

MINUTES OF THE July 16th, 2025 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDENCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Wilbur Smith

David Harpster

Anitra Kaye

Beatrice Darimont

Cynthia Contreras

Absent

Lauriel Adsit

Terressa Whitaker

Marc Schaefer

Niki Ahrens

Robert Mathers

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Guests

Joyce Craig, Public

Susan Ward, LV PC

Evan Sollberger, SD MBA

City of San Diego Staff

Austin Lane, Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 19th, 2025

1. (MADISON), Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19th, 2025? (CONTRERAS) Motioned with correction. (Section 101 “vise” to “vice”) (W. SMITH) seconded. (All) were in favor to approve the minutes with correction.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

CHAIR PERSON’S REPORT- DARREL MADISON

1. There was a notable fire near Mt. Ariane.
2. Total meetup membership has reached 988 individuals.
3. Susan suggested inviting a San Diego Fire Department representative to the next meeting.

RANGER’S REPORT- PARK RANGER AUSTIN LANE

1. Ranger Monica Graves will be replaced by Ivy Neff.
2. Mary Zanotelli will be the new Tecolote Nature Center Director.
3. Tri-Canyons will receive a third park ranger position with the additional responsibility of Famosa Slough.
4. A new mural has been painted on the Tecolote Nature Center entrance sign.
5. The Gardena Restoration site now contains roughly 2000 plants.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. David saw lots of Monarch caterpillars in the Gardena restoration site.
2. Anitra observed the general lack of migratory birds this year and recognized the arrival of the Hooded Orioles.
3. Cynthia said there are ticks near Genesse.
4. Beatrice had coyotes in her backyard.
5. Joyce had a Great Horned Owl near her house.

Public Comments

1. Joyce noticed fireworks in the Kelly St. park area

ACTION ITEMS

101. TCCAC officers and new member appointments

1. Darrel stated desire for a Vice Chair: No Motions.

102. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Darrel stated that the walkthroughs have been helpful.
2. One of the main trunks of the large sycamore tree collapsed.
3. Beatrice would like to know why the water tank was placed below the sycamore tree.

4. Beatrice would like a site 3 walk through.
5. Wilbur thinks an arborist should be more involved.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

201. TCCAC Outreach

1. Darrel would like to bridge the gap between all groups.

202. Community Liaison Assignments

1. Darrel would like more liaisons.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. None.

303. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ fund raising events

1. ESCAPE has a low program count due to trunk sewer project.
2. Eloise Battle Posthumously Donated \$7800 to Friends of Tecolote Canyon
3. Sherlie plans to attend the next Tecolote Canyon Interpretive Group meeting

304. Open Discussion

1. Susan mentions 6 floor ADU's are a possibility in Linda Vista with SB9

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Beatrice would like to use the San Diego Bird Alliance success with the Re-Wild Mission Bay project as a model for TCCAC success.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 17th 2025 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Lane, Park Ranger, Tri-Canyons/Mission Valley Preserve

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