

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17TH, 2024 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDENCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Eloise Battle

David Harpster

Robert Mathers

Anitra Kaye

Niki Ahrens

Terressa Whitaker

Absent

Marc Schaefer

Wilbur Smith

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 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF November 15TH, 2023

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

15th, 2023 with correction to section 301 #2? (Harpster) **MOVED** to approve, and (Whitaker) **SECONDED**. (MADISON) asked, all those in favor? (All) were in Favor. All those opposed? None. Any Abstentions? None. The motion to approve the minutes passes.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None present.

1. Darrel gave an update from council member Jennifer Campbell concerning her priorities. Of most relevance was that her office submitted a service request to look into the safe crossing of Tecolote Canyon trail at the Snead and Mt. Acadia street crossing.

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT – DARREL MADISON

1. Darrel stated Meet-Up group is now up to 791.
2. Darrel stated that Ron Sandvick at Mesa College has completed most of their interpretive trail with 39 different species labeled on the trail.

RANGER'S REPORT – PARK RANGER STEVEN SMITH

1. Steve stated that Marla Gilmore had retired after a long, wonderful tenure with the city. He also said he was exploring changing the current position of a Center Director II into possibly a Park Ranger or a Recreation Specialist to better suit the educational and interpretive goals of the Nature Center.
2. Steve stated another 200 plants were planted in restoration site 9 during the last volunteer event.
3. Steve stated the Canyon Coffee Day was last Saturday and had around 65 attendees enjoyed the event.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Anitra said they saw owls during her last owl walk.
2. Anitra said a Rusty Blackbird was spotted in the canyon. It is an east coast bird.
3. The cedar Waxwings have not been seen in the canyon this year.

ACTION ITEMS

201. TCCAC Outreach

1. Darrel presented the group two write ups for potential mission statements. One was written by Niki Ahrens and the other by Darrel.
2. An in depth discussion on the two documents occurred.
3. The discussion moved towards syncing the two documents to make a more palatable document.

4. (Battle) **MOVED** to accept the documents as is for current use with the intent to alter them later. (Whitaker) **SECONDED.** (ALL) were in favor. The motion passes.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. None

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. *Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project*

1. Darrel stated the City is soliciting bids on the project. Darrel will forward the group a website on the project.

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

1. Darrel stated the Mark Berninger said he did not think the plan would be finished this year.
2. Darrel would like to encourage his council representative to get involved in the NRMP process.

403. *Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ Fundraising Events*

1. Friends is starting to train naturalists this month and will begin offering classes next month.

404. *Open Discussion*

1. Eloise stated the Brush Management was creating adverse results in creating spaces where invasive species thrive.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 20th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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