


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 5, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Sarajane Schwartz comments regarding Public Safety at Hollywoodland	#9701	Referred to General Manager
2) James Williams comments regarding Public Safety at Hollywoodland	#9701a	Referred to General Manager
3) Susan Reid comments regarding Concerns at Sylmar Recreation Center	#9702	Referred to General Manager
4) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9703	Referred to General Manager
5) Joan Matheson comments regarding Homelessness at Westchester Park	#9704	Referred to General Manager
6) Annette Sikand comments regarding Falling Stone Wall at Western Canon	#9705	Referred to General Manager
7) Leland Orser comments regarding Homeless Encampments behind the Wattles Mansion	#9706	Referred to General Manager
8) Jennifer Morrow comments regarding Homeless Encampments behind the Wattles Mansion	#9706a	Referred to General Manager

9) Ann Davidson comments regarding Homeless Encampments behind the Wattles Mansion	#9706b	Referred to General Manager
10) Racquel Quintero comments regarding Incident at a Competition	#9707	Referred to General Manager
11) Sharon Roesler comments regarding Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project	#9708	Referred to General Manager
12) Sherrell Cuneo comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Los Feliz	#9709	Referred to General Manager
13) Marilyn Bush comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Los Feliz	#9709a	Referred to General Manager
14) Suzanne Wenzlaff comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Los Feliz	#9709b	Referred to General Manager
15) Victor Adjemian comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Los Feliz	#9709c	Referred to General Manager
16) Thomas Cook comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Los Feliz	#9709d	Referred to General Manager
17) Zachary Levinson comments regarding Indoor Basketball Safety Issue at Rustic Canyon Recreation Center	#9710	Referred to General Manager
18) Laddie Williams comments regarding fences at Oakwood Park	#9711	Referred to General Manager
19) Russell Rope comments regarding an Art Proposal	#9712	Referred to General Manager
20) David Lefebvre comments regarding adding Palms Middle School to the Community School Parks Program	#9713	Referred to General Manager

21) Miriam Preissel comments regarding Dog Park Maintenance at Lake Balboa	#9714	Referred to General Manager
22) John Given comments regarding the Status of the Rancho Club House	#9715	Referred to General Manager
23) Joshua Ruiz comments regarding Dogs off Leash at East Los Angeles Park	#9716	Referred to General Manager
24) Allison Kiessling comments regarding Registration for Camps and Programs	#9717	Referred to General Manager
25) Brain Averill comments regarding the Venice Neighborhood Council supporting the planting of large trees and native understory in Centennial Park	#9718	Referred to General Manager
26) Sheryl Akerblom comments regarding Lack of and incomplete programs at Leland Park	#9719	Referred to General Manager
27) Maricel Takashi comments regarding Group Golf Lessons for Kids at Harbor Park Golf Course	#9720	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Sherrell Cuneo <>

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:47 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 9:28 PM Sherrell Cuneo <

> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners.

Good morning, it's Sherrell Cuneo. Sadly, unable to speak to you live and in person because my husband just tested positive for Covid and it seems like I should stay home just in case. Darn it, there goes my perfect attendance record.

I started coming to these meetings because I firmly believe that 'animal people', people who love animals, are kinder, and more empathetic than people who have no relationship with animals, and that an early and guided exposure to animals makes for a greater chance of becoming a kinder, more empathetic human being. I believe that we have much to learn from animals both as pets and domesticated animals, and as wild animals. I was stunned to find that the people who had shut down the pony rides didn't agree with this. As you know I have often talked about the difference between Animal Rights and Animal Welfare, which includes the necessity of distinguishing between use and abuse. This is something that is pretty clear to most people, but is confused by those in the Animal Rights movement who see no distinction.

It's of course worth noting that the language we all now use in relation to animals has been influenced and changed by the animal rights movement. You can no longer 'own' a pet because it signifies that the animal is property, or a thing rather than a living being. We are supposed to be animal 'guardians', a word which as a legal term grants 'custody,' which is in turn defined as 'immediate charge or control exercised by a person or authority'. That's really not much better. 'Have' is perhaps a better word, as I can 'have' a dog, just as easily as I 'have' a husband, daughter, and friends. But honestly all of this is rather silly. I have just spent a paragraph (that could have been a precious minute in real time) on what is a linguistic diversion created by the animal rights movement to take us away from talking about actual policy.

What should be a conversation about animal welfare and how to identify good care, good behavior, a good relationship, what constitutes abuse, and what doesn't, has been hijacked by the animal rights movement. What should be a conversation on how to teach kindness and empathy for all forms of life, how to be a good person, has been turned, by the animal rights movement, into a dictum that we as a society are incapable of being around animals and being better.

To be clear, we are talking about pony rides and a petting zoo, not about laboratory animals, and factory farms, from whence the term and philosophy of speciesism grew, and the animal rights movement is talking about a believe system that is based on western history and philosophy.

On PETA's website it says " Supporters of animal rights believe that animals have an inherent worth—a value completely separate from their usefulness to humans. We believe that every creature with a will to live has a right to live free from pain and suffering. Animal rights is not just a philosophy—it is a social movement that challenges society's traditional view that all nonhuman animals exist solely for human use." This statement defines and emphasizes the belief that it is, by definition, not possible for humans to have any relationship with animals that is not abusive. If anything animal rights is a reaction to modern society which has separated us from nature, animals, and the earth itself. Their insistence on a non-animal model does nothing to remedy the problem. It is a self fulfilling prophesy that does nothing to teach human beings how to live in harmony with animals and nature.

Indigenous people have a completely different relationship with animals. In the Lakota belief system there is a word for "living beings of the earth", which includes the 'human nation' and every other animal 'nation'. There is no hierarchy, all are equal and all are equally important.

I just started reading *The Horse: A Galloping History of Humanity*, by Timothy C. Winegard. It reminds us of the incomparable importance of the domesticated horse to human civilization. About 5,500 years ago a wild horse on the Caspian Steppes was most likely ridden on a dare by an adolescent or child. As the author says "this intrepid young horse whisperer had recalibrated the trajectory of human history." To further quote the author "With domestication, the destinies of horses and humans were eternally intertwined. Our triumphs and struggles, our accomplishments and failures, and our unfolding story have forever fused into a single symbiotic narrative. The human horse dyad is the most dominant animal coalition ever witnessed." And, "horses reconfigured the human genome and the language that we speak." But for all the benefits to humans civilization from the domestication of horses, it is also worth noting that "Domestication reined in the horse from the precipice of extinction. Without human intervention, it is likely that the horse would have followed most large mammals and other equine species into oblivion." In other words domestication was mutually beneficial for both horse and human. According to recent estimates 99.99% of all terrestrial species that ever existed have gone extinct. Domestication may have saved both horse and human as species.

Indigenous knowledge recognizes the potential for mutually beneficial relationships between human animals and other animals. Animal welfare groups seek to find the best possible relationships. Modern human animals need to be reminded of what the indigenous people know, that we are all equals, and all equally important. Modern human animals need to be taught hands on how to live with non human animals. By asking for a non-animal model, animal rights groups ironically perpetuate the very belief system that can lead to animal abuse.

Thank you,

Sherrell Cuneo



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Carrie Covell <

Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:44 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 6:21 PM Carrie Covell

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

Please do not reinstate pony rides at Griffith Park and continue to exploit animals. A life in slavery is no life for any sentient being. The historical lack of oversight at the Griffith Park pony rides and petting zoo led to severe neglect and abuse of animals previously kept there. Additionally, our outrageously overburdened shelter system is in no position to oversee Griffith Park operations.

Let's teach our children to respect animals, not use them. I would support and use any non-animal entertainment at the park. Thank you very much!

Carrie Covell



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I support bringing back live pony rides to Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: David Soyka <

Thu, Aug 29, 2024 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Thu, Aug 29, 2024 at 7:57 AM David Soyka > wrote:

Hello, I am a native Angelino and have lived here for 63 years. I fondly remember the pony rides growing up and I began taking my daughter to ride since she was old enough to sit on the "slow ride" ponies.

In these times when the video game is king, how can we take away from our children the precious experience of riding a pony? This was available to EVERYONE and until recently cost THREE DOLLARS!!

Please ask those who oppose live ponies if they are from, or live in Los Angeles. Ask them if their children ever rode on the live ponies. My guess is that you find these people never experienced that joy. Chances are they are being paid to oppose the ponies which would mean that the opposition are not constituents. How can we let this happen?

Respectfully,

David Soyka



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please ban animal-based entertainment in Griffith Park!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Catherine Hensley <

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 2:20 PM Catherine Hensley > wrote:

To the Board of Recreation and Parks commissioners:

I'm writing to urge you to use a non-animal model when bringing entertainment attractions to Griffith Park. Constituents want an animal-free model in Griffith Park and a ban on all animal-based entertainment. There is no acceptable option for a concession stand that exploits animals. Forcing animals into situations in which they're used to entertain noisy crowds is oppression, and it's time the city moved on from this cruel, antiquated practice.

The city's lack of oversight of the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo meant that elderly ponies suffered from dehydration, untreated urgent dental problems, hoof ailments, and saddle sores yet were still forced to work.

It's time to move forward and away from animal-based entertainment!

Sincerely,

Catherine Beauchamp
Pasadena, CA



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: PLEASE END THIS INHUMANE CRUELTY!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Brianna Brann <

Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:28 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Sat, Aug 10, 2024 at 9:39 AM Brianna Brann <

> wrote:

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING!

Constituents want an animal-free model in Griffith Park and a ban on all animal-based entertainment. There is no acceptable option for a concession stand that exploits animals. Forcing animals into situations in which they're used to entertain noisy crowds is oppression, and it's time the city moved on from this cruel, antiquated practice.

Manipulating animals against their will for ticket sales shows a lack of empathy for their well-being, leading to poor living conditions and inadequate care, as we saw with the former pony rides and petting zoo.

Council Member Nithya Raman would like to push more responsibility onto LA Animal Services, even though it is in the midst of a crisis and can't keep up with its current duties. Animal shelters are over capacity, and calls for assistance are pouring in and often going unanswered. The city doesn't have the time or other resources to monitor the treatment of animals at public exhibits.

The city's lack of oversight of Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo meant that elderly ponies suffered from dehydration, untreated urgent dental problems, hoof ailments, and saddle sores yet were still forced to work.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please reinstate Griffith Park pony rides!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:46 AM

To: ida dizon <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 8:05 PM ida dizon <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners of Rec and Parks,

The Griffith Park Pony rides are a historical landmark and much loved by the children and families of Los Angeles. The lines were 4 hours long the last weekend of the pony rides in December of 2022. Please reinstate the Griffith park pony rides with an RFP ASAP with a gold standard of care!!!

Also....What is happening to Griffith Park? Why are the plunge pool, merry go round and Mulholland fountain nonfunctional? Commissioners, we know Angelenos deserve better.

Thank you for your dedication as Commissioners.

Long time Residents of Los Angeles



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: We want live pony rides at Griffith Park!!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: joseph dizon >

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 7:42 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 8:14 PM joseph dizon

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

Please Bring back live pony rides at Griffith Park!! Our historic pony rides should be reinstated at once. Time is precious, there is no further time to waste. There is tremendous community support throughout Los Angeles and beyond for live pony rides.

Please expedite RFP live pony rides at Griffith Park!!

Thank you.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: URGENT PUBLIC SAFETY PLEA

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 To: " <s >

Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:27 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 4:31 PM < > wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From:

To: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>; Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>; Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org>; Walker King <>walker.king@lacity.org>; Jonathan Anderson <jonathan.anderson@lacity.org>; Mayor Karen Bass <karen.bass@lacity.org>; Heather Mata < >; Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>; Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>; < >; Joshua Marin-Mora < >; Linda Doe < >; John Dotto < >; Jeff Swofford < >; Michael Paolini < >; Kristina O'Neil < >; Kim Kevorkian < >; Sabine Jaccaud < >; Sydney Poitier < >; info@hollywoodsign.org <info@hollywoodsign.org>; < >; davic.c.nguyen@lacity.org <davic.c.nguyen@lacity.org>; David Barrett < >; David Shew <dshew >; John Vidovich < >

Cc:**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2024 at 04:29:20 PM PDT**Subject:** URGENT PUBLIC SAFETY PLEA

I WANT THIS LETTER TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD

I am writing to you from the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association about the closing Olympic Ceremonies in Paris this coming Sunday.

Hollywoodland, a fragile, one hundred year old hillside residential neighborhood, 80% surrounded by dry brush in the midst of a VHFSZ with extremely limited egress and ingress, is made up of substandard infrastructure containing narrow, winding, blind curved and dead ended streets with no sidewalks. Our infrastructure just barely handles the needs of our residents. We are already severely impacted daily with thousands of unsupervised tourists who smoke and with their vehicles that congest our streets. We are way past any reasonable capacity. It is dangerous here. We have no infrastructure for tourism. We sit below the Hollywood Sign, which originally said Hollywoodland to advertise our neighborhood from afar. For over eighty years that was how it was experienced--from afar. The severity of the lack of infrastructure for tourists was even featured this very week in a KNBC news story by investigative reporter Joel Grover.

Now we understand that the Hollywood Sign is to be prominently featured in the closing ceremonies of the Olympics on Sunday. Any extra promotion of the Sign greatly and negatively impacts our neighborhood. Were we involved in planning? No. Were we even informed of this

event? No. We learned about it from a press release. No one has yet to reach out to us. We are talking about public safety, smoking, congested streets, our homes and our lives. Stunts like this are done in arenas, stadiums, and other public areas with enormous supporting infrastructure like the area where this is originating in Paris--not in a vulnerable residential neighborhood where it is ending. The fact that this was filmed earlier is irrelevant. Again any unusual promotion of the Sign ends up with an additional army of visitors.

We are demanding that you close off our neighborhood from tourists this Sunday. (This has been done in the past when there is a rare lighting of the Sign.) If you do not have the resources, approach the LA Olympic Committee or the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. So far the planning of this event has been a total failure, and if this reflects what is to come, the '28 Olympics will be a total disaster unlike the extremely well organized and profitable Olympics of 1984. Your total lack of concern and consideration for the residents of Los Angeles and their safety is stunning.

Again, we are talking about an issue of public safety. We are talking about fire danger in one of the worst fire seasons California has ever had. Olympic organizers should have contacted us. City government, particularly CD4 which is more acquainted with our limitations, should be representing us, particularly after reaching out to them for help.

To our knowledge, nothing is being done to protect us.

Are you really willing to risk our lives and homes on a publicity stunt? Luck is not a suitable public safety strategy. We are only asking for the most basic protections that have been used in the past to be employed again for this very unique event. We are anxiously awaiting a reply. Time is running out!

Sarajane Schwartz
President
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LA Govt Criminal negligence | FIRE | Hollywoodland / Lake Hollywood

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: James MA Williams

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 7:40 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 4:18 PM James MA Williams <
Good Afternoon Mayor and Nithya,

> wrote:

I have experienced in the last 2 years a ramp up of tourist activity in Beachwood, Hollywoodland and Hollywood Lake that is dangerous. Now we see the Hollywood sign promoted by the Olympics. You need to come up here and experience the chaos. This will end in disaster I assure you. Ignoring this unfolding situation is criminal negligence with no question.

Reports of 40k cars in 2 weeks at Lake Hollywood
Tourists being hit by cars
Tourists smoking
Armies of tourists in the middle of the road with no pathways
No police management
Little parking management

Add to that there is a **fire report** which has designated this area at high imminent risk which has been ignored by this group - which I read about on NBC 4. Also the Hollywoodland HHA have reported this with apparently no action - i found their notes.

PLEASE DO SOMETHING.

MASSIVE FIRE REPORT

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/investigations/los-angelesneighbors-near-hollywood-sign-say-2028-olympic-tourists-could-cause-massive-fire/3477099/>

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUES

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0721_PC_PM_08-29-2023.pdf

Thank you for your attention.

James



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Urgent Sylmar RC Concern

1 message

Traci Goldberg <traci.goldberg@lacity.org>

Sat, Aug 10, 2024 at 3:51 PM

To: Susan Cienfuegos <

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Cc: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org" <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>, "brenda.aguirre@lacity.org" <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, "richard.kraveitz@lacity.org" <Richard.Kraveitz@lacity.org>, Juan Aynat <juan.aynat@lacity.org>, Yamil Verde <yamil.verde@lacity.org>

Hi Susan. Thank you so much for bringing this to my/our attention. I'll speak with Yamil and his District Supervisor regarding the allegations and conduct a full investigation.

Thanks again for reaching out.

Traci Goldberg
 Superintendent
 Valley Region Recreation
 6335 Woodley Avenue
 Van Nuys, CA 91406
 Stop # 641
 818-756-8060

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

On Sat, Aug 10, 2024 at 3:42 PM Susan Cienfuegos <

> wrote:

Good afternoon,

My name is Susan Reid. I am a parent and volunteer coach of two children who have been participating in recreational sports and camps at Sylmar RC for the last 4 years. My family was very warmly welcomed into a supportive community that values the wellbeing and success of every child. I am writing today as a concerned parent, community member, and pediatric medical provider in the community. The very few instances of unfair or unjust behavior by a child or adult that I have witnessed have been addressed quickly and effectively. Unfortunately, this is not the case with a volunteer co-rec minors and majors basketball coach. For the past 2 basketball seasons at Sylmar RC, Coach Kelvin Ceron has been observed verbally demeaning players on his team, encouraging inappropriate aggressive physical play, contacting parents outside of team/park business attempting to recruit to his travel team, and taking pictures of children on his personal cell phone during basketball evaluations.

Coach Kelvin has a very loud and deep voice and the words and tones he uses are clear to the entire gym when these incidences occur. This past Saturday 7/27 during a co-rec majors basketball game, I witnessed Kelvin aggressively yell at his players, score keeper (park staff who is a minor), and the sole referee of the day. Of the offenses I am aware of this is the most concerning as my own children and the other's present witnessed this behavior. These *actions are unacceptable* and this person cannot in good conscience continue to be allowed access to these children.

Multiple parents and park staff have approached Sylmar RC director regarding this matter and the response is disappointing. Yamil let us know that the coach has been spoken to and is apparently apologetic. He also assured us parents that a full time staff member would be present at each of this coaches games. If a volunteer coach needs supervision outside of shadowing to learn the game, he should not be allowed to coach.

Participation in youth team sports should build confidence and teach valuable life skills. The presence of this adult is doing the opposite and proving to be detrimental to our community with some people verbalizing they no longer feel safe bringing their children to or allowing their children to work for Sylmar RC. We do not know, nor can we control, what each park athlete is exposed to in their home, but *you can* control what they are exposed to at Sylmar RC. I propose that Kelvin is dismissed of his volunteer coaching positions immediately and replaced by park staff. While this may be a burden to the park and staff I am confident they or other volunteer coaches will step up in their place. If there is a concern that players may drop out, Sylmar RC typically has a waitlist of players every season who I'm confident would love an opportunity to play.

I implore you to look into this urgent matter.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Urgent Sylmar RC Concern

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Susan Cienfuegos <

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Thank you for your time,

Susan Cienfuegos Reid
Parent, coach, nurse practitioner - pediatrics



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA COUNCIL EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 9:39 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

AUGUST 12

The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti

Attach picture

Mauro Garcia



Authorized vehicles only

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
KXPA

TOPZ
QRE

Evil Cat Kitty

NUM PARK 3

COME INSIDE!!

TOPZ ONE

* [Circular Graffiti] *

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westchester Park

1 message

Bill Lopez Jr. <bill.lopez.jr@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 3:32 PM

To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Melody Valenzuela <melody.Valenzuela@lacity.org>, Raul Leon <raul.leon@lacity.org>, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

Westchester Recreation Center is frequently serviced by the Homeless Related Services team. It is on schedule for tomorrow and there are currently two encampments in the park that have been posted for cleanup tomorrow morning. We must provide an advance 24 hour notice before the cleanup service takes place. Westchester is serviced twice a month and sometimes gets an additional service that is requested from Council District 11. There are also times when our assessment teams arrive on site for posting encampments within the park and fortunately do not find any encampments in the park. As it relates to tents in the park that are on the ground, we will continue our consistency in enforcing homeless encampment cleanups.

As for the matters that relate to Vehicle Dwellings and illegal activity on park grounds, I have included Chief Ranger Joe Losorelli, Captain Patrick Joyce, and Senior Park Ranger Frank Baron in this conversation who can respond to these issues. Council District 11 has also shared that this particular park is on their priority list and have added additional service to this park via their LASAN Coastal Care+ team that visits this location on Thursday for additional service. They also work with the Senior Lead Officers from LAPD to assist with any law enforcement issues. I hope this information helps. Thank you



Bill Lopez Jr.

Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II

City of Los Angeles | Department of Recreation and Parks

Homeless Related Services Team

Mail Stop: 656

3900 Chevy Chase Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90039

Phone: (213) 241-9303

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 8:17 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please see the email. For your information.

Thank you

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Joanie Matheson**

Date: Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 2:52 PM

Subject: Westchester Park

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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harassing people at the tennis courts. Basically just go down the list of posted regulations and see none are enforced. Recent events strongly suggest it's also a hub for gang activity.

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Joan Matheson
Westchester Homeowner



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westchester Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Joanie Matheson

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 7:50 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 2:52 PM Joanie Matheson

wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Failing Stone Wall - Western Canyon near Griffith Observatory

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Annette Sikand <

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 7:51 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 4:06 PM Annette Sikand <

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners:

I have been a resident of Los Feliz for over 60 years. I frequently hike in Griffith Park and have also financially supported several projects in Griffith Park, including the expansion of the Park and improvements to the Berlin Forest, Dante's View and Captain's Roost. I knew former councilmember Tom LaBonge and worked with him on several of these projects. One of the projects that was dear to Tom's heart was the failing wall on Western Canyon near the Griffith Observatory.

The 300-ft long, 5-ft tall stone wall was constructed by Federally assisted workers during the 1930s. Two Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps flourished in Griffith Park, and many skilled infrastructure projects were completed within the Park itself. The CCC workers took pride in craftsmanship and learned trades, such as stonework, from instructors. This gave the workers an advantage in seeking private employment later.

Friends of Griffith Park has sought interest from Recreation and Parks (RAP) in preserving the wall and initiating repair work as far back as 2010. Sections of the historic wall have collapsed since then. Other areas are missing stones, show loss of mortar and other kinds of deterioration. A complete set of wall photos from 2011 when compared to photos of the current condition illustrates that loss of stone and wall segments has accelerated dramatically.

Friends of Griffith Park obtained RAP's permission and funded a "Structural Assessment" of the WPA Wall in Summer 2022. It was completed in December 2022, and a 21-page report was delivered. The cost exceeded \$10,000.

It has now been a year and a half since the Assessment was presented to RAP management with no "next steps" identified. One of the immediate recommendations in the Assessment is to create barrier so pedestrians do not contribute to the deterioration of the walls. This has not been done.

The Friends of Griffith Park and other supporters including myself, Mark LaBonge and The Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust would like to continue to the next steps toward planning the restoration on the 300-ft long wall, realizing that now only portions of it are recoverable in their historic 1930s glory.

With Los Angeles hosting the upcoming Olympics, it is important to showcase our beautiful city and parks. The Observatory and Griffith Park are some of our jewels that we are proud of. We have the opportunity to save this wall which is a beautiful piece of our history.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Sikand



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dangerous homeless encampment behind Wattles Mansion

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 8:03 AM

To: Leland Orser <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 6:46 PM Leland Orser <

> wrote:

Renata and Luis:

There is a dangerous homeless encampment behind the Wattles Mansion off Hollywood boulevard in Hollywood.

I am told that your offices have been contacted repeatedly for the past two months regarding this issue and promises have been made to clear this highly dangerous situation.

There was already a very serious fire there in that exact location in mid June.

It is extremely hot. The brush is extremely dry. This is a disaster set to blow up at any moment. Many homes are in harms way.

6 male occupants are living there. Likely dangerous and armed. Lots of junk trash clothing papers etc hoarded in that area. No fire hydrant on the property.

Please make this unacceptable and preventable situation an immediate priority and send a team out immediately to clear this encampment. Our neighborhood association head has gotten no action from you all so far.

The Wattles Mansion property address is 1824 N Curson Avenue. Our neighborhood is a very high risk fire area as we abut the canyons on both sides.

Many thanks

Leland Orser



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Homeless encampment fire hazard

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: JLeigh < >

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:32 PM JLeigh < > wrote:
Dear Renata Simrol and Luis Sanchez,

I'm writing because my neighbors and I are all very concerned about out a homeless encampment behind the historic Wattles Mansion, located at 1824 N Curson ave Los Angeles Ca 90046

Last June there was a fire at this encampment- the fire dept was able to get there before it spread too quickly (it was big) and cleared the encampment. But now the encampment is back. We have reached out to different sources for help and I had a very good exchange with Patrick Siggins who is aware of the encampment and trying to coordinate with recreation and parks to clear it. I thought I would try to help move this forward by reaching out to you both. As the weather is hotter and the brush is drier. The neighborhood is getting quite concerned because the encampment is still there. And it is a true fire hazard.

Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered California state officials and local leaders to "humanely remove encampments from public spaces" and *act "with urgency," prioritizing those that most threaten health and safety."

We need help here. We can't do it without you. The brush gets drier everyday. Please help us keep this neighborhood safe from fires, please clear everyone from this encampment.

Thank you for your time and help with this urgent matter.

All the Best
Jennifer Morrow

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Homeless Encampments at Wattles Garden

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Ann Davidson >

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 7:48 PM Ann Davidson <

> wrote:

Hello from Curson Avenue Canyon,

As a resident of Wattles Drive I do my best to watch out for stray trash, brush, and homeless campgrounds in our area which could lead to an eventual fire. I walk the canyon daily. I take photos and observe and I take my trash bag and gloves with me to clean up after people. The recent fire we had above Wattles Mansion in June was terrifying. At 3:00 AM we had choppers, fire trucks everywhere, the smell of smoke nearby and no way of knowing where it was coming from. As I am across the street from the Trebek Wilderness I am always conscious of what could happen. Back in June I thought my dark thoughts had come to pass. I am emailing to beg you to remove the homeless encampment above Wattles Mansion. There is not much more that I can say. My grandmother lost her home to fire 2x in her life. It is a real fear of mine and other neighbors in this canyon. Thank you for all you do and are trying to accomplish, and I add my name and words to your list of people who are concerned about this particular encampment.

Kind regards,

Ann Davidson

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Unacceptable

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Racquel Quintero >

Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 10:23 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 6:48 PM Racquel Quintero < > wrote:

At the competition Friday, August 9th the main person in charge blamed the over 2 hour late start on the coaches which is not only bogus but completely cowardly to not take ownership. As the head person YOU are responsible for those below you, YOU are the reason they were not ready and to stand there and tell a crowd of parents it's the fault of the coaches, wow! Last year SAME problem lack of leadership and organization and all under the same head person. He is the problem! Most parents don't have their children eat full meals to prevent sickness for competition, so for the event to not be on time and prepared is unacceptable and falls under child neglect for the wellbeing of the children involved. In addition to them not eating properly as a result there's also the cold as this event is in the evening and to have them wet for long periods of time also not in the best interest of the child. Lastly, parking! Many of us had to park blocks away and to have this end late in the night and we have to walk with our small children is unsafe.

Completely unacceptable.

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 To: Sharon Roesler <

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:45 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 12:46 PM Sharon Roesler <

> wrote:
 TO: Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

Kevin De Leon, CD 14, Los Angeles City Council and Mayor of Los Angeles

Re: Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project, a joint project between Pasadena and South Pasadena

Please do not approve the Arroyo Seco Water Reuse project (the Project) until and unless Highland Park resident's and Native American tribe, concerns about the project are acknowledged, cured, and incorporated into the plan and residents are allowed to participate in a real outreach process. The City of Los Angeles should negotiate to incorporate community concerns in the project. San Pascual Park land should not be removed as open space with City of Los Angeles residents receiving no meaningful benefits.

The Project will use San Pascual Park land which is located in Highland Park to build a water filtration project. They claim this is necessary to clean the water from the Arroyo Seco channel. The San Pascual Park land that will be used is currently located on the east side of the channel and is a virtual small forest. The Project will fence Highland Park land and make it inaccessible to City of Los Angeles residents and other users of the park. This land is currently used by area residents for hiking, running, bird and wildlife watching, equestrian use, and by local residents who come to sit by the water on hot days because it is approximately 10 degrees cooler in the forest.

An objective EIR was not conducted. The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was written by Psomas, who will oversee the construction. This is a conflict of interests. MND and CEQA clearly state the project will have a negative permanent impact on the area but the strange conclusion of the MND states the overall impact is minimal or insignificant. We are very concerned about these conclusions.

There was no meaningful outreach or engagement to users of the park, residents of the San Pascual Valley, Native American tribes, Equestrian users of the park, City of Los Angeles residents, or to the Highland Park Neighborhood council. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was mailed to just 98 Highland Park residents within 500 feet of the park. Most of these residents do not recall the notice which was mailed just before the Thanksgiving Holidays in 2023. In the whole of Pasadena, South Pasadena and Los Angeles only two residents submitted comments on the MND. This lack of participation shows that the community was largely unaware of the project and its impacts to their community.

The San Pascual Neighborhood is unique. It is largely a bowl which is bordered by the hillside of Avenue 66, the York Street bridge, South Pasadena and the 110 freeway/ Arroyo Seco Parkway. Most residents live from across the street from the freeway to within half a mile of the freeway. Thousands of vehicles pass by each day. Because of its topography residents are susceptible to heat which settles in the community and pollution from the I-110 freeway. Fortunately, the area has had an abundance of mature trees which have protected residents from heat and pollution. This tree canopy in the past decade has been reduced by development.

I am concerned that this project will remove 136 mature trees out of 166 trees (82 percent) from the San Pascual site. Thirty-six of these trees are protected. More than a quarter of the tree removals will be of protected trees. The 166 trees that are adjacent to the Arroyo Seco channel make up a small green belt forest that is a haven for area wildlife. The destruction of this small forest will be felt as it protects San Pascual residents from pollution, noise and heat. It provides protection from the I-110 freeway.

* I am concerned that 15 mature trees will be removed from the Los Angeles of our San Pascual Park in Highland Park. Nine (9) of these trees are protected. Four (4) mature coast live oaks and five (5) Mexican elderberries will be removed. We need the trees as we face unprecedented climate change impacts. The replacement of trees will not provide any benefit to the community for 10 to 20 years in terms of shade or protection from air and noise pollution.

* I oppose the removal of any protected trees from our open space/green space on the San Pascual Park property which is in Highland Park and is located east of the Arroyo Seco channel and south of San Pascual bridge.

* The San Pascual stables until recently allowed run-off from the stables including manure to run into the Arroyo Seco channel. The water should be retested.

* The historic Arroyo Seco stone hitching post located on Highland Park land in San Pascual Park to the east of the Arroyo Seco Channel south of the San Pascual Park should be not be removed. It should be preserved in place.

* The huge concrete pad which will cover the Pumping Station should be on South Pasadena property, not Highland Park's San Pascual Park property.

* Water resources should be shared with the City of Los Angeles.

* Wildlife should be protected.

* I am concerned that the Project will make San Pascual Park Land in Highland Park inaccessible to area residents

Name: S h a r o n R o e s l e r



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge Housing

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Sherrell Cuneo >

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 7:46 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 2:57 PM Sherrell Cuneo <

> wrote:

Dear Recreation & Parks Commissioners,

Hello, first of all thank you for the work that you do for our community. You know me, I have been coming to meetings for the past year and a half as a supporter of bringing back the pony rides. In that time, I have been impressed by your reasoned, and thoughtful response to the many complex situations that have been presented to you. Today I'm writing as a long time resident of Los Feliz about the Bridge Housing situation. The Bridge Home is in a temporary structure on public parkland that, to my knowledge was supposed to become a new home for the Senior Center after three years. The lease has been renewed twice now, in both cases you judiciously asked CD4 for a timeline that could be presented to the community for decommissioning the site. To my knowledge CD4 has never provided that timeline.

Local neighbors have voiced their concerns about safety issues near the Bridge Home to both CD4 representatives and to you, the RAP Commissioners. I will say that I find you more willing to listen to the concerns of the neighborhood than our own Councilmember. I look forward to the implementation of the Ambassador Program which, I believe, is supposed to be up and running by the end of this month. I also recall you requesting updates regarding the Bridge Housing every two months, thank you for that, and I look forward to hearing how things are progressing.

I don't think that the concerns of the local residents are unfounded. Crimes rates rose astronomically when the Bridge Housing moved in, 300% from the year 2000 to 2022. The Bridge Housing is within walking distance of a nursery school and a children's playground. I don't think it's unreasonable for parents to be concerned about drug paraphernalia etc around pre-school children. There is also the matter of the long promised upgrade to the senior center. While the true measure of society is indeed how it treats its weakest members, one hopes that solving the homelessness problem needn't necessarily be at the expense of toddlers and the elderly.

There is also the question of whether the Bridge Housing shelter is being run in the most fiscally responsible way. I read that there is housing available that is not being used, and I have heard that the RAP Commission has asked the Office of the City's CAO to review operations and finances. Thank you for that. The Los Feliz community understands the importance of safe, affordable housing for all, and

hopes that with your help that can be provided without depriving the community, people of all ages, of it's much needed parks. Please help Griffith Park be a park for all ages.

Thank you,

Sherrell Cuneo



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge Home Shelter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Marilyn Bush <

Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 7:39 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Sat, Aug 17, 2024 at 9:45 PM Marilyn Bush <
To Recreation and Parks Commissioners.

> wrote:

Good morning Commissioners,

My name is Marilyn Bush. I am past President of the Los Feliz Improvement Association as well as the Los Feliz Library and years of involvement in others volunteer efforts. I was, for 5 years, a Commissioner on the Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families.

I spoke to you two months ago regarding problems at the Bridge Home Shelter and urged you **not** to extend further the facility on Riverside Drive due to the negative impact in the area. Subsequently that contract was extended for an additional two years.

I now urge you to establish a reliable monitoring system of the many contracts extended to prevent illegal and unsafe conditions/activities in and outside the shelter. These activities constantly affect not only those very persons housed at Bridge Home Shelter but spill out into the surrounding neighborhood.

Without accountability of these many contracts they are nothing but a waste of money.

Thank you for your considerations.

Marilyn Bush



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Constituent concerns

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Louis Wenzlaff < >

Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 7:57 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Sun, Aug 25, 2024 at 4:45 PM Louis Wenzlaff < > wrote:

August 25, 2024

Dear Recreation and Parks (RAP) Commissioners and General Manager Jimmy Kim,

Thank you for listening to the public comment from all the community members who spoke during public comment at the June 20 and July 18, August 14 RAP Commission meetings.

Against public demands to decommission the shelter, there was a decision to reinstate the lease for Bridge Home shelter on Riverside Drive for a 5th year!

While disappointing, we were encouraged that the Commission agreed to having Council District 4 implement the long-promised Ambassador Program by the end of August 2024. Exterior security is desperately needed for the surrounding community, so thank you Mr. Kim and commissioners for caring about our park and neighborhood. As of August 25th, we understand there has not been any Ambassador Program vendor brought on board for Riverside Bridge Home.

Also, our understanding is that the RAP Commission called on the City's CAO's office to review the Bridge Home shelter operations and financial situation by December 2024. We are hopeful the CAO's office will work with not only CD4 and PATH but also the Los Feliz community at large for gathering insights through community groups and interested individuals as defined in the RAP

Commission mandate made on June 20, 2024.

In line with Judge Carter's mandate to the City of Los Angeles, LAHSA, as well as PATH and other nonprofits need to account for homeless funding spent to date. Thus far, this has not been done and our unhoused neighbors in the temporary Bridge Home shelter have not been helped.

The community of Los Feliz continues to desire a plan for decommissioning the shelter as it is now in year 5 (after a 3 year initial agreement with the community,) and the temporary structure rests on public parkland in one of the greatest parks in America - Griffith Park, where housing is not allowed. We want the Commission to decommission the shelter and find permanent supportive housing outside of Griffith Park.

Sincerely,
Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge Shelter in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Victor Adjemian <

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 10:11 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM Victor Adjemian < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Parks Commissioners
and Jimmy Kim;

We appreciate your listening to public comment regarding the Bridge Home Shelter in Griffith Park, but are disappointed that your commission has extended the Bridge Home lease for an additional year.

While very discouraging, we were excited that your commission wants CD4 to implement the illusive Ambassador Program by the last day of August, 2024. However, it appears that CD4 is not willing to cooperate with the Ambassador Program initiative, and as of mid August there has been no progress in establishing this program.

Your office has also requested that the City's CAO office review and audit the Bridge Home shelters operations and financial records by the end of 2024. We are hopeful that your commission periodically check on the progress of this audit to ensure its timely completion.

The Los Feliz community originally supported the promised 3 years existence of the Bridge Shelter and now wants the shelter decommissioned. The experiment of housing within Griffith Park has been less than successful and now needs to be removed.

Thank you listening, and we hope your commission can step forward to maintain and control one of the greatest parks in this country.

Thank you,
Victor Adjemian

August 23, 2024

Rec & Parks Commission
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Dear Rec & Parks (RAP) Commissioners and General Manager Jimmy Kim,

Thank you for listening to the public comment from all the community members who spoke during public comment at the June 20, July 18 and the August 14 RAP Commission meetings.

We understand from the last RAP Commission meeting that, against public demands to decommission the shelter, there was a decision to reinstate the lease for Bridge Home shelter on Riverside Drive for a 5th year.

While disappointing, we were encouraged the Commission held fast to having Council District 4 implement the long-promised Ambassador Program by the end of August 2024. While this is no measure of the desperately needed exterior security for the surrounding community and may be an internal hire from PATH (operator), it is progress after 1.5 years because of your Commission and General Manager Kim caring about our park. Disappointingly, as of August 13, we understand there has not been any Ambassador Program vendor brought on board for Riverside Bridge Home. Again, any Ambassador Program and newly implemented CIRCLE Team do not constitute external security.

As well, our understanding is the RAP Commission called on the City's CAOs office to review the Bridge Home shelter operations and financial situation by December 2024. We are hopeful the CAO's office will work with not only CD4 and PATH but also the Los Feliz community at large for gathering insights through community groups and interested individuals as defined in the RAP Commission mandate made on June 20, 2024.

We look forward to the forthcoming implementation of the Ambassador Program and transparent and truthful reporting on operations at Riverside Bridge Home shelter, in line with Judge Carter's mandate to the City of Los Angeles, LAHSA, as well as PATH and other nonprofits to account for homeless funding spent to date that thus far, have been wholly unaccounted for and that have not helped our unhoused neighbors as we intended in the temporary Bridge Home shelter.

To reiterate, the community of Los Feliz continues to desire a plan for decommissioning the shelter as it is now in year 5 (after a 3-year initial agreement with the community) as the

temporary structure rests on public parkland in one of the greatest parks in America - Griffith Park, where housing is not allowed. This fact, in addition to all the other factors brought to date before the RAP Commission need to be at the forefront of a decision to decommission the shelter as we and other area groups have encouraged CD4 to find permanent supportive housing outside of Griffith Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Cook', written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Cook



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Rustic Canyon Recreation Center | Indoor Basketball Safety Issue

1 message

Zachary Levinson

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Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 12:37 PM

To: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Cc: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Hi Neyda,

Thank you for letting me know.

A group of parents from our team would be more than happy to cover any related expenses - the physical padding and installation costs.

This is a high priority for us. We would like the rec center to take it more seriously. I don't understand how an ambulance and EMT being called to their center for a child doesn't warrant immediate action.

Again, I've now checked with multiple rec centers now and Rustic is the only indoor court without safety padding.

Thank you again,

Zack

On Aug 19, 2024, at 11:10 AM, LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for contacting us. Thank you for letting us know.
Your request has been received.

Thank you,

Neyda

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 9:51 AM Zachary Levinson <

> wrote:

Hello,

I'm reaching out about the indoor basketball court at Rustic Canyon Rec. My son's basketball team practices there. Last week the boys were running sprints and one boy tripped and fell into the wall very hard. It was scary. He lost consciousness and we called an ambulance. After he threw up the EMT's took him to the hospital. Fortunately the CT scan didn't show any internal injuries but it could have been very bad.

My sons play basketball at a few rec centers and they all have safety padding along the wall at the far end of the indoor courts (behind the basket/backboard). When I asked the team at Pali Rec they were shocked - they thought it was a mandatory safety measure.

I reached out to Rustic Canyon Rec and asked if some of the parents and I could donate (purchase/install) safety padding for the court. I was told the request was escalated to the facility director but have not heard anything and have followed up twice. A 7 y/o child was taken to the hospital and they don't take this seriously.

Can someone please help me get a response. It's unsafe and someone could really get hurt. I'm going to check with other rec centers we have played at to see if they have it installed on their indoor basketball courts. I'm not a litigious person by any stretch. But if this is an isolated safety situation at Rustic and they refuse to do anything about it or get back to us to let us rectify it - I don't know what other options the



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Rustic Canyon Recreation Center | Indoor Basketball Safety Issue

1 message

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Thank you,
Zack Levinson



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Confrontation at Oakwood Park Off leash Dogs

1 message

John Gavilan <john.gavilan@lacity.org> Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 2:58 PM
 To: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>
 Cc: print David Black < >, Beth G
 < >, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Animal Control <ani.wlafield@lacity.org>, Councilwoman
 Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Los Angeles Mayor's Office <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, SAMUEL GIL
 < >, Naomi Nightingale < >, BRIAN COOK < >, Mark
 Soslow < >, Pamela Anderson < >, Adolf Alzuphar
 < >, Ed Ferrer < >, Jon Wolff <j >, Lydia Ponce
 < >, Margaret Molloy < >, Carmen FIRST Baptist
 < >, Peggy Kennedy < >, Sharie Abajian <sharie.abajian@lacity.org>,
 Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, "Beth G (WWM)" < >, Brian Averill
 < >, Dillon Chapman < >, Coach Tim For SOCCER
 < > Brian Averill < >, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hello all,

Thank you for the reminder about the fences. During our summer months we are so occupied with summer camp I did forget to remove the white fencing. This afternoon the fencing has been stored away and the public do not have access to the area where the fencing is located.

Thank you!

John Gavilan

Facility Director

Oakwood Recreation Center

[767 California Ave.](#)

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On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 2:51 PM Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote:

The white gates will be removed this week.

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 1:36 PM print

wrote:

Greetings All,

It would definitely assist us all if the Oakwood Park would lock the gates where the white gates are stored. The dog owners go in the open gates and take out the white gates to cover the openings in the gates on the grassy fields.

This occurred several times during the weekend.

It would also assist if the gates could be locked open at all time. It makes some of the dog owners not stay for long periods of time when the dogs keep running out onto the street.

It was a large amount of dogs all over the field.

We need assistance as this off leash dog problem becomes increasingly worst each and every day.

We need assistance from every department in the Los Angeles City. Park Rangers, Animal Control, LAPD and Recreation and Parks.

I'm looking forward to answers and actions being taken.

Awaiting a response.

Thank you
Laddie Williams

Sent from AOL on Android

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 11:38 AM, Another WorldView Is Possible
< > wrote:

It's shocking that these mobile Gates were ever even brought to the Park - with Zero community input , save for opposition. That they've just been left there, for all this time - invokes the legal doctrine of "attractive nuisance".

Another WorldView Is Possible

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024, 9:07 AM David Black wrote:
Thanks for forwarding the pictures

My neighbor and I removed a few of the fences enclosing the park and put them in the locker area behind the field. John - can the fences be moved?

We have not received a date to meet but I do agree with Ms. Williams there seems to be an escalation.

David

On Monday, August 19, 2024 at 08:58:46 AM PDT, Beth G < > wrote:

Hello all

In addition to the escalation in the interactions, many have repeatedly stated that the plastic fencing that was donated to the park to "protect the kids" has been used to close off the park. This weekend, every entrance to Oakwood was blocked by these gates. Please see the three photographs I have attached that show 3 separate park entrances closed off by these gates. We have asked the Oakwood Recreation director numerous times to remove these gates or at the very least lock them away as they are being used exactly as we feared - to encourage unleashed dogs. They were part of a failed experiment that is making the problem worse. **Mr. Gavilan** - we have asked for your help numerous times regarding this but never hear back. Again, these fences are eyesores and being used to make matters worse. They need to be removed from the park.

Did we get a date from all divisions to meet and discuss this matter further? Councilmember Park's office? LAPD?

On Aug 17, 2024, at 2:56 PM, print wrote:

"Just had a crazy interaction with some dog people. Apparently, I should be more concerned with the people at the benches who are murderers and drug dealers who poop on the grass, not the dogs

They are so aggressive too.

Aggressively racist and ignorant."

Dogs running through Soccer practice last night at Oakwood park. One Dad went to ask the off leash dog owners to leash up their dogs and this happened.

The off leash dog owners are out of control at Oakwood Park and this type of talk is problematic and can cause a race riot.

We need HELP Oakwood is not a off leash dog park and the Los Angeles City allowing this to go on every day emboldens the off leash dog owners to say such racist statements.

Lock the gates open, patrol the park (Animal Control, Park Rangers and LAPD). Make Oakwood a no dog park.

We want a response.

Laddie Williams

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

[On Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 6:47 PM, print](#)

[<](#) [>](#) wrote:

Dear LACity Officials,

The mornings have been horrible in the park. Full on dog gathering. In the evenings a lot of golden retrievers and doodles regardless if camp is on or not. So the real update is nothing changes. Its ridiculous that the dogs are off leash while the children are out practicing soccer, enjoying the grass area and a nice Summer evening.

When will some relief come for Oakwood park? We have asked for assistance with this ongoing daily problem.

Half the field is a dog park on the 7th/broadway side/zone.

We have been ignored by all Los Angeles City officials when it concerns these off leash dogs all day everyday. Dog poop everywhere and children and adults stepping in the dog poop.

Where is the meeting with the LA City officials that was promised to the concerned parents and people of the Venice Community? We haven't been responded to about that meeting.

We're demanding assistance with this off leash dog problem that exists daily with no one from LA City helping the Venice Community.

