

MINUTES OF THE November 18th, 2020 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via a virtual Zoom conference.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison
Eloise Battle
Robert Mathers
David Harpster
Jim Roberts
Niki Ahrens
Ingrid Lewin
Anitra Kaye
Suzy Ellison-Logan

Absent

Rick Bussell
Terressa Whitaker
Wilbur Smith
Marc Schaefer

Guests

Barbarah Torres, Clairemont Town Council
Evan Solenberger, SDMBA

City of San Diego Staff

Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department
Erika Weikel, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCT.7TH, 2020

1. Correction of Ranger's Report to show the Park Ranger as Steven Smith and not Cameron Engelhart was noted. Darrel Madison mentions the need to have an explanation of the Trunk Sewer Project origin as the 2016 Tecolote Creek spill of 6.8 million gallons of sewage. Eloise Battle moves to amend minutes to mention 2016 Trunk Sewer Project origin. David Harpster seconds. (MADISON) Do I have a MOTION

to approve the minutes of October 7th, 2020, upon correction stated above. Eloise Battle moved to approve, and David Harpster seconded, (BATTLE/HARPSTER). Motion to amend minutes is approved. (MADISON) asked, all those in favor? All were in favor. All those opposed? Any abstentions? None. The motion to approve the minutes passes with all members voting in favor.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT – District 2 Councilmember Staff Assistant Carrie Munson

1. Darrel will forward email from Carrie Munson from Clairemont Community Planning group regarding Council Campbell to discuss 2020 accomplishments and 2021 goals. Meeting is Dec. 18th 12pm 2020. Mention that Measure E passed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Darrel Madison

1. Darrel noted someone built a bridge under Balboa Ave.
2. Darrel mentioned graffiti middle of Tecolote on bridge had been painted over but had been tagged again. Steve mentioned his team had painted over the graffiti and had purchased more paint to cover over new graffiti.
3. Clairemont Town Council recommended approval of the Tecolote Master Plan update.
4. Darrel noted Meetup has 452 members.
5. Audubon Bird Festival trips will be limited to 8 or fewer participants. Anita will post on Meetup when more details are available.
6. Corey Stapellton will be giving a presentation on Path San Diego, homeless outreach.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT – Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve stated that a new restoration area of almost 2 acres had been cleared in Tecolote Canyon. The rangers will be using a new app to record data at this site.
2. Steve mentioned this data will be used to apply for grants for additional restoration funding.
3. Erika mentioned that city biologist will be using Tecolote's revegetation efforts as a model for other city sites.
4. Green Friday event will be a self-guided interpretive hike on Battle trail, Darrel will post on Meetup and Erika will email volunteers.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Harpster

1. No Report

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Anita reported seeing large numbers of migrating Blue-Grey gnatcatchers.
2. Darrel stated crows have moved on since trimming trees at his house.
3. Eloise noticed several baby fence lizards and one orange throated whiptail.
4. Steve saw a covey of quail in the revegetation site.

5. Darrel saw a long snake like lizard.
6. Erika noted that a young female coyote had been and killed near the park entrance on Mt. Acadia.

ACTION ITEMS

201. Annual Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party.

1. Darrel stated that there would be no volunteer party this year due to Covid-19.

202. Grace Sargent Volunteer Award

2. Discussion on if the award should be given this year.
3. (BATTLE) MOTIONED for Sherly Lowe to be given the award. (AHRENS) seconded the motion. MOTION was passed by all.
4. Erika mentioned Irene Stenson had passed this year and could be remembered as a volunteer.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Darrel got an email from Gabriela Dow, no new updates.
2. Linda Vista Community Planning Group will be scheduling a meeting.
3. Darrel spoke regarding items that the group should look out for and ask for clarification on.
4. Eloise expressed concern about removal of mature oak trees.
5. Eloise asked about next presentation and Darrel stated it would probably be in January.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. City of San Diego Parks Master Plan

1. Plan was rejected.
2. Steve spoke as to why plan was rejected due to point system.
3. Steven encouraged TCCAC to give council representative the natural resource management plan master plan of Tecolote.

402. Mesa College Interpretive Trail System

1. Nothing to report

403. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update / fund raising event

1. Eloise said the group is at a standstill because of Covid-19.
2. Niki met with the new coordinator and they are trying to develop ideas as to how to run Escape Program remotely this year.

404. Clairemont Community Plan Update

1. Draft plan has been extended and will be discussed in January.
2. Discussion between Darrel and Eloise regarding CCPU coordinating with TCCAC

3. Darrel mentioned Susan was trying to make connectivity easier in Clairemont
4. Barbara said community plan does not look at trails in park. The plan will say please refer to NRMP for Tecolote canyon.

405. Natural Resource Management plan status Update

1. Mark B. said that the vote to move forward and approve the Tecolote Master Plan was unanimous.
2. Mark stated the next step is Linda Vista Parks and Rec.

406. Open Discussion

1. Barbara spoke about the underpass and Balboa project.
2. Barbara stated the project design will be 1.3 million.
3. Barbara is looking into funding with new mayor Todd Gloria.
4. David H. gave a compliment about restoration work.
5. David asked about paved service road in poor condition next to USD, Steven stated the property was owned by SDG&E
6. Barbara asked Steven about boulders being placed in some areas.
7. Steven stated some areas were being closed to prevent erosion, redundancy and protect plants.
8. Anitra noted Audubon Bird Festival is February 17-21, 2021. Info will be posted on Meetup

PENDING ITEMS

501. Natural Resource Management Plan/Master Plan Update for Tecolote Canyon Natural Park

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: January 20th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Weikel, Park Ranger, Tri-Canyons/Mission Valley Preserve