Mason Gulch
Survey Results – Supplemental
Data collection: July 15, 2016

**Number of respondents (N=8):** Given the small sample size for the supplemental survey, PRR would consider these data as online comments from members of the public rather than statistically valid survey results.

Q1: Respondents describe Mason Gulch as: overgrown (x2), greenspace, potential, lush

Q2: 6/7 said native vegetation as their #1 or #2 topic, indicating that it is the most important. 5/7 also ranked slope stability as a top topic.

Q3: 6/7 said public access/trails is an important topic (5 ranked it as their #1 topic), and 5/7 ranked parks as a top topic.

Q4: Most are concerned regarding all of the topics listed, but 3/7 are minimally concerned (ranked 2/5, where 1 is not at all concerned and 5 is very concerned) with slope stability.

Q5: 6/8 would use a trail.

Q6: 4/7 would volunteer.

Q7: Respondents want more info about volunteering, updates on the plan, potential trails

Q8: Three respondents wrote in comments:

“I really want to see an access trail in the planning document. I understand that slope stability is paramount and that a trail is not a priority immediately. I'm happy that the survey area has been increased. It will be easier to consider a trail in a few years if it's in the plan now.”

“Please do not encourage public access. Please do not build trails. This is a safety issue. Over 95% of residents who attended the first meeting opposed public trails in Mason Gulch. Encouraging public access will lead to safety problems--anywhere from people going off-trail, causing erosion and wildlife damage and/or entering private property, to teenagers drinking, smoking and setting off firecrackers which could start fires in the gulch, to homeless encamping in the area and encourage potential crime. Similar concerns were raised at the second meeting. Please keep Mason Gulch a wilderness! It would make a great bird sanctuary. On the issue of native vegetation, although the big-leaf maples are native, they are also extremely invasive. Replacing them with other trees would be much preferred. I like your goal of getting the vegetation more like that at Point Defiance (firs, madrones, vine maples, native rhodies). There are currently some beautiful wild cherries or plums which bloom in the spring which should be encouraged to grow. Please also consider allowing/using non-native species if they are non-invasive and decorative or good at holding banks (and not too tall).”

“I'm would like to see community benefits (water quality, environmental improvements, public access, trails) prioritized over improving the views of individual households. I think the public should have access to this community treasure via a trail network. I think active uses like mountain bike trails could bring more people to Mason Gulch and help ward off unwanted uses.”