We need to hear from LA City Officials ASAP.

Laddie Williams
Concerned Soccer Grandma
Original Save Venice member

[Sent](#)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LA City Parks; Business / Art Proposal

1 message

RAP Partnerships <rap.partnerships@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 21, 2024 at 1:43 PM

To:

Cc: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org, connect@radako.org

Hello,

Your proposal has been received and reviewed by the Partnership Section. The Department of Recreation and Parks is unable to provide the funding you have requested. Please resubmit your proposal once you are able to secure the necessary funding for your project.

Thank you.

On Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 11:44 AM RAP Partnerships <rap.partnerships@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please use the link below to submit a proposal; once received, someone from our team will reach out.

[Proposal Questionnaire](#)

On Fri, Aug 16, 2024 at 3:26 PM <

> wrote:

Hello RAP,

Please expedite review of and grant the attached proposal for funding to create a high-quality collection of Los Angeles parks themed digital art. Much more to say, but you can also click around my web. Keeping it simple for now.

Respectfully,

Russell Rope

--

Partnership Section
Department of Recreation and Parks
City of Los Angeles
221 N. Figueroa St. Suite 180, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Mail Stop # 628-9
Phone: (213) 202-5600; Fax: (213) 202-2614

Los Angeles Parks Business / Art Proposal

Objective: Create and share a collection of high-quality LA parks themed digital art.

Utility: Creations will promote the parks, healthy lifestyles, and good causes.

Education: Creations will emphasize proper etiquette and respect for our surroundings; specifically, the communities in and around the parks as well as mother nature. Online curations will link to free tutorials for various activities such as calisthenics.

Causes: Creations will be minted as NFTs, then auctioned to raise funds for expansion of both this project and the humanitarian and environmental nonprofit

Creator: Russell Rope is an experienced creator and serial entrepreneur, a native local third generation Los Angeleno, and a fine-tuned machine who has spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy working on his fitness in various parks located around Hollywood and beyond. From running mountain trails, to calisthenics above the bars and not limited to hooping at street level, the creator already more than ever inhabits the parks daily and with tons of awesome ideas on his mind.

Funding: Seeking \$100k (salary/budget), monetization rights, & contacts for sponsorship.



Connect,

Russell Rope



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palms Middle School to serve as Community School Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: David Lefebvre <

Wed, Aug 21, 2024 at 8:02 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 9:58 PM David Lefebvre <

Hello,

My name is David Lefebvre; I'm a resident of Palms I'm writing to urge LA Recreation and Parks to add Palms Middle School to the Community School Parks program as soon as possible.

Two years ago, Palms Middle School was identified as one of the top three sites where a new Community School Park would make the most impact, in terms of the number of new residents that would be served. (See attached Community School Parks Program Update dated September 15, 2022.)

Our neighborhood lacks parks and green space, and would benefit tremendously from a new environment for kids to play. It's a tragedy that the Palms Middle School field currently sits unused every weekend -- but the city has an opportunity to do something great, by simply adding the school to the existing CSP program!


If there is anything else that I or my neighbors can do to help push this forward, I would love to know. Thank you!

Best,
David Lefebvre

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 

SUBJECT: CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
PROGRESS UPDATE: COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2022

Background:

On Jun 2, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners approved the Plan for The Phased Expansion of The Community School Parks Program, 2022 - 2026. The plan included opening 5 middle schools in the fall of 2022. This program would be supervised by the Senior Recreation Director overseeing the Departments Citywide, LA Kids and mobile recreation programs, under the leadership of the Pacific Region Superintendent.

Hiring Update:

The newly promoted Senior Recreation Director overseeing the program reported to this assignment on August 15, 2020. In anticipation of the part-time hiring needs, a part-time job announcement for CSP CAMP DIRECTOR's and RECREATION INSTRUCTOR's to operate these 5 new sites was released on August 10, 2022. Staff has also posted and contacted hiring services, local colleges, and current part-time staff. The posting has drawn 7 applications and staff are currently conducting interviews.

Each site will require at least 2 PT staff to oversee this weekend program. They will need to work with the school site manager to open/close and ready the site areas of use; provide programs and activities for the community; publicize the programs; and order and retain equipment and supplies.

Since the release of the job announcements to the public, interest has been slow. We have outreached through social media, on job placements sites - handshake and indeed, and at local college and Jr college job posting boards. However, the response rate has been low, so we will continue to outreach to specific majors and sports teams at colleges and Recreation organizations.

We have currently interviewed 10 Part-time candidates for both the onsite coordinator and speciality instructors and 4 are in the process of filling out an application for employment. We are hopeful to have these staff on payroll prior to Oct 1, 2022. Training of these staff will be onsite and continuously. The full-time Senior Recreation Director will conduct and plan the training for these staff.

We have another 4 interviews this coming week and are hopeful to find additional qualified candidates. Our efforts will continue so that we are ready to expand as schools are able to be opened.

School Site Selection

Los Angeles Unified School District includes over 400 Elementary Schools and over 70 Middle Schools. Both elementary and middle school play yards and field space can provide multiple community benefits when open to the public during non-school hours. While most LAUSD elementary schools do not have large turf fields, many middle school campuses do have grass fields that are generally more conducive to structured recreational programs.

For the initial pilot program, RAP utilized GIS data to identify elementary schools that had the potential to most significantly increase the number of residents living within a 10-minute walk (1/2 mile) from open space. Based on feedback from assigned CSP staff, youth and community members, some of the primary challenges resulting in low visitation include a lack of awareness regarding CSPs being open for community use, the lack of green space and shade at existing school play yards, and the lack of structured recreational / cultural activities at the CSPs during times of public use.

Although the number of new residents served is a top priority for school site selection, it is important to note that RAP also considers other factors to final selection such as availability of programmable green space or turf (as opposed to only asphalt playards), strong community support, and strong support from LAUSD administration and staff to name a few.

As part of the RAP expansion of the CSP program, we wanted to look at LAUSD Middle Schools. because most have existing grass/turf fields. Grass or turf fields not only provide a more park-like environment for kids to play, it also has the benefits of providing a much cooler play yard during the hot summers as opposed to elementary school sites with only asphalt playards as an option, making it more attractive for patrons to use a CSP. In addition, it allows RAP programs to expand to sports and games that are better suited for grass/turf like soccer.

Similar to how we utilized GIS data to identify Elementary Schools, RAP utilized Trust for Public Land's Park Serve® mapping tool with updated census data to look at the priority areas in the city where a new CSP would make the most impact. We looked at how many new residents would be served through a community school park. We also used LAUSD data to determine existing green space. A list of 30 middle schools with existing green space, respective council districts, and the potential new residents served is part of this report as Table 1.

Table 1 - List of potential LAUSD Middle Schools to serve as Community School Park

<u>Name</u>	<u>CD</u>	<u>RESIDENTS NOT SERVED,2022, Park Serve (approx)</u>
Pio Pico Middle School	10	11,564
Sun Valley Magnet: Engineering Technology	2	9,857
Palms Middle School	5	8,768
<i>Robert Fulton College Prep Communication Arts/Music Magnet (6th-12th grade)</i>	6	8,476
Northridge Middle School	12	8,197
Francisco Sepulveda Middle School	7	7,322
Pacoima Middle School	7	6,848
Virgil Middle School	13	6,681
Emerson Middle	5	6,342
Barack Obama Global Preparation Academy	8	6,175
Mark Twain Middle School	11	5,604
Patrick Henry Middle School	12	5,185
Millikan Middle School	4	5,162
Orville Wright Engineering and Design Magnet	11	4,833
Ernest Lawrence Middle School	12	4,764
James Madison Middle School	2	4,746
<i>Sylmar Leadership Academy (TK-8)</i>	7	4,630
George K Porter Middle School	12	4,624
Thomas Starr King Middle School Magnet: Film and Media	4	4,354
Daniel Webster Middle School	11	4,200
John Burroughs Middle School	4	3,656

Samuel Gompers Middle School	8	3,505
Wilmington Middle School STEAM Magnet	15	3,200
Van Nuys Middle School	2	3,156
Vista Middle School	6	3,013
John Muir Middle School	9	2,733
Christopher Columbus Middle School	3	2,705
Walter Reed Middle School	2	2,290
Robert Frost Middle School	12	2,215
Mary McLeod Bethune Middle School	9	2,085

Red - denotes schools that has existing permits for other uses

Identified in **BOLD** - *Pio Pico, Barack Obama, Samuel Gompers, John Muir, and Mary Mcleod Bethune* have been identified as the 5 priority middle schools that would potentially serve between 20- 26K new residents. We intentionally focused on one geographic region of the city for this phase of the expansion in order to focus our hiring and training efforts.

LATEST UPDATE WITH LAUSD:

LAUSD Facilities team has been working in setting up meetings with Principals of the 5 aforementioned middle schools. Out of the five priority schools, only the principal of Pio Pico Middle School responded with a meeting date. Obama Middle School, and Bethune Middle School were unresponsive. Principal from Gompers Middle school responded, but a meeting has yet to be scheduled. Principal from John Muir middle school declined having the program at their school. This lack of responsiveness from LAUSD principals poses a challenge for implementation of the program to have 5 schools open in the Fall of 2022.

On September 1, 2022, RAP Staff, Mayor’s office, LAUSD Facilities Staff, and Interim Principal of Pio Pico Middle School met to discuss potential use of Pio Pico Middle School’s outdoor play area as part of the Community School Parks program. Principal responded positively and is amenable to having Pio Pico be our first Community School Park Middle School. We are looking to do an opening launch event in October to re-start the Community School Park program with the Mayor’s office and LAUSD.

Each school launch will consist of the following:

Opening Welcome; Morning activities; Lunch break; Afternoon Activities. We will also provide a calendar of classes and the ability to register onsite.

Activity times would vary depending on the availability of instructors; we currently have instructors for soccer, ultimate frisbee, kickboxing, origami fidget toys, skateboarding, and martial arts.

PROPOSED ROLL OUT OF EXPANSION:

RAP staff is looking at creative ways to engage the local schools hesitancy of the Community School Parks Program. The idea is to provide principals the opportunity to see the programs in action on the weekends through Demonstration days. RAP Staff will schedule a demonstration of clinics or classes we can offer on weekends at the 4 additional targeted middle schools where the principal is still unsure about the program. RAP can also combine the demo day with a job opportunity event so that our efforts can double as a way to recruit potential CSP instructors and site coordinators from the local community. The extra benefit of these demonstration days is to allow principals and facility staff the ability to see the impact to the school, to garner interest from the community, and give RAP time to recruit and hire additional staff. RAP is hopeful to have these demonstration days in the Fall of 2022 and to be able to open the additional 4 schools in January of 2023.

As we continue to operate and hire more staff, RAP would need to expand its annual CSP budget requesting for additional full-time staff oversight, part-time site coordinators and instructors, and begin to look into security measures to continue to expand. RAP would like to continue to meet with additional LAUSD schools, do additional demonstration days, and be at 10 school sites in Fall of 2023.

Equipment

Each LAUSD site will need a minimum of a 10x20 secured storage container with shelving and stocked with canopies, tables, chairs, wagons, signage (welcome, restrooms, enter/exit, classes), sound system, first aid supplies, PPE's and cleaning supplies, seasonal sports equipment and art supplies. All of these supplies can be obtained through existing City contracts and accessible within 4 weeks of ordering.

Mobile Recreation Units

RAP's mobile recreation program has 2 vehicles that are used for events, pocket parks and at our CSP locations to bring specialized one-time programs and clinics to a site. This program is also scheduled and staffed by the Senior Recreation Director that is overseeing the CSP and RAP's LA Kids program.

