

MINUTES OF THE November 8th, 2023
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, November 8th, 2023 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Daniel Logue
Ann Graham
Mark Bear
Alex Wenz
Joni Stern
Wendy Hancock
Michael Kowalski
Del Cover

Absent

Brent Banta
John Fowler
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 6:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2023? (Rague) moved, (Stern) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron talked about the new trail improvements in Marian Bear and how he observed that they were keeping people on trail and habitat was returning where redundant trails were closed.
2. A small discussion on the Pure Water Project occurred around the project timeframe.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – *Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith*

1. Steve reported that the new Park Ranger Monica Graves would be starting on Friday the 17th.
2. Steve reported that the Regents West parking lot had been redone and made smaller to accommodate the parking lot flood areas.
3. Steve said that Ranger Austin would be making some improvements to the Regents West picnic area.
4. Steve plans on fixing up the Regents East parking lot potholes next.
5. Steve said he and a group of Rangers checked on the camps behind the CPMA school and would be addressing them as much as possible.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *Election of MBNPAG Officers for 2024*

1. Deron talked about needing new officers for the group and the roles of the officers.
2. Deron asked if anyone was interested in a position to email him.
3. A **MOTION** was made by (Rague) to table the item until the next meeting. Seconded by (Kowalski). (All) were in favor.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Kiosk Updates and New Panel Topics*

1. Sharon presented her mockup geology display.
2. Sharon will work with Ranger Steve to get all lamination done at the Nature Center.
3. A discussion on how to create displays occurred.

302. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Joni saw a tarantula at the Limerick Mesa area.
2. Alex's neighbor's camera often sees bobcats on the canyon rim area.
3. Del has heard owl activity recently.
4. Deron is impressed by how green everything is in November.

303. *Current Events*

1. Steve asked the group about the last 8 thousand dollars in the endowment fund and how they would like to use it.
2. The group was in favor of the funds being put towards trail improvements.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Deron asked if the group was interested in a luncheon at the Bali Hai. Everyone stated they were busy with other plans.

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) moved, (Rague) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:21 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: January 10th, 2024 , 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith