

MINUTES OF THE March 10th, 2021
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR NATURAL PARK RECREATION COUNCIL

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council was held on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 via a Zoom meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Brent Banta
Michael Kowalski
Toni Bear
Ann Graham

Absent

Don Steele
Cheryl Bear

Guests

John Fowler, Head of Children's School in La Jolla
Daniel Logue, 5th grade teacher Spreckels Elementary

City of San Diego

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

- Steve noted that he was unable to make the record option on the Zoom meeting work and thus the meeting would not be recorded as per normal protocol. Nor was he able to act as the meeting host or make a co-host even though he created the meeting event.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION:

(Deron Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2020?
(Banta/Kowalski) So moved. All were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron stated that the group should keep Zoom as a meeting option in the future even after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – *Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith*

1. Steve stated that he was working towards getting the new park entrance signs funded and installed.

ACTION ITEMS

201. None.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Policy Revisions for Rec. Councils Update*

1. The group received a letter stating that all planning groups would be restructured to Advisory Groups.
2. The letter stated that existing groups would be honored and that the Marian Bear Advisory Group was on that list.
3. Deron said the new bylaws match the current bylaws of the group.

302. *Review Stormwater Funding Presentation*

1. Deron attended a stormwater presentation by Think Blue.
2. The goal of the group is to clean up waterways in San Diego. Most of their funding is through grants and donations.
3. Deron shared the presentation link.
<https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOnline/Documents/ViewDocument/Presentation.pdf?meetingId=4266&documentType=Agenda&itemId=195368&publishId=449392&isSection=false>
4. Funding applies to entire city.

303. *Kiosk Update*

1. Deron stated the Kym Lohnas of The Children's School La Jolla has a 7th grade class would like to create new habitat oriented panels for the park kiosks.
2. John said that the kids were going to make 4 or 5 panels and that the group could choose the ones they liked.
3. Mike shared a poster on how to enjoy Open Space poster he proposed for the kiosk using emojis and limericks.
4. Deron shared signs he saw at Mission Trails on Mountain bike and trail use etiquette.
5. Steve stated he is currently having Mountain Bike etiquette signs created.
6. Deron stated the Marian Bear has 20 kiosk display panels making filling them a challenge. Many of the displays are old and need updating.
7. Deron suggested moving away from informational panels and displaying art of the park possibly sourced from students.
8. Mike stated photography should be considered.

9. John said his digital photography class might want to do a panel.

304. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Deron asked about the Sycamores and Steve stated they are starting to grow leaves.
2. Steve spoke on an incident with a lady who saw a Bobcat while he was there the other day.

305. *Current Events*

1. Brent talked about the Fire Safe Council group. Said he would like to send a flyer from the Fire Safe Council to current Marian Bear group members.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 7:18

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: May 12th, 2021, 6:30PM via Zoom conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith