

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

January 18, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager *J/K*
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) Michael Maslin comments regarding Tee Times at Ranchp park Golf Course	#9499a	Referred to General Manager
2) George The Great comments regarding Echo Park landscaping	#9533	Referred to General Manager
3) Gregory Stewart comments regarding traffic at Woodley Park	#9534	Referred to General Manager
4) Jeffrey R. Lamb comments regarding West Los Angeles Little League Homeless/RV Encampment	#9535	Referred to General Manager
5) CLASS Parks Team comments regarding CLASS Parks Teen Program	#9536	Referred to General Manager
6) Miriam Preissel comments regarding Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park	#9537	Referred to General Manager
7) Michael K. Boateng comments regarding NextGen LA City Youth Advisory Council proposal	#9538	Referred to General Manager
8) Robin Murez comments regarding Venice Parks	#9539	Referred to General Manager
9) Kyle comments regarding Dog Training permits	#9540	Referred to General Manager

10) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Venice Community Meeting	#9541	Referred to General Manager
11) City Council Resolution	#9542	Note and File
12) Matt Weisbarth comments regarding West Los Angeles Little League Homeless Encampment RV's/Safety Concern	#9543	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots

1 message

Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>
To: Michael Maslin < >
Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 2, 2024

Hello Michael

Thank you for your email regarding LA City Golf tee times. We are well aware of the SEVERAL companies such as Loop Golf who offer services to notify golfers when tee times are open on multiple booking engines. We are working with our City Attorneys to see what our options are and what we can do about it. To our knowledge, these sites are not booking anything and do not have access to customer accounts. They simply notify golfers when tee times become available and the golfers still need to book the tee times. This is nothing that golfers cannot do themselves.

As far as those multiple tee times all of a sudden becoming available at Rancho Park Golf Course on the morning of December 23, that was not done by a bot. That was done by staff at Rancho Park Golf Course. We cancelled a pre-booked tournament at the last minute due to inclement weather and it was determined early that morning that carts were not to be permitted on Rancho Park Golf Course. Per our Tournament Policy, groups may cancel if pre booked and prepaid carts are not available at the time of the event.

Thank you

On Sat, Dec 23, 2023 at 8:31 AM Michael Maslin < > wrote:
Hi Rick,

Happy Holidays!

In your previous reply, you indicated that it's not clear if people are still using bots. Well, I'm sharing proof that the issue still exists. Attached are screenshots of an alert my friend got this morning from an app that gives notifications when tee times become available from cancellations etc.

A block of 6 prime time tee times (4-somes from 9:30a - 10:20a) become available all at the exact same time. This would not be possible without someone having a bot to book them all up and then cancel them all at the same time.

I'm hopeful that steps will be taken to help the average LA golfer get tee times.

Can you please let me know what your thoughts are?

Warm regards,
Michael

Michael Maslin
Phone:
Email:

8:00 



Tee Time Alert >

December 23rd at 9:30am

Rancho Park

4 People

Book Now : <https://cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/preSearch>

December 23rd at 9:40am

Rancho Park

4 People

Book Now : <https://cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/preSearch>

December 23rd at 9:50am

Rancho Park

4 People

Book Now : [https://
cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/
preSearch](https://cityofla.ezlinksgolf.com/index.html#/preSearch)

December 23rd at 10:00am

Rancho Park

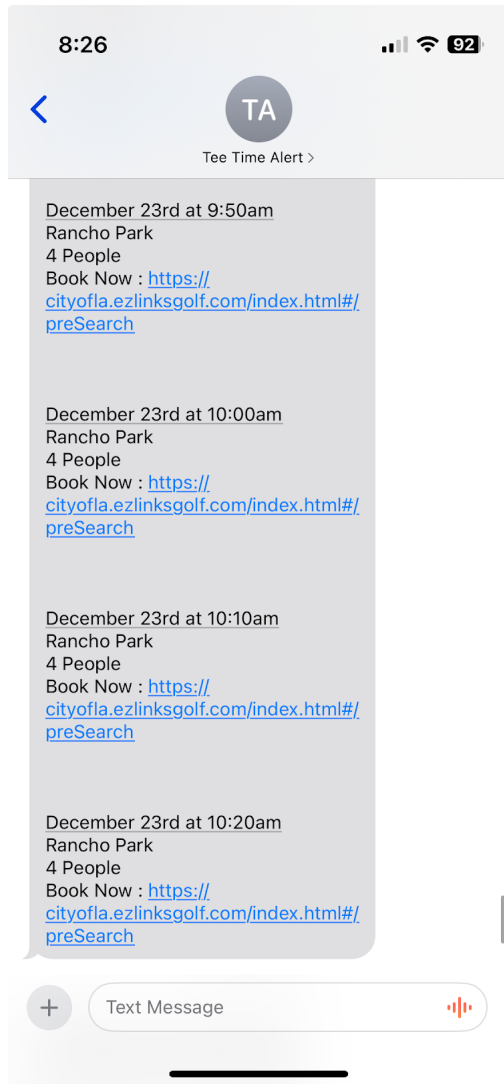
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Text Message





On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:20 AM, Michael Maslin > wrote:

Thank you for the response.

