

MINUTES OF THE July 11th, 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, July 10th 2024 at Marian Bear Natural Park.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Ann Graham
Brent Banta
Alex Wenz
Joni Stern
Del Cover

Absent

Wendy Hancock
Mark Bear
Michael Kowalski

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 6:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 13th, 2024? (Rague) moved, (Stern) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron stated he could not bring his class down from Spreckels this year due to the sink hole in the Standley Trail.
2. The status of the Recreation Council is officially dissolved with the State of California.
3. Steve was given a copy of the dissolution papers for Marian Bear Advisory Group files.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve said they were doing trail clearing and would continue.
2. Steve told the group about how the Rangers were doing nonnative removal in the riparian zones of Marian Bear and planned on continuing.
3. Steve said the Pure Water Project was moving some equipment to a site in Rose Canyon, but there was still some work needed to be done in the Genesee parking lot.
4. Steve mentioned the budget would be tight this year.
5. Steve said he had offered a job to a person to fill the vacant Center Director II position at the Nature Center.
6. Steve said in January he was slated to pick up a third Ranger, take on the Famosa Slough and no longer oversee the Mission Valley Preserve.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *None*

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Kiosk Updates*

1. Alex presented a write up on the kiosks to the group with questions about the kiosks.
2. Deron gave a history of the kiosks in the park.
3. A discussion on the panels and the number of panels occurred.
4. A kiosk group/committee was discussed.
5. A discussion on the need for the West Regents kiosk occurred. It was decided that it was redundant and poorly located and would be better served as a bench. Steve said Rangers could accommodate this.
6. Steve said he would make copies of the kiosk key for the kiosk committee.

302. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Del shared incredible hawk photos with the group via email.
2. Talk about snakes occurred.
3. Talk about the amount of water in the creek and lush vegetation levels for the time of year occurred.

303. *Current Events*

1. *None*

COMMUNICATIONS

1. *None*

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Rague) moved, (Wenz) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:50 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: September 11th, 2024 , 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith