



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

PREPARED BY: Eugene Suk,
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for June 2020

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of June 2020

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events, Naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and volunteers maintain the trail systems and facilities.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Naturalists patrol the HWP and urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's Smoking Ban Ordinance.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, in response to the potential exposure of COVID-19 and under the guidance received by local, state and federal officials, the decision was made to close the Community Center, Library, HWP and Canyon Park to the public.

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 Canyon Park reopened to the public through a reservation only online system. The new reservation system helps ensure a limited number of visitors, both residents and nonresidents, have the opportunity to enjoy Canyon Park while also managing large crowds. Reservations are limited to 70 per timeslot, with three timeslots available every weekday. All visitors looking to enter the park must have a reservation, whether driving, biking or walking into Canyon Park. A \$5.00 parking fee is required for visitors to park inside Canyon Park. Trail modifications were established to ensure safe, physical distancing such as:

- *One-Way Trail Loops*
- *Portions of the Waterfall Trail and Ben Overturf Trail closed*
- *Limited Trail Use Hours*
 - *Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*
 - *Closed - Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays*

ANALYSIS: During the month of June 2020, Park Naturalist worked on maintaining Canyon Park and HWP hiking trails. Park Naturalists still completed 18 hours of maintenance throughout HWP and 129 hours in Canyon Park. The maintenance included brush clearance and erosion control. The report provided summarized maintenance and usage activity in HWP and Canyon Park.

CC-2

Hillside Wilderness Preserve

Staff has observed the usage of HWP trails has stabilized back to the average number of usage prior to the COVID-19 closures. Staff believes this is due to other local recreation areas re-opening to the public. During the month of June, Staff observed consistent number of users hikers and mountain bikers in HWP.

On April 21, 2020, City Council awarded Belfree Contractors a contract to repair two locations of HWP where heavy erosion has damaged the trails from this last rain season. Due to Belfree’s schedule, they are unable to perform the repairs until August 2020.

Canyon Park

The provided report details trail reservation system during the month of June. Staff continues to receive positive feedback from Canyon Park visitors related to the reservation system and modified trail loop. Visitors continue to comment on feeling safe and comfortable while hiking our trails.

JUNE 2020 TRAIL RESERVATION TOTALS					
Reservation Time	6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Total	Percentage
Total Number of Reservations	1,501	1,472	1,080	4,053	NA
Same Day Reservation	90	402	573	1,065	26% of users are same day reservations
Residents	643	454	393	1,490	37% of users are Residents
Non-Residents	858	1,008	687	2,553	63% of user are Non-residents
Cars	621	978	720	2,319	57% drive into the Park
Bikes	69	39	41	149	4% bike into the Park
Walkers	810	488	319	1,617	40% walk into the Park

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for June 2020.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for June 2020.

**June 2020
HWP AND CANYON PARK ACTIVITY LOG**

HWP Maintenance – 18 hours of maintenance in June 2020

June 9	Cloverleaf- Park Naturalist cleared appoximatley 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.
June 23	Cloverleaf- Canyon Park Volunteers removed a tree that was blocking the trail.
June 26	Cloverleaf- Canyon Park Volunteer cleared approximately 100 yards of brush growing onto the trail.

Canyon Park Maintenance – 129 hours of maintenance in June 2020

June 1	Waterfall- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 3	Billl Cull- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 5	Nature Center- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the parking lots and medians.
June 8	Bill Cull- Park Naturalists cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 10	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ½ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 12	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 15	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 17	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ½ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 19	Bill Cull- Canyon Park Volunteers replaced a water bar to prevent erosion on the trial.
June 22	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ yards of brush growing onto the trail.
June 24	Overlook- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ yards of brush growing onto the trail.
June 26	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ½ mile of brush growing onto the trail.
June 29	Ben Overturf- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared approximately ¼ mile of brush growing onto the trail.

June 2019/2020

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2019	# of staff patrols 2020	Pedestrians 2019	Pedestrians 2020	Vehicles 2019	Vehicles 2020	Cyclists 2019	Cyclists 2020	Pets 2019	Pets 2020	Public Service Calls 2019	Public Service Calls 2020	Smoking Ban Calls 2019	Smoking Ban Calls 2020	Wildlife Sightings 2019	Wildlife Sightings 2020	Unsecured Gate 2019	Unsecured Gate 2020	Citations 2019	Citations 2020	Activity Totals 2019	Activity Totals 2020	
Sleepy Hollow																							
June 1-7	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 8-14	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 15-21	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 22-28	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 29-30	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	= 40	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
June 1-7	10	9	19	24	3	0	3	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	31	
June 8-14	10	9	8	16	2	0	4	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	22	
June 15-21	10	9	11	8	0	0	2	4	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	14	
June 22-28	8	9	9	24	0	0	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	27	
June 29-30	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	5	
Total	= 40	39	52	74	5	0	17	15	13	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	99	
Cloverleaf																							
June 1-7	10	9	7	14	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	
June 8-14	10	9	4	15	1	0	5	7	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	26	
June 15-21	10	9	7	8	2	0	3	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	
June 22-28	8	9	13	17	3	2	1	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	28	23	
June 29-30	2	3	2	2		0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	
Total	= 40	39	33	56	7	2	13	17	12	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	71	83	
Highland																							
June 1-7	10	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	
June 8-14	10	9	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	
June 15-21	10	9	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	
June 22-28	8	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	
June 29-30	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total	= 40	39	8	8	4	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	
Grand Total	= 160	156	93	138	16	2	30	33	29	19	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	179	192	