The Mobile units will be used for all of the proposed Demonstration Days at the new LAUSD sites. Both vans are being equipped with WiFi and have tablets so we would be able to offer technology classes and also use the public WiFi for class registration.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dog Park Maintenance

1 message

Miriam Preissel

To: Wayne Neal <wayne.neal@lacity.org>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Javier Solis <Javier.Solis@lacity.org>, Chinyere Stoneham <Chinyere.Stoneham@lacity.org>, Brian Yamasaki <brian.yamasaki@lacity.org>, Recreations and Parks Commisioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, Rosie Avetisyan <rosie.avetisyan@lacity.org>, Ramon Barajas <ramon.barajas@lacity.org>, Mihran Kalaydjian <Mihran.Kalaydjian@lacity.org>, Danica Middleton <Danica.Middleton@lacity.org>, Linda Schwering <Linda.Schwering@lacity.org>, Surat Hazra <Surat.Hazra@lacity.org>, Angelica Rojas <angelica.rojas@lacity.org>, Maria Gomez <Maria.a.gomez@lacity.org>

Wayne, Jimmy Kim, RAP Supervisors, Rosie Avetisyan and Recreation and Parks Commisioners,

I have been coming to the park since it opened in 1996, I am very well aware of when the park is scheduled to close for regular maintenance and we work with Maria Gomez on daily maintenance, who is very responsive and we understand the problem with the homeless cutting holes in the fences etc. and the issues that the department has to deal with outside of the planned schedule of maintenance. If you talk to any of the previous maintenance supervisors, the Friends Group for the Park has not been anything other than a helpful group which directs requests to the right departments, field issues and disputes before the city has to field many issues and angry requests that waste your time, has brought Eagle Scout projects and held successful events that included other city departments.

I have recently joined the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council as chair of the RAP committee which has the responsibility to the community to oversee our local parks and the entire basin along with Encino NC. We are volunteers that spend our time advocating and want to work reasonably with RAP, and will reach out to patrons of other parks to hopefully represent consistent and reasonable maintenance and problem solving. To ignore a group that is on the side of the city is curious, this particular request is not unreasonable and a representative with real answers would be appreciated to work with us and attend our meetings.

The park has not been seeded since before the pandemic and my request to have develop a plan based on what has worked in the past 30 years has been ignored. That I've been requesting this for over a year and a half and have had no response which is troublesome. We would like to have this taken seriously and not let this languish for another year and a half.

The question continues to be refurbishment, we know that this is well within the yearly budget but the last plan I heard you mention of sodding would not be. While sodding would involve the same kind of prep that inexpensive seeding would entail, the cost of sod and its lack of success would make this a poor choice. We think it is time to hear the plan and allow the community to have input and set dates.

In the Spring of 2023 Javier Solis said that we would continue the discussion when the time to seed was closer. We have missed last fall, this past spring and now if we continue kicking this down the road, we will be looking at next spring, two years after that response to my inquiry. We are aware that being ignored and this being allowed to languish is a decision that must come from supervisors above the direct supervision of the park.

If we are being unreasonable then I would like to hear why, why this cannot include community input, or input from past maintenance supervisors that have had success in the past to develop a plan that will work for every maintenance supervisor to follow for years to come, a past that spans almost 30 years now. A year and a half should not be acceptable to anyone. No one is asking anyone to reinvent the wheel. Possibly the commisioners can help us? Is there an avenue that we need to go down to work with the department in a reasonable way that I am missing?

We are looking forward to having you or another supervisor come to our meetings and work with us and take this seriously. As a volunteer we don't take our advocacy lightly and we are still here, at your service, our of our appreciation of the parks that the city has to offer on a daily basis and help make them the best possible daily experience and to stay on top of issues like this for the community. And. here we are still asking the same questions regarding what should be a very simple issue. Please respond to the issue of why this is, what's holding this back and when I can put someone on our agenda to meet with us.

On Aug 21, 2024, at 2:40 PM, Wayne Neal <wayne.neal@lacity.org> wrote:

Miriam, Hi

Thank you for sharing your concerns. I would like to say that the park is not being ignored, but please be assured maintenance staff is assigned to the dog park daily. Please note, the facility is closed on Friday's from 6:00AM to 11:00AM for regular maintenance. I would like to mention that our staff delivered additional soil to the dog park and have continued to backfill the ruts dug by the dogs. A select number of low hanging trees will be raised to allow patrons to pass under. The problem with the fence being cut is due to the homeless along the L. A. River, our staff reports a job order for each incident as it is discovered or brought to our attention.

Regarding the refurbishment plans, once they've been finalized, we'll gladly share the plans.

Thank You

WAYNE NEAL

Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II

City of Los Angeles

Dept. of Recreation and Parks

Valley Region Maintenance

Office: (818) 756-8189

Email: Wayne.neal@lacity.org

On Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 5:15 PM Miriam Preissel

wrote:

Can I please get a reply regarding the seeding and landscaping planning for the dog park in the fall. It's been a year and a half since I reached out and asked that this be worked out and have now been ignored by everyone in subsequent emails. I am not sure why our park is being ignored as we had a very good relationship with Michael Shull and he appreciated our community efforts. Throughout his tenure we had a well maintained park. I have reached out to all of your for that same relationship and have not had a pleasure of seeing that happen.

I would appreciate having a supervisor attend our Parks Committee Meeting this Thursday at the Flyaway at 7pm. Please find the agenda attached.

Best,

Miriam Preissel
Chair Parks Committee
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

On Aug 19, 2024, at 5:17 PM, Miriam Preissel <

> wrote:

Dear Recs and Park Supervisors,

We have mentioned the landscaping at the park over a year ago and have not seen a plan or any action. Right now there are areas in the park that are serious dangers for both dogs and people. We can't throw balls from places with these craters for fear of a dog being injured chasing after it. The grass that is being allowed to grow is hiding some of these craters and is especially dangerous. Please see the photos below.

Again, as suggested before, if we are not considering seeding because it has not been planned and executed by present supervisors, I suggest having someone like Ramon Barajas or any other supervisor in the past that had accomplished this and get it done this fall and not wait another year. We are happy to help in anyway possible as we have watched the successes and failures since the opening of the park in '96.

The dogs chase anyone that walks, runs or bikes along the fence right now and it is a major concern that if this is an issue with the planned bike path, it will be a big potential problem as the dogs chase any movement back and forth along the fence and where these craters are. We have actually seen motorcycles coming through the park through the access road as it is right now.

I am now the chair of the parks committee for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and invite you to join our meeting his coming Thursday, August 22nd at the FlyAway Bus Terminal, [7610 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, 2nd Floor at 7pm](#).

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Best,

Miriam Preissel
Chair Parks Committee
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Special Meeting of LBNC & Lake Balboa Recreation and Park Committee

Thursday August 22nd, 2024

6:30PM - 7PM Meeting Starts

FlyAway Bus Terminal

7610 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys

Meeting is on the 2nd Floor

Door will be propped open at top of the stairs

Elevator is available inside Terminal

Parking is free in lot but not in parking structure



Neighborhood Council

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Comments from the public on other matters NOT appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period but cannot be addressed by the board.

1. WELCOME (Chair)
2. DISCUSSION OF INTERESTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TIME COMMITMENTS (Chair)
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. CREATING A CONTINUING PARKS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTEREST
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. RAP SUPERVISORS ON LANDSCAPING AT DOG PARK
7. DISCUSSION OF APPROVING A CIS RESPONDING TO CF 24-0909 (Sepulveda Basin / Encampment Fires / Wildlife Reserve / Water Reclamation Plant / Fire Incident) (Chair)
8. HOMELESS CAMPING AT DOG PARK AND INSIDE SAFE
9. OPEN DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PRIORITIES
 - a. Recreation and Parks Maintenance
 - b. Supporting Lake Balboa and Encino Communities and all patrons of Lake Balboa and Sepulveda Basin Parks
 - c. Working with Encino NC, the Wildlife Steering Committee
 - d. Enforcement Support (Rangers, LAPD AND LAFD)
 - e. Encampments and fires and how new rulings will change enforcement and how we can help.

f. All other concerns considered as future priorities

8 PUBLIC COMMENTS: PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.

Comments from Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. The Brown Act **prevents the board from commenting** on your comments. We are making note of them. Limit 2 minutes per speaker

9 Board Members and NW Block Captains THANK YOU for all you do for our community

10 Adjourn Meeting

Next SCHEDULED Regular Meeting of the LBNC RECREATION AND PARK Committee

Thursday September 26th, 2024

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Rancho Club House

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM

To: John Given <>

Cc: Rachel Ramos <rachel.ramos@lacity.org>, Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 10:09 AM John Given <> wrote:

When the Concessions Subcommittee was cancelled on Thursday, August 15, I was unable to speak and hear a report on the status of the Rancho Clubhouse. Hence, please accept my comments. I serve on the Golf Advisory Board as the representative of Rancho Park's Women's Club, Senior Club and Golf Club, comprising about 1000 active members. While my comments below are my own, they reflect the concerns that I hear daily when I visit Rancho Park.

Rancho Park typically has between 1000 and 1500 daily users from sun-up to 9pm. Since closure of the clubhouse nearly 5 years ago, these daily users, including patrons of the temporary food truck/bar, have access to two single stall and very poorly ventilated bathrooms. Staff has operated from a portable with less than 100 sf. The City is losing out on hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual rental income. Golfers and community members alike are missing out on the myriad benefits of amenities that the clubhouse offers.

Construction activity at Rancho terminated at the end of December, 2023 when demolition, including remediation of lead and asbestos, was completed. Since then the site has been abandoned. Since then periodic reports seek to assure that the project was fully permitted and the concession agreement was up to date. Nine months later, reports of delay resulting from a revised building permit just don't seem to hold water. I have had extensive experience in my career with commercial real estate development, particularly with public/private ventures and agreements. I understand how ventures such as these can get stalled or be successful. One wonders where is the urgency? What is the lynchpin that will get it back on track?

This project is a beautiful, necessary and very achievable plan, part of restoring a jewel on the facility that is the arguably the crown jewel of the City's golf program. This is a profit center benefitting not only golfers but the entire Recreation and Parks system. The golfers and greater community have supported this project. There is great alarm and very little information beyond something to the effect, "everything is in place, just need to get the permit". I would urge the RAP Board's Concession Committee to ask for a full report including:

- ...explanation of the amended building permit, and why construction could not have continued under the prior permit
- ...explanation of the exact status of the current plan check, including whether all plans and calculations, comments and corrections, as required by the City's building officials have been submitted.
- ...explanation of the status of the Concession Agreement, including whether it reflects the total project costs, sources and uses, and schedule of the the project. Does it satisfy the terms and conditions that allow the project investors and lenders to release funds necessary to restart and complete the project?
- ...explanation of whether the Concessionaire has performed under the agreements and is presently constituted to finish the job. As a contingency, what can be done to strengthen the Concessionaire's position or assign the agreement to a more qualified team?

Like myself, I am certain all parties would like nothing more than to receive a report in the next couple of weeks that the project is fully permitted, capitalized, construction has started, and there is a revised completion schedule for the earliest possible date in 2025. But if that is not the case, how can you elevate and resolve the issues and inject urgency to all parties? No one wants to contemplate a do-over. But no-one wants to receive the same report month after month and then face the reality that the project has stalled or failed indefinitely.

