

MINUTES OF THE January 8th, 2025
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR NATURAL PARK ADVISORY GROUP

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council was held on Wednesday, January 8th 2025 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Ann Graham
Michael Kowalski
Brent Banta

Absent

Wendy Hancock
Alex Wenz
Joni Stern
Del Cover
Mark Bear

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Monica Graves, Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of September 11th, 2024? (Rague) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron noticed the Standley Trail entrance leading into the park is still closed with more fencing placed around the sink hole.
2. Michael recently noticed the sign pointing to the Standley Park is misspelled and erroneously says "Stanley." Monica said she can correct the sign and have a new one made.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT –Park Ranger Monica Graves

1. Monica stated the Center Director at the Nature Center left the position.
2. Rangers have stepped up enforcement of illicit activities in the park.
3. There were two separate missing persons cases in Marian Bear Memorial Park in December. Rangers assisted in the searches. The events were one week apart and both persons were located outside of park boundaries.
4. Monica shared that naturalists have been leading guided hike in Marian Bear due to the construction in Tecolote Canyon. The hikes have been well received and garnered a lot of interest.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *None.*

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Create new bylaws for Advisory Group

1. The group struck bylaws that no longer apply to the structure of the group. Article IV regarding officers was proposed to be removed. Article V points 2 and 5 were proposed to be removed. Articles VI and VII were proposed to be removed. The rules of order articles III, IV, V, and article I of the standing rules were proposed to be struck from the bylaws.

302. *Kiosk Updates*

1. Joni and Alex are experiencing extenuating circumstances and will tend to the kiosk when they are able.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Monica shared that a Northern Harrier has been sighted several times in the park near Regents Road.
2. Ann saw a very large hawk perched on a yucca stalk in the park.
3. Michael saw two large coyotes, each weighing about 40 pounds.

304. *Current Events*

1. Everyone is awaiting an update on the Pure Water project's timeline to finish work at the Genesee parking lot.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) moved, (Rague) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:30 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: March 12th, 2025 , 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Park Ranger, Monica Graves