

MINUTES OF THE November 12th, 2025
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY GROUP

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Memorial Park Advisory Group was held on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Michael Kowalski
Del Cover
Mark Bear
Sharon Rague

Absent

Wendy Hancock
Brent Banta
Ann Graham
Joni Stern

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Mary Zanotelli, Center Director, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

D. Bear called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. D. Bear welcomed Mary Zanotelli as the new Nature Center Director.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Correction to Sept 10th 2025 minutes: Matheson Bear is a minor, so he should not be listed in attendance. (D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 12th, 2025? (S. Rague) moved, (M. Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. If a member is not able to attend a meeting, please email D. Bear in advance. If fewer than 3 or 4 people can attend, there isn't a quorum, so the meeting will be canceled. In the new by-laws, it isn't established what a quorum would be. M. Bear: According to the internet, a quorum is more than 50 percent. D. Bear: MBMPAG currently has 9 members, so there is a quorum tonight with five members attending.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance
- D. Bear noted that since the group is no longer a recreation council, it is not necessary to have a city council member attend. The City Council Member Report will be removed from future agendas.

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Center Director Mary Zanotelli (from Ranger Austin Lane)

1. 1000 holes have been pre-excavated at Regents East parking lot for restoration project in conjunction with WildCoast.
2. Plants will go into the ground on December 1.
3. An irrigation system will be installed temporarily. Volunteers are invited to help with watering.
4. The plan is to plant approximately 50 *Ambrosia pumila*, an endangered plant, at East Regents.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *Select Chair of Marian Bear Memorial Park Advisory Group for 2026.*

S. Rague asked if D. Bear would be willing to continue being Chair. D. Bear replied that he is fine with that if everyone else is ok with it. He noted that a new Chair is to be selected annually, and that it would be beneficial to have someone else take on the role in the future. (D. Bear) made a **MOTION** to approve D. Bear as continuing Chair for 2026. (S. Rague) moved, (M. Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Kiosk Updates*

1. During the last meeting, a stone bench was suggested for the Regents West kiosk area. S. Rague researched prices, and suggested it is an expensive option, especially if it should be vandalized. She suggested having D. Cover give an estimate for a wooden bench instead. Committee will revisit the bench proposal during the next meeting.
2. D. Bear asked if the Genesee kiosk would be structurally sound if two panels are removed instead of one. Committee discussed options and alternatives for displays, including a QR code linking to a Meetup events page (M. Zanotelli). Work on Genesee kiosk will be postponed until construction in that area is finished.
3. S. Rague suggested using fabric displays for the Regents West kiosk. She will research costs.

302. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. M. Zanotelli stated that a bobcat was sighted in East Regents parking lot recently.
2. The rangers found a Baja California tree frog in the creek. (M. Zanotelli)
3. Rain is expected; plants and bridges should be monitored to see how they are affected. (D. Bear)

303. *Current Events*

1. S. Rague stated that she received an invitation to the Clairemont Town Council Christmas party on December 5.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. M. Kowalski: There is a white dumpster at the bottom of the Biltmore Trail. Do the rangers know what it is being used for?
2. D. Cover: The bridge on Regents Road northbound is missing a guard rail.

ADJOURNMENT

- (D. Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (S. Rague) moved, (M. Bear) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:18 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: January 14th, 2026 at 6:30PM at Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Center Director Mary Zanotelli