Respectfully,
John Given



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dogs without leash

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 11:59 AM

To: Joshua Ruiz >

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 10:19 AM Joshua Ruiz <

> wrote:

Good morning,

My name is Joshua Ruiz

I live near ELA park 2500 n Eastlake ave and everyday there are multiple people who park in front of the park on red and let their dogs run free without leashes. (As I'm typing this someone just let their dog free in the park) there are signs posted that all animals must be on leash but people are treating this as a dog park. My elderly mother tried to take my newborn baby to the park a few weeks ago and someone arrived and let their dogs loose. The dogs jumped on my mother almost knocking her and my baby to the ground. She came back very shaken and is now scared to return to the park. People have made this park very unsafe for children to play in it now. I have reported this to 311 to Keven Deleon to parks and rec and to the park ranger of this location. Nothing has been done to fix this situation I've taken pictures of the cars parked in front of the gate and I was able to take a picture of a dog being released right now. I would like some assistance with this because my child deserves a safe location to play. Thank you for your time. Please I need some help. Someone can get seriously hurt and I'm grateful that my mother and son didn't get hurt during their traumatic experience.

Joshua Ruiz













Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Registering for camps and programs

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 9:31 AM

To: Allison Kiessling <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 9:15 AM Allison Kiessling <

> wrote:

Dear LA Parks Commissioners Office,

I am writing to find out if there is an update on improving the registration process for LAParks activities, in particular, the summer camps. For the past three years when our community has attempted to register our children for summer camps the process has been extremely stressful and inequitable.

Some of the issues we've experienced:

- far too few spots for the number of families wishing to gain access
- the website crashing locking everyone out
- the website being down for multiple hours during which parents must continually refresh the page hoping to catch it working
- registrations "processing" and then disappearing from our accounts
- parents lining up for in-person registration starting at 3 AM for a 9 AM office opening
- parents that stood in line for hours still not getting a slot in the program

Please let us know what is being done to address these issues, and also to improve the equity of the process. We deeply value the high quality and affordable programming at LAParks, and in our community, there are many parents who cannot afford to miss work at 9 AM, and definitely cannot afford to be standing in line until 1 PM attempting to register.

Thank you,
Allison Kiessling



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: VNC Motion on Centennial Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 8:04 AM

To: Brian Averill <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Tue, Aug 27, 2024 at 6:14 PM Brian Averill <

> wrote:



Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294
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Superintendent Young-Jimenez, Mayor Bass, Councilmember Park,

At the July 2024 board meeting, the Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following motion 13-1-3.

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the planting of large trees and native understory in Centennial Park together with proposals previously supported by the VNC: the Butterfly & Pollinator Garden, Playground, Food Forest, Carousel, and access to Abbot Kinney Boulevard, as expressed in the attached site plan.

Please contact VNC Arbor Committee Chair Sarah Wauters with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Averill".

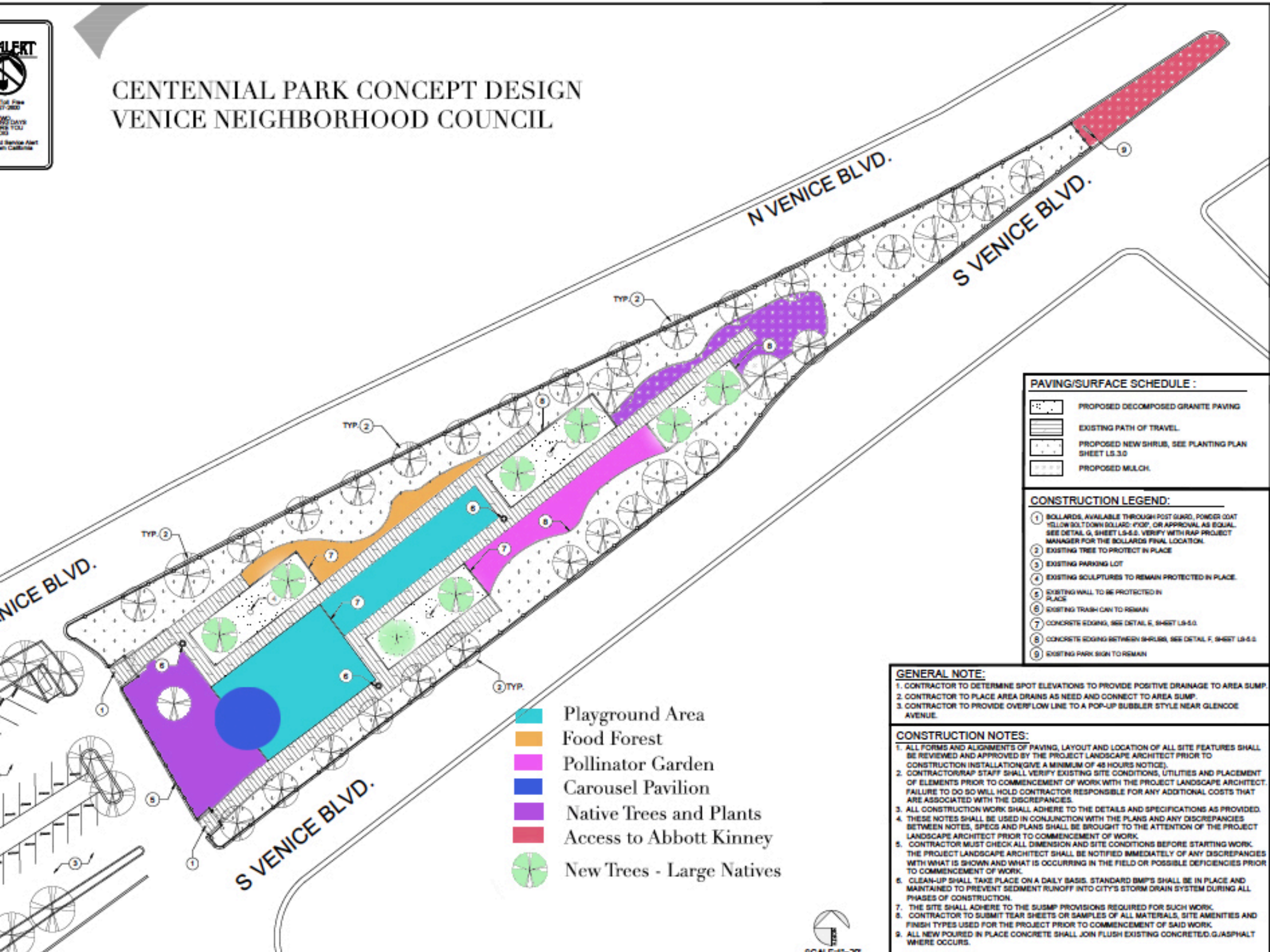
Brian Averill
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Sarah Wauters, Venice Arbor Committee Chair



CENTENNIAL PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Centennial Park Inclusive Site Plan - NC approved Motion

1 message

Preserving Public Places Committee < > Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 12:48 PM
To: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, jimmy.Kim@lacity.org, matthew.Rudnick@lacity.org, Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Craig RAINES REC AND PARKS <craig.raines@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

Dear Commissioners, Councilmember and executive staff,

You might not have seen Venice Neighborhood Council motions due to links not being assessible.

Attached please find the unanimously supported motion (May 8, 2024, vote: 18,0,0) for the Butterfly & Pollinator Garden in Centennial Park.

The site plan includes the other approved design feature (Carousel) and proposed (playground, trees and access to Abbot Kinney Blvd).

The proposed "food forest" is included though concerns are raised regarding sanitation, safety, labor requirements, parking needs, and duplication of the many food forests in Venice including within 2 blocks and at most Venice schools.

Please confirm your receipt of this motion. This is not a large park but it is prominent, centrally located and adjacent to our public library and Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

Thank you for all you do for our parks!

Robin Murez,
Chair, Preserving Public Places Committee
Venice Neighborhood Council



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May 8, 2024

General Manager Kim, Esteemed Commissioners, and Councilmember Park,

On April 16, 2024, the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers passed the following motion 18-0-0:

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a Butterfly and Pollinator Garden in Centennial Park as described in the attached proposal, to accompany other features in the park.

Butterfly & Pollinator Garden Proposal:

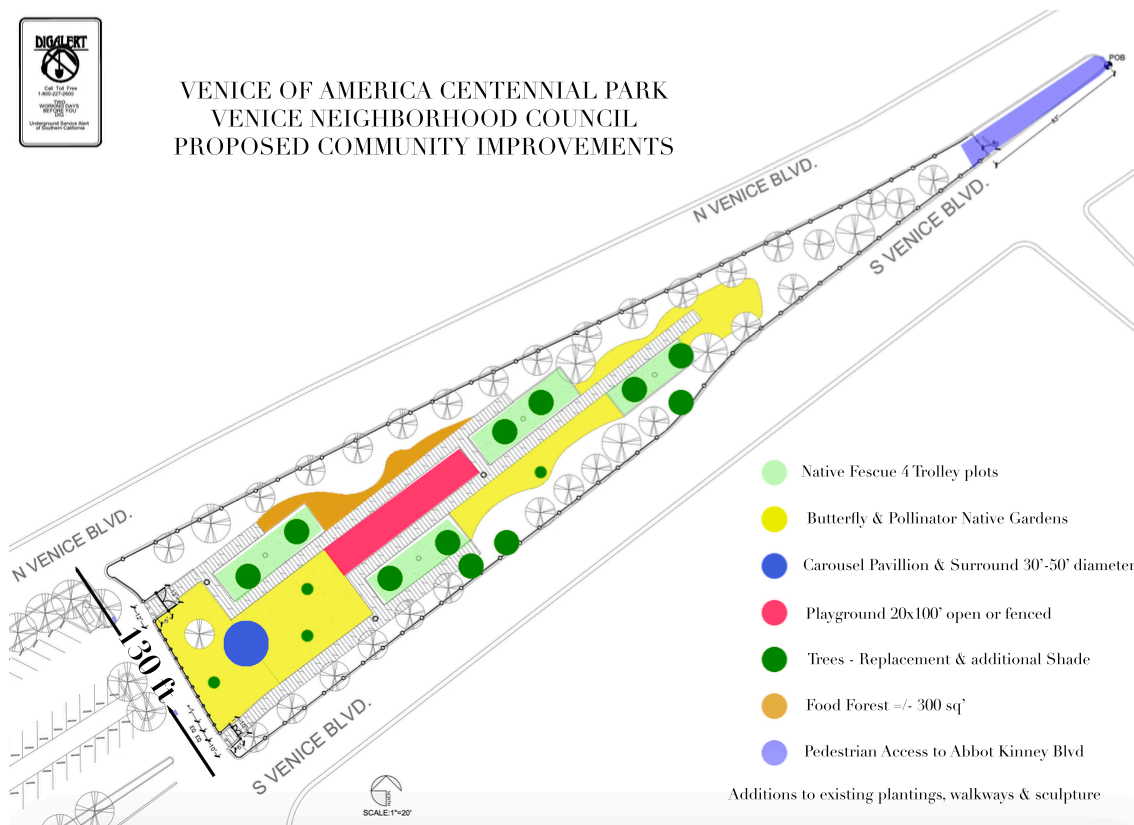
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Sincerely,

Brian Averill
President
Venice Neighborhood Council



VENICE OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL PARK VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS



Additions to existing plantings, walkways & sculpture

VENICE OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL PARK COMPLEX
501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

VENICE OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL PARK COMPLEX
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS AND PLANNING
GENERAL MANAGER: KIM PARK
COUNCILMEMBER: PARK

VENICE OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL PARK COMPLEX
LAYOUT PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20'

Butterfly & Pollinator Garden
Centennial Park
PROPOSAL

BACKSTORY Not only are butterflies beautiful and fascinating, they, together with other pollinator insects, are essential to the existence of all fruit and vegetable bearing plants.

Over 180 butterflies are native to Venice. Unfortunately, 90% are no longer here due to habitat loss, including the loss of native plants, climate change and herbicides.

Western Monarch Butterflies migrate between the Rocky Mountains and our coastal beaches, including Venice. Migratory monarchs are now classified as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

DIET Native Milkweed is essential for eggs, chrysalis & caterpillars; the butterflies need pollinator flower nectar and native host plants.



PROPOSAL FOR CENTENNIAL PARK Our proposal is to plant Milkweed and native Pollinator host and flowering plants in the currently bare spaces in Centennial Park. The precise locations for planting in Centennial Park will be determined together with LA Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), to create a beautiful and important habitat for all butterflies, including monarchs, and pollinator insects.

Discrete **informative signage** will accompany the plantings, enabling visitors to learn the wonders of Butterflies and Pollinators.

Consistent with the thematic design of Centennial Park, this garden references the **history of Venice**: Abbot Kinney was an horticulturalist and Venice has an unique ecological history. The garden also ties into resources in the adjacent **Venice Public Library** and provides opportunities for **arts and educational programming** for schools and the whole community.

TEAM Janin Paine, native Venetian and creator of several Butterfly Gardens in Los Angeles, is our fearless leader. She is joined by the VNC Preserving Places Committee, the Verdant Venice Group, LA Parks Foundation, and numerous volunteers.

BUDGET This is a NO COST volunteer project. Plants will be provided by LA Parks Foundation. Labor is volunteers through Habitatz, (Janin's butterfly group),

Butterfly & Pollinator Garden
Centennial Park
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Verdant Venice Group and Chamber in Action. School and community volunteers and VNC Outreach will be invited. Mulch, irrigation and maintenance will be in coordinated with RAP.

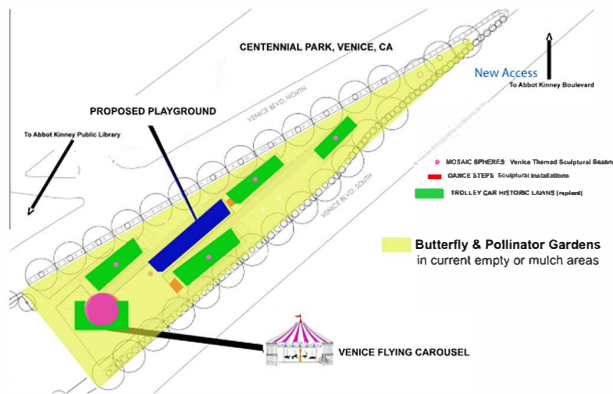
SCHEDULE Once approved, we will coordinate preparation and planting with RAP. We anticipate plantings to be done over the span of one month. Phase 2: Creating a swale to collect rainwater and benefit all plantings.

SITE Centennial Park is a prominent green space on Venice Boulevard between the Venice Public Library and Abbot Kinney Boulevard. It is designed as a tribute to Venice's fascinating history.

The Butterfly and Pollinator Garden plantings will be within empty garden beds. This complies with RAP's designation of the park for low impact "passive uses."

The plantings will compliment and coordinate with other amenities and projects planned for Centennial Park, such as the mosaic balls, carousel (which also has butterflies), trees (strongly recommended), replanted lawns and benches (requests to RAP) and a proposed children's playground. We also support enabling the proposed pedestrian connection from Abbot Kinney Boulevard through the park and hope the new perimeter fencing will be moved to a more community friendly location. This will all provide for wonderful strolls and delightful experiences for all visitors to the park.

SITE PLAN - BUTTERFLY & POLLINATOR GARDEN IN THE EMPTY AREAS



Butterfly & Pollinator Garden
Centennial Park
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PLANT LIST These are a few of the hundreds of native plants which we would draw from in creating the Butterfly and Pollinator Garden:



Milkweeds (*Asclepias fascicularis*)

Asclepias species are critical to the survival of monarchs. Adult female monarchs lay their eggs on milkweeds so the young caterpillars can eat these delectable plants. **Select milkweeds native to your region to best support the monarch butterflies.**



California Sunflower (*Encelia californica*)

Native to coastal scrub, the California sunflower is insect central. Its large, cheerful daisy-like flowers that bloom bountifully from spring to fall beckon numerous native bees, honeybees, butterflies, ladybugs and other beneficial insects. **Hard** prune California sunflower between fall and late winter to improve its shape



Big Berry Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos glauca*)

With the largest berries of any manzanita, big berry manzanita has a sculptural aesthetic, alluring urn-shaped winter flowers and evergreen foliage. Big berry manzanita will reliably grow to 10 feet tall and wide.

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Big berry manzanita provides cover for all kinds of wildlife, draws hummingbirds and pollinators to its winter nectar, and brings birds and mammals who eat its spring berries.



California Lilac (Ceanothus spp)

The ceanothus has much to enjoy; the striking blue flower clusters in spring, the lush evergreen foliage or the tons of native bees — including cute bumblebees — who feed on it. Many choices include grown covers and shrubs. Ceanothus requires good drainage and wants no summer water after it's established.



Pink Chaparral Currant (Ribes malvaceum)

Fast growing to 5 or 6 feet, pink chaparral currant and its elegant flower tassels bring enchantment to California winter gardens. It provides food for critters throughout the year: hummingbirds and other pollinators covet its nectar in fall, winter and spring, and birds relish the berries from spring to summer.

It can be sited on a border or as a backdrop, or grouped for a low screen.



Liveforever (Dudleya spp)

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Centennial Park
PROPOSAL

Dudleyas look especially impressive fall through spring, when their leaves are plumped up. In spring they tempt hummingbirds with a feast of flower nectar. These easy succulents add texture and interest to dry gardens.

All species of Dudleya need a well-drained rock garden or container. Plant Dudleyas with native stonecrops, like broadleaf stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*).

California Poppy (*Eschscholzia Californica*)

State flower, the California Poppy is known for lighting up entire hillsides on the West coast, their bright orange blooms can be planted and enjoyed almost anywhere. These annuals flower from spring all the way into summer and will often re-bloom again in the fall. Native, easy to grow and tolerant of most soils, bee friendly!



Coastal Live Oak (*Quercus Agrifolia*) - The Coast Live Oak is an iconic, majestic tree that serves as a cornerstone for wildlife and the surrounding ecosystem. It is easily recognized by its gnarled branches and grand canopy. The Coast Live Oak flowers each spring and its acorns attract a wide variety of birds and butterflies - over 270 species rely on these trees for habitat and food. With its rich green foliage and unique branching pattern, the Coast Live Oak is a favored choice for both residential and commercial landscapes. It is one of the only California native oaks that thrives in coastal environments, it enjoys fog and mild winters.

Find helpful planting tips at bloomcalifornia.org



Additional Resource: NWF.org/nativeplantfinder

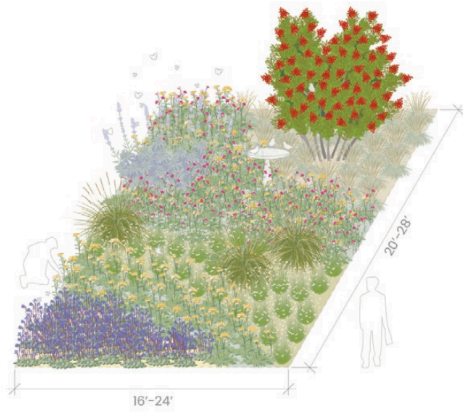
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B. Sunny Pollinator Patch

Areas with full sun are perfect for drought-adapted native flowering plants, which also serve as important sources of food and shelter for pollinators and birds.

80-140 TOTAL PLANTS (plus seed)

Purple Clarkia (seed)	10-20 Desertbells
1 White Sage	15-25 Blue Grama
1 Toyon	20-30 California Fescue
3 Deergrass	30-60 Common Yarrow



CONTACTS: Janin Paine, Habitatz - janin09@gmail.com and PublicPlaces@VeniceNC.org

Robin Murez
Chair, Preserving Public Places Committee



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Lack of, and incomplete, programs at Leland Park

1 message

Deanne Dedmon <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 30, 2024 at 11:21 AM

To: NC Web Posting

Cc: Councilmember.McOsker@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, Chinyere Stoneham <Chinyere.Stoneham@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Hello

Thank you for your emailed letter of concern. Attached is a formal response for you to share with your board.

Please let me know if you have further questions. I am happy to discuss

Deanne

Deanne A. Dedmon
Pacific Region Superintendent
City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks
1670 Palos Verdes Drive North, Harbor City, CA 90710
Office: (310) 548-7643 · Email: Deanne.Dedmon@lacity.org

On Sat, Aug 24, 2024 at 3:10 PM NC Web Posting

wrote:

Good Day,

Please see the attached letter from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council regarding lack of, and incomplete, programs at Leland Park, approved at the August 20, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
On Behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Sheryl Akerblom
NC Web Posting

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August 29, 2024

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
c/o Dillon Dixon, President

Mr. Dixon and the Central San Pedro NC:

I received your letter dated August 24, 2024 regarding Leland Park and wanted to take this opportunity to reply to your concerns.

Leland Park is currently clustered under Peck Park Recreation Center and used for a classroom space and practice field spaces for programming. The center is only open when there is active programming or permits issued from Peck Park Recreation Center. This change to the facilities usage comes from budget reductions and lack of staffing.

To alleviate this and so the community adjacent to the facility is not left without nearby recreational programming, Peck Park is offering classes and programs with available scholarships and the Departments "Play LA" program subsidized youth sports and fitness programs. I am hoping that once a full-time staff person is allocated to the facility we will be able to re-active the facility to its potential.

Thank you again for reaching out and always happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Department!

Sincerely,

Deanne A. Dedmon
Superintendent – Pacific Region

C: Tim McOsker, Councilman of the One-Five
Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners
Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation
Jimmy Kim, General Manager of Recreation and Parks
Chinyere Stoneham, AGM, Recreation and Parks



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Lack of, and incomplete, programs at Leland Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: NC Web Posting

Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Sat, Aug 24, 2024 at 3:10 PM NC Web Posting

wrote:

Good Day,

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Respectfully,
On Behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Sheryl Akerblom
NC Web Posting

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August 24, 2024

Deanne Dedmond, Pacific Region Superintendent
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Via Email: deanne.dedmon@lacity.org

Jimmy Kim, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Via Email: jimmy.kim@lacity.org

Re: Lack of, and incomplete, programs at Leland Park

Dear Superintendent Dedmond and General Manager Kim,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is deeply concerned over the lack of program at Leland Park located at 863 S Herbert Ave, San Pedro,

Whereas over a decade ago, a group of stakeholders within the Central San Pedro boundaries succeeded in vowing to re-establish the park with securing a 1 million dollar fund for renovations and a 85,000 dollar donation for the Los Angeles Dodgers foundation.

Whereas Leland Park is one of the only recreational parks within the Central San Pedro boundaries, in a dense neighborhood, the park features a softball diamond, basketball courts and fitness equipment. Though there are no active programs currently at the park itself.

Whereas the need for programs such as sports leagues, afterschool and summer camp are vital and essential to our youth and parents who need assistance.

Therefore the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council ask for the reasoning of this issue and would certainly like to see programs reinstated particularly for our youth and to build a thriving community.

Sincerely,

Dillon Clark, President

On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
(Passed by the CeSPNC Board on August 20, 2024)

cc: Tim McOsker, Councilman of the One Five councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org
Bored of Recreation and Parks rap.commissioners@lacity.org
The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation Board of Directors lad@ladodgers.com



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Harbor Park Golf Course: Group golf lessons for kids

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Maricel Takahashi

Thu, Aug 29, 2024 at 8:10 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to staff.

On Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 2:37 PM Maricel Takahashi

wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

Wanted to find out if there be golf lessons (group) offered to kids ages 11 and up at Harbor Park Golf Course? If yes, when will it be posted? Thanks! <https://www.laparks.org/discover-activities>

Best,
Maria Takahashi
Sent from my iPhone