

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024 MEETING OF THE
TECOLOTE CANYON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TIME AND PLACE

This meeting of the Tecolote Canyon Citizen's Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDENCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Eloise Battle

David Harpster

Anitra Kaye

Niki Ahrens

Robert Mathers

Terressa Whitaker

Wilbur Smith

Absent

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Marc Schaefer

Guests

Lorri Freitas

Muriel Spooner

Cynthia Contreras

Debra McCarty

Kay Stewart, C.N.P.S.

Shirley Miller F.O.T.C.

Lauriel Adsit

City of San Diego Staff

Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2024

1. (MADISON), Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 18th, 2024? (HARPSTER) **MOVED** to approve with the correction mentioned above, and (AHRENS) **SECONDED**. (MADISON) asked, all those in favor? (All) were in Favor. All those opposed? None. Any abstentions? One abstained. The motion to approve the minutes passes.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. No Council Present.
2. Darrel stated there is a South Shores Park development plan survey concerning a potential project.

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT- DARREL MADISON

1. Darrel stated Meet-Up group is now up to 896 members.
2. Darrel spoke on how many citizens groups have faded away. TCCAC is a survivor. Planning groups still around. Darrel hopes to improve group relations and institutional memory.
3. Darrel is working with the Linda Vista planning group/town council, Raul Campio's office, Clairmont Town Council and planning group, SDG&E, SD Bird Alliance, Friends of Rose Canyon, and SD Native Plant Society to forge alliances and improve communication.
4. Darrel spoke on events leading up to the rally to protect the canyon.
5. Darrel spoke on the site walk on 10/27/24 with Filanc, City representatives and the public. Stated later that after the walk it seemed like the engineers were listening to concerns.
6. Darrel was grateful for District 2's Councilmember Campillo and Miles Noel's support. Spoke on City's growth initiatives and how open spaces are going to be of increasing value to future San Diegans.

RANGER'S REPORT- PARK RANGER STEVEN SMITH

1. Steve stated he would not be doing active restoration in site 10 this year and solely weed management until the sewer project had passed by the area or completed. New restoration area will be the Gardena and Cross St entrance to Tecolote.
2. Steve stated a partnership with Wildcoast had formed and through Wildcoast a grant for over 100k was awarded to restoration in Tecolote that will be focused on the Gardena area.
3. Darrel stated Steve won employee of the year for 2024 in the City.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Ranger Monica did a good job on her owl prowl with a good turnout on 11/9/24. Unfortunately, no owls seen.

2. Anitra with the SD Bird Alliance will be shifting bird walks to Marian Bear in the Regents East parking lot to avoid construction issues.
3. Many coyotes were stated to have been seen.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Darrel stated Vic Salazar is the PR point person for the project and will attend meetings. It had been reported to Darrel that the Sycamore in front of the nature center will not be cut down.
2. Darrel stated that the project team is looking for engineering solutions to other areas of concern.
3. Steve stated part of the Cottonwood grove was accidentally cleared.
4. It was requested that Steve would ask for the 3 week lookahead on construction and that TCCAC receive it.
5. Steve stated that the group should request a walk in the north part of the canyon for the next phases to get everyone informed on possible other issues there may be with the project.
6. A discussion on why there was no representation from the project attending the meeting.
7. A discussion on the long-term value of Tecolote occurred.
8. A discussion on how to stay watchful of the project and get information out to the public concerning the project occurred.
9. Wilbur brought up that TCCAC does not report to an official body. A discussion ensued about this and our status with Park & Rec.
10. Darrel talked about the relationship between TCCAC and Friends of Tecolote.
11. A discussion on how to get the action items of TCCAC to City Council.
12. (MADISON) Do I have a **MOTION** to work to set a date be set for a phase 2 walk of the project. (AHRENS) **MOVED**. (W. SMITH) **SECONDED**. (ALL) were in favor.

102. Grace Peter Sargent

1. Darrel stated he would engrave the names on the placard of those that had not yet received recognition.
2. (KAYE) **MOVED** to nominate Evan Solenberger for Grace Peter Sargent award for 2024. (HARPSTER) **SECONDED**. (ALL) were in favor.
3. Anitra suggested announcing the winner at the next Canyon Coffee Day event.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

201. TCCAC Outreach

1. Covered in 101 discussions.

202. Golf Course Lease

1. Steve's recommendations are TCCAC's recommendations.

203. Community Liaison Assignments

1. Darrel stated it would be nice to have members from TCCAC attend the Clairemont and Linda Vista Town Council and Community Planning Groups meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. no update.

303. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ fund raising events

1. No update.

304. Tecolote Creek Flow Monitoring

1. Project is no longer occurring.

305. Open Discussion

1. Anitra recommended meetings be held via zoom or Teams. A discussion occurred and there seemed to be a lot of agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 15th 2025 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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