

MINUTES OF THE May 10th, 2023
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, May 10th, 2023 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Michael Kowalski
Daniel Logue
Ann Graham

Absent

Brent Banta
John Fowler
Toni Bear

Guests

Del Cover
Wendy Hancock
Joni Stern
Alex Wenz

City of San Diego

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.
Carlos Molina, City of San Diego, Pure Water Project

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 January 11th, 2023? (Rague) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. No report.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

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

1. Steve talked about the April 22nd Earth Day Event that occurred with the Tecolote Canyon Interpretive Group in Marian Bear Park. 20 + birders and an outreach booth.
2. Steve mentioned that Sprockets Kids was a kids mountain bike class that has obtained a permit to operate its classes in Marian Bear.
3. Steve talked about the SDMBA trail work occurring. A platform section East of Regents and a Bridge near Genesee.
4. Steve talked about trail clearing that was occurring throughout the park.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *None*

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *Pure Water Construction Update*

1. Carlos Molina the project engineer introduced himself and gave a handout on the project progress.
2. Carlos explained the scope of the work with accompanying slides.
3. Carlos talked about water level issues holding up work progress.
4. Estimate for project completion is 1.5 to 2 months behind schedule due to water issues.
5. Talked about noise impacts due to equipment and being as sensitive as possible.
6. Questions and answers occurred on the project.

302. *San Diego Science Fair Water Quality Presentation*

1. Del was judging a Science Fair and came across this project. It won first place and qualified for the State Science Fair.
2. Project was by Patrick Kozack and was titled, "Are the Homeless Encampments Along Rose Creek Polluting the Water?"
3. Patrick attends Mission Bay Highschool where he rides along the bike path and wondered if the camps were polluting the water?
4. He tested for fecal coliform and e-coli at 4 sites along Rose creek near encampments and explained sampling process.
5. Results showed that pollutant levels spiked after a rain event.
6. Areas near camps had higher pollutant levels in general.
7. Patrick utilized the Cities Get It Done App to have camps abated after study.
8. Questions and answers occurred on the project.

303. *Plan for Fourth Grade Classroom Visit*

1. New panels will be created on why the park is important. Things you don't want at your home, but do want in the park.
2. The date will be on June 8th.

304. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Del had a picture of a Bobcat near Marian Bear and Rose Canyon.

2. There is lots of vegetation growth this year in the canyon.

305. *Current Events*

1. There is a public notice about the potential purchase and donation of a parcel of land known as Keller Canyon from a private owner and given to the City of San Diego to be part of Marian Bear Park.
2. A discussion occurred on the parcel.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Rague) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:49 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: July 12th, 2023 , 6:30PM meeting location Marian Bear Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith