

**Monrovia Providers Group
General Meeting Agenda
September 2, 2021
Meeting called to order: 8:35 a.m.
Via Zoom**

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Question – “If you could compete in any Olympic sport, which would it be?”

Marci Barrett – President of MPG, President of Elder Resolution Partners, Tennis

Stephen Huber – Home Care Providers, 1st Vice President of MPG, Golfing

Chris Saccente – Treasurer of MPG, Gymnastics

Nathan Kirschenbaum – Give Consulting and Caring Transitions, Curling

Chris Glaeser – Activ Trust Management, Sculling

Pattie Tellez – Grants Chair for MPG,/not in attendance

Steven Huntley – President Emeritus MPG,. Senior Financial Group, Surfing

Dave Stocks – Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Basketball

Sheryl Flynn – Blue Marble Health, CEO,

Katie Gunderson – EZ Living – Occupational Therapy – focus on dementia/not in attendance

Mary Margaret Rolf – Dilbeck Real Estate, Volleyball

Laura Dickson – insurance agent advocating for seniors, Gymnastics

Jill Masters – Survey My Site, Skiing

Matt Weaver – Weaver and Assoc. Insurance – Surfing (Matt’s Birthday)

Kenny Ossen – Elder Care Assoc., placement agent – Hockey because it’s a team sport

Larry Marotta – Dementia Friendly Monrovia – Skiing

Angie Pizano – New Way Home Care - Gymnastics

SPEAKER

Ana Beatriz Cholo National Park Service (Rock Climbing) – Our National Parks are our National Treasures. Public Affairs Officer

Exploring our National Parks

NPS coordinates with other governmental offices and private owners to manage lands. Mission: To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment.... From 1916 Organic Act. 500 miles of trails.

Background: Navy > college as a journalist> then discovered nature (hadn't grown up camping).

What makes the Santa Monica Mountains special – it is the largest urban national park in the country, great biological diversity, a site for film making, beaches and mountains, cultural history.

LA is one of only two megacities in the world that have big cats living within the city limits. Studied for 20 years to get better idea of how they survive in an urban area. This study led to the development of the wildlife crossing.

Male lions do not overlap territories, females can. Leading causes of mortality are fighting among males. P-22 is the oldest puma in the system, living in Griffith Park.

Tips for being in the wild: avoid dusk, dawn, after dark. Invest in Bear Spray. Be very aware of your surroundings. If you do contact a mountain lion – back away, talk to it, make yourself look big. If it looks like it's going to attack, throw stuff, and give it space to get by you, try to not get knocked down, if knocked down, protect your neck, head. Fight back.

P-22 Mountain Lion of Hollywood – Facebook group is leading fund raising for bridge. SaveLACougars.org. Liberty Canyon Bridge construction starting this fall?

Badgers in our area? Yes, but don't know much about them. Spotting badgers with trail cams, and seeing footprints. Interesting critters.

Follow NPS social media. SantaMonicaNationalRecreationArea.org

Santa Monica Mountains are open. National Parks are open except for those impacted by fires. Fire season is all year round now, but targeted fire season starts with the Santa Ana winds. 88% of lands burned in previous fires.

Currently tracking: pumas, bobcats, and red-legged frogs.

Check out events for volunteering. Oak Tree watering is a volunteer event. Every Kid Outdoors program – virtually this year. “Santa Monica Mountains Fund: <https://www.samofund.org/>.

Recent Events Affecting Operations
Woolsey Fire – Nov 2018
COVID-19 Pandemic

Questions: Q: Are Tree People still in Cold Water Canyon? A: Yes.

Appreciate the kindness and knowledge of the NPS employees.

Contact information for Ana Cholo: ana.chollo@nps.gov
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<https://www.samofund.org/outdoors-calendar#event=67497865;instance=20210903090000>

BUSINESS

OFFICER REPORTS

Appeal for Doug Edwards – Marci “Go Fund Me” link on Facebook.

2021 – 2022 Dues – Chris S – Renew online – easy to do.

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2021 Fundraising Appeal – Angie Can’t really do anything live. But do online fundraiser to support specific activities.

What we expect for the rest of 2021? – ZOOM meetings.

By the end of the September publish request for MPG fundraiser.

Next month: Dr. from Methodist Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Flynn: Officially starting to recruit 100 people who are at risk of falls. Sheryl to provide flyer to Nathan to publish. Nathan to push to social media.

Next Meeting

General Meeting – October 7
Board – September 17

Meeting called to close at 10:08 am