (Kowalksi) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes with correction of Ann Graham being absent.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron said that Daniel Logue and John Fowler sent him an email stating they were resigning from membership.
2. Daron stated the group was now up to date with dissolution of nonprofit status with the State of California.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve mentioned a small trail re-route they did in the southwestern portion of Marian Bear to avoid an erosion gully that was forming. Only non-native habitat was disturbed and the old trail was brushed in.
2. Steve stated the Genesee entrance portion of the trail is closed to vehicular traffic due to the work of the Pure Water Project.
3. Geology panels were installed at East and West Regents kiosks.
4. Steve talked about the issues concerning fixing the Regents East parking lot potholes and the spending freeze currently in effect with the city.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *Dissolution of Marian Bear Natural Park Council Nonprofit Corporation*

1. Deron presented the paperwork he had completed associated with the dissolution process to the group and explained all the steps he went through.
2. Deron presented the group the necessary associated letters explaining why the group needed to dissolve and that the group had no assets.
3. (D. Bear) made a **MOTION** for the dissolution of the Marian Bear Natural Park Council Nonprofit Corporation. (Rague) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor. The motion passes.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Pure Water Construction Update*

1. Deron contacted Sarah Bowles for an update, and she stated she was leaving the project. She gave Deron a new staff contact for the project. Deron said he would send an email update to the group when he receives a project update.

302. *Kiosk Updates*

1. Sharon showed the group the new geology panel that she had created for the kiosks in Marian Bear. Sharon talked about how much Del assisted in the project.
2. The group discussed creating other kiosk panels in the future.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Deron noticed how green the canyon is.
2. Steve talked about seeing two rattlesnakes mating and his staff seeing a Coopers Hawk catch Mallard in midair.
3. Steve talked about how the sycamores are starting to leaf out right now.
4. Sharon asked about non-native species in the canyon. Steve talked about Onion Weed being one of the worst invasives in Marian Bear.

304. *Current Events*

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) moved, (Wenz) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:32 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 2024 , 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith