

MINUTES OF THE July 8, 2026
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, July 8th, 2026, at Marian Bear Natural Park.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Michael Kowalski
Alex Wenz
Joni Stern
Del Cover

Absent

Wendy Hancock
Brent Banta
Ann Graham
Mark Bear

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Austin Lane, Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 13, 2026? (Rague) moved, (Wenz) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Deron Bear

1. Deron announced that David from Wildcoast will be attending the next meeting.
2. Deron shared that the Standley trail is now open.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT –Park Ranger Austin Lane

1. (Lane) shared progress on the restoration site at East Regents and emphasized that efforts will be continuing into next year.
2. (Lane) stated that rangers would still like to use the remaining MBMPAG funds to purchase wood to repair bridges around the park.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *None*

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *SANDAG*

1. (Rague) shared her drafted letter stating the committee's stance on the proposed highway 52 commuter bikeway.
2. (Rague) emphasized that restrictions on this type of project are already written into the NRMP.

302. *Kiosk Updates*

1. (Wenz) will be leading the effort to clean and revitalize kiosks.
2. (Cover) has a design idea for the bench at the former west Regents kiosk.
3. (Kowalski) suggested an educational section on trees be added to the kiosks.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. While the meeting was taking place the group saw a Red-shouldered Hawk catch a rat.
2. (A. Wenz) and (J. Wenz) saw coyotes in eastern Marian Bear.
3. (Bear) and (Lane) saw a rattlesnake during the last restoration event.

304. *Events*

1. There is an upcoming ranger hosted restoration event in Marian Bear Regents East on August 16th, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. (Cover) mentioned that he had a friend who used to run cattle in San Clemente Canyon and shared some details.

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Stern) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:18 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: September 9th, 2026, 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Park Ranger, Austin Lane