

MINUTES OF THE March 6th, 2022
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 6th, 2022 via a Zoom meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Michael Kowalski
John Fowler
Sharon Rague – New member

Absent

Toni Bear
Brent Banta
Ann Graham

Guests

Ben Stone, San Diego Mountain Biking Association

City of San Diego

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

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(Deron Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of January 12th, 2022? (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Deron Bear

1. Deron shared photos of Joseph Steinbach's memorial tree planting.
2. Deron would like to put up a kiosk flyer advertising the meeting. Sharon mentioned that the wording of Natural Park was more inviting sounding than Memorial Park for the flyer.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve stated that the new park signs had been delivered and would be installed soon.
2. Steve told the group the parking lots were going to be re-graded soon and the West Regents lot would be re-opened, but made smaller.

3. Steve talked about utilizing the endowment funds to fix up trails throughout the park. Steve had used Ben Stone of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) in other trail projects and recommended his work for the group to approve for use in Marian Bear exclusively.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *Trail Improvements and Repairs. Presentation by Ben Stone of the San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA)*

1. Ben Stone gave a background on his work and SDMBA. The equipment he uses to do trail work and that he had worked with many of the various land managers in San Diego County on trail work.
2. Ben spoke about his desired changes to the entrance of Biltmore trail.
3. Ben talked about the grade of the Regina trail and how he proposed to fix it. He then talked about the Limerick trail stating he thought it was beyond repair. He spoke on repairing other small sections throughout the park.
4. Sharon asked Ben how he would fix the Regina trail. Ben stated through creating sustainability and water drainage to prevent further erosion.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan Update*

1. Nothing to report.

302. *Kiosk Update*

1. Deron said his class will create a new snake panel. Stated outdoor field trips have been allowed again.
2. Deron said another teacher might do a panel on watersheds.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Deron stated there was a new oak tree in the park. Referring to Joe's memorial tree.

304. *Current Events*

1. Deron stated he would like to keep meeting on Zoom and do one meeting in the park in July. All liked that idea.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) Seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:11 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: May 11th, 2022, 6:30PM vi a Zoom conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith