

MINUTES OF THE May 14th, 2025
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY GROUP

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council was held on Wednesday, May 14th 2025 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Ann Graham
Michael Kowalski
Alex Wenz
Del Cover
Michael Kowalski
Mark Bear
Matheson Bear

Absent

Wendy Hancock
Sharon Rague
Brent Banta

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Monica Graves, Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 12th, 2025? (Wenz) moved, (Cover) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Deron Bear

1. Next month's meeting will be in the parking lot West of Regents Road at Marian Bear Memorial Park on July 9th.
2. Deron stated the Standley Park trailhead where the sink hole is located is under construction with a fence around the work area.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT –Park Ranger Monica Graves

1. Monica stated Genesee parking lot could reopen in the next couple of months.
2. Ranger Austin is working with a volunteer mountain biking crew to clear trails.
3. Security gates are not being closed at night in Marian Bear Memorial Park due to the city budget and cuts to the security contract in charge of closing the gates. Ranger Steve plans to get another security contract in the fiscal year beginning July 1.
4. The Regents East parking lot is being used by construction crews to stage their equipment in exchange for filling gravel dips that develop over time.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Approval of Bylaws for Marian Bear Memorial Park Advisory Group. (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to approve the bylaws. (Kowalski) moved, (Wenz) seconded. (All) were in favor.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Future Trail Updates and Maintenance*

1. Deron determined that before donating money to be used for trail maintenance and lumber in the park the remaining money available in the endowment should be checked first. Ranger Steve will be contacted to determine the amount.

302. *Kiosk Updates*

1. Alex will complete the kiosk update in the coming weeks and coordinate with Park Ranger staff.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Steve saw a rattlesnake in Marian Bear and they have been sighted by the sink hole. Some chickens have been found in the Regents East parking lot. Native annuals are blooming.

304. *Current Events*

1. The Pure Water Project could be done in several months.
2. Del Cover repaired a broken bridge railing and added a third railing to reinforce the structure.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) moved, (Cover) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:19 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: July 9th, 2025 , 6:30PM meeting location in Marian Bear Memorial Park at the West Regents parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,
Park Ranger, Monica Graves