

MINUTES OF THE September 17th, 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 September 17th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Wilbur Smith

David Harpster

Robert Mathers

Anitra Kaye

Niki Ahrens

Lauriel Adsit

Cynthia Contreras

Absent

Beatrice Darimont

Terressa Whitaker

Marc Schaefer

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Guests

Evan Sollberger, SDMBA

City of San Diego Staff

Austin Lane, Parks and Recreation Department

Ivy Neff, Parks and Recreation Department

Katherine Morrison, Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:38pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF July 16th, 2025

1. (MADISON), Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 16th, 2025? (Kaye) Motioned with correction. (Section 304 change SB9 to SB79) (Contreras) seconded. (All) were in favor to approve the minutes with correction.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT- DARREL MADISON

1. The number of meetup group subscribers dropped from 997 to 987.
2. There is a state housing laws meetup on Sept. 18.
3. Mesa College Peace Trail temporarily closed and new trees are being planted to mitigate erosion.
4. SB79 has passed.
5. Surrón (electric motorcycle) use is increasing on trails.

RANGER'S REPORT- PARK RANGER AUSTIN LANE

1. Tecolote Nature Center is now open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm.
2. Mary Zanotelli is the new Center Director.
3. A mural featuring native plants and animals will be painted on a concrete wall near the Tecolote Canyon golf course.
4. Volunteer based restoration work at the Gardena site has concluded. Volunteer efforts will be moved back to the main canyon.
5. The eucalyptus grove on the September St. trail is being removed.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Rangers apprehended a Sulcata tortoise in Rose Canyon Open Space.
2. Rangers spotted a baby gopher snake in Marian Bear Memorial Park.
3. Anitra reported few birds this time of the year.

Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEMS

101. TCCAC officers and new member appointments

1. Darrel nominated Niki as Vice Chair and (W.SMITH) Seconded. Niki Ahrens is now Vice Chair.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

201. Clairemont Community Plan Update.

1. San Diego Bird Alliance sent a letter to the planning committee outlining their requests concerning open spaces including Tecolote Canyon.

202. Community Liaison Assignments

1. (Contreras) suggested a sign up calendar for community event/groups.

203. Friends of Tecolote Canyon

1. Tecolote Canyon Interpretive Group was absorbed by Friends of Tecolote Canyon.

204. Grace Peter Seargent Award

1. Nominations will occur next meeting.

205. Trunk Sewer Project

1. See Darrel's update email.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. The NRMP is on hold for now.

303. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ fund raising events

1. See Section 203.

304. Open Discussion

1. Niki thinks individuals should sign up for task groups to spread work load out among the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 19th, 2025 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin Lane, Park Ranger, Tri-Canyons

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