

MINUTES OF THE July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Marian Bear Natural Park East Regents Rd. Parking Lot.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear  
Ann Graham  
Sharon Rague  
John Fowler

Absent

Toni Bear  
Brent Banta  
Michael Kowalski

Guests

Del Cover

City of San Diego

Cameron Engelhart, Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(Deron Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022? (Rague) moved, (Fowler) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Deron Bear

1. Deron thanked Tri- Canyons Ranger Staff as well as Rangers from Mission Trails and San Diego River for conducting a nature walk for the students at Spreckels Elementary while students completed their kiosk display at Regents East Parking lot. There were approximately 90 students, 15-20 parents, as well as teachers. Deron stated that they are planning on doing this event again next year.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Park Ranger Cameron Engelhart

1. Cameron stated that \$20,000 of the Marian Bear endowment was used this last fiscal year and there is roughly \$60,000 left in the endowment. The \$20,000 used was for the construction of the newly installed entrance signs, West Regents main trail stairs, and the new bridges on the Lakehurst Trail.
2. Cameron stated that Ranger Staff were going to continue using San Diego Mountain Biking Association as the contractor for trail work and projects within the park with the endowment fund for this next fiscal year.
3. Cameron talked about the prevailing wage necessity with the City of San Diego and its contractors.
4. Cameron talked about the next big projects within Marian Bear Park; first being regrading the Regents East Parking Lot and second is regrading the Regents West Parking Lot and placing large boulders to make the West Parking Lot smaller.

### ACTION ITEMS

201. *None*

### WORKSHOP ITEMS

#### 301. *Kiosk Completion-New Student Created Panels*

1. Deron stated he had 3 classes come down and install 2 panels of artwork and information for the kiosks. There were 3 City of San Diego Park Rangers from different parks come and do a nature walk with the students leading them back up to their school.
2. Deron presented the newly installed panels.
3. Deron stated that he had students create these panels on more sturdy boards in hopes that they would last longer on the kiosk and plans to rotate this year's panels to the West Parking Lot kiosk when students install new panels June 2023.
4. Deron asked about next year's panels and inputs for topics or themes they would like to see. Options that were given were trees, leaf identification, geology, watershed, Native American, invasive plants, and habitats.

#### 302. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Deron stated he saw a rabbit in the parking lot earlier
2. Del stated that he saw a baby dove in the bushes on his walk to the meeting.
3. Deron stated that the parks vegetation still looks good and is not too dry for this time of year due to sporadic rains earlier in the season and recent weeks not being too hot.
4. Sharon talked about water pooling in certain areas in the creek and where that water was coming from. Cameron stated that its either run off from neighborhoods or high pooling areas that have not evaporated yet.

#### 303. *Current Events*

1. Deron mentioned that Debby Knight of the Friends of Rose Canyon has been active in SANDAG Transportation Plan and trying to stop the expansion of the 52 freeway. There were no updates that no one knew of at the moment.

2. Sharon asked about the Pure Water Pipe Project and if there were any updates on that project. Deron Stated that he did not know of any updates at the moment, but he will reach out to Brent Banta to find out more information.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Del Cover asked about a property bordering the Lakehurst Trail and issues they have seen about dumping trash and materials behind their house into what looks to be the canyon. Cameron stated that Ranger Staff have been out to that location with GPS mapping system to look at the issue and that all the material that is there is still on that citizens property and not on City of San Diego property, so there is nothing Ranger Staff can do on a citizens private property.
2. Del asked about a possible leaking pipe or wastewater pipe at the trail head of Biltmore Trail. Del stated that there is constant moisture in that area and is convinced there is a leak in the pipe. Cameron said he will go check on this issue and put a request through the City of San Diego Get it Done App and Wastewater Department will be out to look at the issue.
3. Sharon asked about clarification on the City of San Diego Brush Crew and the process they go through for clearing areas of the canyon when they border private property. Cameron stated that the Brush Crew clears each canyon property line every other year and they survey and measure 100 feet from private property into the City of San Diego Property and clear 100feet of the City's property. Cameron also stated that citizens can go to the City of San Diego's Brush Management site and find the clearing schedule for the next two years so property owners know when the City is clearing near by areas.

### ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Fowler) moved, (Rague) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:35 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30PM meeting location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Park Ranger, Cameron Engelhart