

MINUTES OF THE May 19th, 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, May 19th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via a virtual Zoom conference.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

Absent

Marc Schaefer
Robert Mathers
Rick Bussell
Terressa Whitaker

Guests

Evan Solenberger, San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA)
Toni Court, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute San Diego Chapter (EERI)
Ron Sandvick, Mesa College

City of San Diego Staff

Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20TH, 2021

1. (MADISON) **MOTION** to approve the minutes from January 20th occurred. (BATTLE/KAYE). (MADISON) asked, all those in favor? All were in favor. All those opposed? None. Any abstentions? (LOGAN) abstained. The motion to approve the minutes passes.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT

1. None present.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Darrel Madison

1. Darrel stated the canyon is gorgeous and trails are looking good.
2. Meetup is up to 496.
3. According to Anitra, Audubon Society restarted walks in April limiting attendance to 8.
4. Darrel told Anitra to post events on Meetup.

STAFF / RANGER'S REPORT – Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve talked about staff having to attend volunteer trainings in preparation to reopening.
2. Steve reported on new entry signs being installed around Tecolote.
3. Steve reported on trail clearing.
4. Steve talked about the PHD student trapping and studying African Claw Toed Frogs.
5. Jim Roberts asked about mountain bike yield signs. A discussion on E-bikes occurred. Ron Sandvick asked about installation of speed limit signs.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Harpster

1. No Report

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Darrel saw a 3-foot rattlesnake.
2. Ron saw a rattlesnake and a brown and white owl.
3. Ingrid saw a rattlesnake.
4. Anitra saw 2 juvenile Red Shouldered hawks in the Cottonwood grove in Tecolote.
5. Jim saw lots of rabbits.

ACTION ITEMS

201. None

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. Geological Hazards Within Tecolote Natural Park and Surrounding Areas

1. Toni Court shared a Power Point on San Diego magnitude 6.9 earthquake planning scenario. Toni stated the presentation deals mostly with the Clairemont and lower Tecolote areas and the Rose Canyon fault zone is the area in concern.
2. The purpose of the study is for the City to plan for an earthquake in the area that affects water and sewer infrastructure.
3. Toni talked about similarities between San Diego region and Christchurch in New Zealand. Open space is better than high density development in area such as the Tecolote Canyon entrance.
4. A discussion occurred about possibility of a 6-foot slip and utilities such as gas running through the canyon. Fire is a risk, especially with the possibility of shut of water.
5. Last documented major quake in the area occurred I 1862 on the rose canyon fault

centered in Coronado. Major damage was reported.

302. Mesa College Interpretive Trail System

1. Ron stated he needs a scope study for the Mesa College Interpretive trail.
2. Ron shared pictures of the proposed trail.
3. Ron stated he is having trouble getting his trail approved and would like to see the Tecolote NRMP. Darrel stated he had shared it with Ron already, but would resend it.
4. Ron is looking for help with CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) study and is worried about the cost.
5. Steve said he would email a list of companies he has seen the city work with on MSCP (Multiple Species Conservation Plan) plans.
6. Ron talked about a Balboa crossing development plan. A discussion occurred and Darrel stated it is a priority.
7. Ron talked about the creek crossing near the golf course and that the hill is dangerous. Jim recommended a switch back.

303. TCCAC Bylaws

1. Wilbur stated everything is on hold and is still waiting for instructions from the City.
2. A discussion on Recreation Councils occurred.
3. (BATTLE) made a **MOTION** that the bylaws committee meet, consult and request clarification on the bylaws. (LOGAN) seconded the motion. All were in favor.

304 Grace Peter Sargent

1. Group is waiting until the center opens again or gatherings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Eloise has an email of the BTR (Biological Technical Report) impact statement.
2. Darrel said Jamal would put the group in contact with Helix Environmental for details on the BTR.
3. Eloise wants to know which oak groves will be affected by the project.
4. Eloise asked Niki if she was able to create a Google Earth map with pins of areas of concern.

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

1. Darrel got a message from Mark Berninger stating no updates. However, the Trunk Sewer project is trying to work with them on mitigation in conjunction with the NRMP.

403. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update / Fund Raising Events

1. Nothing to report.

404. June CTC Meeting

1. Clairemont Town Council is interested in familiarizing themselves with Tecolote Canyon

- groups. They asked if TCCAC would present at their next meeting on June 3rd via Zoom.
2. Eloise volunteered to speak. Niki said she will attend. Darrel said he will attend.

405. Open Discussion

1. None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: July 21st, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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