

MINUTES OF THE January 10th, 2024
MEETING OF THE MARIAN BEAR NATURAL PARK RECREATION ADVISORY GROUP

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Marian Bear Natural Park Recreation Council was held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Deron Bear
Sharon Rague
Mark Bear
Wendy Hancock
Michael Kowalski

Absent

Ann Graham
Del Cover
Alex Wenz
Joni Stern
Daniel Logue
Brent Banta
John Fowler
Toni Bear

Guests

None

City of San Diego

Steven Smith, Sr. Park Ranger, Parks & Recreation Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Deron Bear called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

(D. Bear) Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of November 8th, 2023? (Rague) moved, (Kowalski) seconded. (All) were in favor. Motion passes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – *Deron Bear*

1. Deron mentioned there was graffiti on one of the entry signs. Steve stated it was painted over.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- None in attendance

STAFF / RANGER REPORT – Sr. Park Ranger Steven Smith

1. Steve stated the newest Ranger hire is Monica Graves and is working out great.
2. Steve told the group that Marla Gilmore had retired as the Center Director after 18 years at the Nature Center.
3. The park entrances were recently cleaned up pretty good and the park is in good shape overall.

ACTION ITEMS

201. *Election of MBNPAG Officers for 2024*

1. Deron proposed to continue as the Chair and to leave the Corresponding Secretary vacant.
2. A **MOTION** was made by (Bear) to continue as the Chair and leave the Corresponding Secretary vacant. **MOVED** by (Rague). **SECONDED** by (Kowalski). (All) were in favor. The motion passed.
3. Deron talked about rewriting the groups bylaws. Said he wanted to discuss with the City on this topic.
4. A discussion on the groups function and focus occurred.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

301. *MBNPRC Charitable Trust Status Update*

1. Deron gave a brief history on the group as a Recreation council and how it used to be a charitable trust. Then the group became an advisory group.
2. Deron showed old Department of Justice filings with the State of California.
3. Deron showed the group the last filing by a former member named Joe Steinbach who submitted the last filing by the group with the word, "Final" written on the top of the page.
4. The group needs to file papers from 2019 to present to become non-delinquent with the State of California. Then the group can vote to dissolve with the State.
5. There is a \$25 fee associated with each year not filed.
6. Deron is in contact with Parks & Recreation concerning this matter.
7. A **MOTION** was made to send 5 years of filings to the DOJ as the Recreation council in order to dissolve charitable trust status with the State of California. (Rague) **MOVED.** (Kowalksi) **SECONDED.** (All) were in favor.

302. *Kiosk Updates*

1. Sharon remade the geology display on the formation of Marian Bear Park for the kiosk.
2. A discussion on the panel occurred.
3. Sharon talked about a panel on the 3 types of sage in the parks.

303. *Wildlife and Vegetation Matters*

1. Wendy saw two foxes in the neighborhood near Marian Bear.
2. Mike asked if skunks were more plentiful this year. Ranger Steve did not know.
3. Sharon saw a stray dog behind her house.

304. *Current Events*

1. Deron stated he would check in with the Pure Water Project to get a status update.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

- (Deron Bear) made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Kowalski) moved, (Hancock) seconded. (All) were in favor at 7:33 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING: March 13th, 2024 , 6:30PM meeting location Tecolote Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sr. Park Ranger, Steven Smith