

MINUTES OF THE January 20th, 2021 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via a virtual Zoom conference.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison
Eloise Battle
Robert Mathers
Jim Roberts
Niki Ahrens
Ingrid Lewin
Anitra Kaye
Marc Schaefer

Absent

Rick Bussell
Terressa Whitaker
Wilbur Smith
David Harpster
Suzy Ellison-Logan

Guests

Brian Gruters, Associate Director PATH

City of San Diego Staff

Carrie Munson, Council Representative for Jennifer Campbell District 2
Mark Berninger, Senior Planner City of Sa Diego
Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCT.7TH, 2020

1. Correction of Ranger's Report to show Marc Schaefer as present. Correction of spelling from 'notion' to 'motion' and correct spelling of Cheryl's name. (MADISON) Do I have a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2020, upon correction stated above. Niki Ahrens moved to approve, and Darrel Madison seconded, (AHRENS/MADISON). 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. Jennifer Campbell is now the Council President.
2. Working on an MOU for short term rentals that would reduce amount on the market and provide enforcement for bad actors.
3. Working on Street vendor regulations.
4. Receiving tons of complaints on the chaos at Mission Bay. More trash pickups will occur, and a higher PD presence will be there.
5. Trash and green waste pickups are going ok but recycle may be a day late due to Covid staff shortages.
6. Susan Mournian had contacted Carrie and stated the Tecolote Recreation Council had twenty thousand dollars left when it was closed that was supposed to be used to update the kitchen and basketball courts. Steve mentioned that the Recreation Council is for the park not the canyon. Marc said to check with the South Clairemont Recreation Advisory group on the funds.
7. Kohta Zaiser is the new contact in the Mayor's office who plans to attend as many meetings as possible for groups like TCCAC.
8. Darrel talked with Carrie about the site Nextdoor.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Darrel Madison

1. Darrel said the canyon is looking good, especially the work on the Battle Trail.
2. Meetup is up to 469.
3. Darrel asked for a disclaimer for Meetup.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT – Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve said they had thus far planted 449 plants in restoration site.
2. Working with Friends of Rose Canyon and Canyon Lands in Rose Canyon on a restoration project.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Harpster

1. No Report

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Jim Roberts saw 4 blue birds. Jim also stated someone dug up a cactus he had planted in the canyon.
2. Niki's daughters saw a Peregrine Falcon.
3. Anitra stated she had seen the usual suspects.
4. Darrel asked Anitra where to direct people interested in birding and Anitra stated Audubon Society.
5. Anitra said there may be a bird festival the 17th through the 21st of February and there

may be walks of 4 to 8 people.

ACTION ITEMS

201. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Darrel stated he received an email from Jamal stating the designer is getting the final plan together and ready for submittal to DSD. Construction should start in July of next year.
2. Eloise stated the Trunk Sewer group had not answered her questions to which Darrel stated she should ask them and that their contacts are in the last meeting minutes.
3. Eloise stated she had not seen a good enough map concerning vegetation removal and that the TCCAC has not been involved enough in the project. She stated the group needs to be a part of the project design as when the final plan is approved it is too late. She suggested pressuring a Council Member to get more involvement.
4. Niki agreed with Eloise.

302. Grace Peter Sargent

1. Still figuring out best way to honor Cheryl as she does not do social media.

303. Proposed Revision to Council Policy 700-42

1. Darrel said he contacted Shelly Stowell concerning this policy and Shelly said it would be another month until she had further information on this for the group.
2. Eloise stated the group was formed by City Council and then discussed the history of the Task Force and TCCAC.
3. Marc said the issue is tied to planning groups and is concerned for what it means for groups like TCCAC.
4. A discussion on the topic occurred.
5. The group talked about reaching out to other similar groups on what they think about this policy and to create a unified front.

304. Introduction to PATH, People Assisting the Homeless

1. Darrel introduced Brian by asking him what to do when you meet a person experiencing homelessness while in the canyon.
2. Brian talked about homelessness and main cause being lack of housing especially in a more expensive place to live like San Diego.
3. Path's goal is to help people get off the street and then addressed Darrel's question on what to do if you meet someone who is homeless stating you could give them PATH's information.
4. Brian discussed PATH's methods of outreach and help. Stated that Cory Stapelton is this groups area Outreach Specialist. His contact info is Corys@epath.org or 619-913-2399.
5. Darrel asked if PATH could put resource pamphlet at kiosks.
6. Steve and Brian exchanged information and would like to talk about homelessness in

the canyons.

7. Mark thanked Brian and suggested he would like to talk as well concerning city wide assistance in Open Space.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Mark thanked Ranger staff for their restoration efforts and is looking at how to quantify the work and get credit for it as well as grants to fund more work.
2. The Clairemont Planning Group approved the plan unanimously.
3. Mark will be going the Linda Vista Planning Group on the 25th at 5:30 pm with the plan. After their approval Mark will submit to DSD and then City Council for final approval.

402. Mesa College Interpretive Trail System

1. None

403. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update / fund raising event

1. Sarah Zakaria of ESCAPE is working on some videos, but schools are still currently closed.

404. Clairemont Community Plan Update

1. Discussed elsewhere throughout the meeting.

405. City of San Diego Parks Master Plan

1. No news

406. Open Discussion

1. Jim said he celebrated today's inauguration and is optimistic . Others said they were optimistic as well.
2. A discussion on vaccines occurred.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at (BATTLE/MADISON) 8:38 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: March 17th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Tri-Canyons/Mission Valley Preserve