



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: JULY 11, 2016

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: AUTOMATED TRAIL-USER COUNTERS AT MT. RUBIDOUX

ISSUE:

Receive an update on the new automated trail-user counters at the Frank A. Miller Mt. Rubidoux Memorial Park ("Mt. Rubidoux").

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION:

Mt. Rubidoux draws visitors from near and far into a unique and cherished park setting. From the top, views of Riverside, the Santa Ana River, and the surrounding region are unmatched. Closed to vehicular traffic, a 3.5 mile paved asphalt road brings families with baby strollers, bikes, runners, and pedestrians from all walks of life to the top. To better track park usage, automated infrared light trail-user counters have been installed at the primary entry points at 9th Street and on Glenwood/San Andreas Gate (near Ryan Bonaminio Park at the Tequesquite Arroyo).

Please note: the automated counters are still being tested and fine-tuned. The department plans to perform a manual count using volunteers to verify the data. A separate counter has been installed to track visits from bicyclists, but those numbers are not yet available.

According to the counters, the 9th Street Gate averages 140 people per day. The Glenwood/San Andreas Gate averages 1,778 people per day. At each gate, peak visitation occurs at 8:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: 1. Visitors by Time of Day
2. Visitors' Daily Count