

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15TH, 2025 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, January 15th, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Tecolote Nature Center.

ATTENDENCE

Members Present

Darrel Madison

Eloise Battle

David Harpster

Niki Ahrens

Robert Mathers

Wilbur Smith

Marc Schaefer

Absent

Terressa Whitaker

Anitra Kaye

Suzy Ellison-Logan

Guests

Lorri Freitas

Cynthia Contreras

Brad Davis

Louise Oliverio

George Heatherington (Environmental Center of San Diego)

Christina Sand

Lauriel Adsit

Steve Rodriguez (Linda Vista Update)

Carol Baker (Linda Vista Planning Group)

Linda Kavanagh (TCIG)

Beatrice Darimont

Evan Sollberger (SDMBA)

Skip Shaputnic

City of San Diego Staff

Steven Smith, Parks & Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER

Darrel Madison called the meeting to order at 6:41pm

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024

1. (MADISON), Do I have a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 20th, 2024 with corrections to attendance names? (All) were in favor to approve with the corrections mentioned above with (abstention) The motion to approve the minutes passes.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

1. No Council Present.

CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT- DARREL MADISON

1. Darrel stated Meet-Up group is now up to 924 members.
2. Darrel talked about being busy getting the word out about TCCAC and the Trunk Sewer Project Connecting with the Linda Vista and Clairemont Town Councils.
3. Darrel would like some members to be liaisons to groups like Linda Vista and Clairemont Town Councils.
4. Darrel reached out to the Fire Safe Council.
5. Darrel presented the Grace Peter Sargent award to Lauriel Adsit and Evan Sollberger.

RANGER'S REPORT- PARK RANGER STEVEN SMITH

1. Steve reported Aisling resigned as Center Director to the Nature Center. Budget cuts to likely keep the position vacant. Nature Center should expect reduced hours.
2. Planting has begun in Site 11. Last event saw 40 plus volunteers and 300 plants planted.
3. Trunk Sewer project to likely shut off water to the Nature Center in February.
4. Darrel mentioned Ranger Steve will be out on Paternity leave in February.

WILDLIFE REPORT

1. Cynthia has Great Horned owls near her house in the canyon.
2. David saw a pair of Mallards in the creek.
3. Niki saw a Great Blue Heron in the canyon.
4. Linda's neighbors have seen many coyotes. Thinks the construction may be pushing them north in the canyon.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Tecolote Canyon Trunk Sewer Project

1. Darrel requested a meeting with the construction team and all relevant parties to walk phase 2 of the project.
2. A discussion on tree removal and mitigation occurred.
3. A discussion on needing council member reps to attend TCCAC. District 2 and 7 are important to Tecolote.
4. Linda K. and Beatrice talked about forming sub committees and task forces for specific issues to be better addressed outside of the meetings.
5. Darrel read an email from the construction team on project updates.
6. A discussion on clearing to manholes and tree cutting occurred.

102. TCCAC officers and new member appointments

1. Darrel asked if anyone wanted to join TCCAC. Cynthia Contreras and Lauriel Adsit raised their hands.
2. Cynthia introduced herself and gave a short self-bio.
3. **NOMINATION:** to make Cynthia a TCCAC member. (Schaefer) **MOTIONED.** (Ahrens) **SECONDED.** (All) were in Favor. **MOTION** passes for Cynthia Contreras to become a TCCAC member.
4. Lauriel introduced herself and gave a short self-bio.
5. **NOMINATION:** to make Lauriel a TCCAC member. (Harpster) **MOTIONED.** (W. Smith) **SECONDED.** (All) were in Favor. **MOTION** passes for Lauriel Adsit to become a TCCAC member.
6. Darrel spoke on the importance of TCCC and its role citizens to advise the city.
7. Darrel spoke on keeping meetings shorter and members to let him know if they cannot make the meeting ahead of time.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

201. TCCAC Outreach

1. Covered in 101 discussions.

202. Golf Course Lease

1. None

203. Community Liaison Assignments

1. Brief talk on getting members to attend Linda Vista and Clairemont Town Council meetings.
2. A long discussion on the clearing of lateral sewer lines in the canyon occurred.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Tabled.

302. Friends of Tecolote Canyon Update/ fund raising events

1. Darrel talked about the need to bolster Friends of Tecolote in case TCCAC were to ever fold.

304. Tecolote Creek Flow Monitoring

1. Nothing.

304. Open Discussion

1. None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 19th 2025 @ 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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