Unfortunately, it is clear that not enough is being done, or, whatever is being done by GolfNow is still being circumvented.

The fact of the matter is, there are bots being used every day and individuals are hoarding tee times and reselling them. This is not speculation - what you are hearing is a legitimate issue - and it must be too difficult to catch the individuals who are violating the rules.

A likely solution would be for GolfNow to make adjustments to how they restrict / catch bots. It's likely that they need additional pressure from the LA municipality to make changes, otherwise this is going to continue without any resolution.

Michael Maslin
Phone:
Email:

On Nov 9, 2023, at 9:01 AM, Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org> wrote:

| Hello Michael

Thank you for your email regarding the LA City booking engine. We understand it has become extremely difficult to obtain a golf tee time over the last couple of years. Especially since we have a lot less inventory (10 minute intervals as opposed to 6 or 8 minutes). Our tee time vendor, GolfNow, built a "bot-squasher" into our booking engine. When it detects suspicious or unusually fast activity at 6:00 a.m., it automatically places a CAPTCHA on that IP address to prevent that from happening in the future. As far as reselling of tee times, yes we've heard of that happening. We have not seen that happening. If we do catch any company or any golfer violating our policy, we take action and suspend their Player Card and/or playing privileges.

We thank you for your concerns and your patronage.

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 10:38 AM

Subject: Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots
To: Michael Maslin >
Cc: RAP Golf <rap.golf@lacity.org>, jimmy.kim@lacity.org <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

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, Nov 7, 2023 at 12:25 PM Michael Maslin < > wrote:
To whom it may concern:

I am an avid golfer and frequent the city's municipal courses as much as I can. However, over the last few months, it has become nearly impossible to get a tee time.

I wake up at 6am every morning to try to get one, but they are gone within seconds.

It has been brought to my attention that there are people who have bots that scoop up every tee time as soon as they become available, and then they are being re-sold to people in the know.

Is the Rec and Parks division aware of this issue? Is anything being done to fix this?

I've paid for a players card, I pay my taxes, etc. and something needs to be done so I (and thousands of others) can actually enjoy the courses.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Best regards,

Michael

Michael Maslin

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Echo Park Landscaping

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To: George The Great <

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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.

On Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 1:23 PM George The Great <

> wrote:

 [VID20231229110303.mp4](#)

Good morning.

As I stated in the video above, workers have been busy cleaning the lake at lo Echo Park. The greens are being removed on the north west side area of the lake.

This morning the landscaping crew were mowing the lawn in the area which I normally visit. I am not sure if they are finished or not. Nobody else is doing anything anymore. Should there be another crew coming to pick up all the dried leaves left behind on the sidewalk and on areas of the park. Although the park looks nice in some areas, it doesn't in the areas where dried leaves were left behind. There should be no dried leaves blown on to the sidewalks. I assume if some leaves were picked up making the park look neater, why piles of leaves were left behind. I observed other areas where the lawn mower wasn't even driven over. See leaves on green grass compared to other areas where there are no leaves because the lawn mower was driven over those areas.

Please see video.

We, the Echo Park community and visitors would greatly appreciate your attention in this matter.

J.j.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Traffic and congestion at Woodley Park

1 message

Gregory Stewart <

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Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 7:51 PM

To: Sean Kleckner <sean.kleckner@lacity.org>

Cc: contactCD4@lacity.org, Andres Sandoval <andres.x.sandoval@lacity.org>, Rosie Avetisyan <rosie.avetisyan@lacity.org>, 36252@lapd.online, "Brian Yamasaki (brian.yamasaki@lacity.org)" <brian.yamasaki@lacity.org>, "Officer Michael Terrazas (34499@lapd.online)" <34499@lapd.online>, Wayne Neal <wayne.neal@lacity.org>, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Sgt Kleckner, all.

I appreciate everything you and your team do and the challenges you're up against. I know you're stuck in a rock and a hard place with support from the city leadership and other agencies with competing resources. I worry, with the growing attention off the park from the Vision Plan that MORE attention will be directed to it and help from the city.

I completely understand the hazard you or your agency faces in trying to quell a crowd of that magnitude. My only comparison to the size of the event would be that of a commercial car show with event staff, security and traffic control inside the facility.

Thankfully, today seemed peaceful. The congestion on the road in the park was crazy, but everyone was peaceful in the short time I was there. I think my big worry was the foot traffic in and between the vehicles that were trying to move through the space posed an imminent threat to public safety.

I did look for a contact to loop the LAFD in but didn't have a point of contact for Deputy Chief Hing for the Valley Bureau. Again, the density of vehicles, people and opportunity for harm seemed entirely unmanaged and a perfect recipe for disaster.

Hopefully those on this email will have some thoughts or inputs for how to address this in the future.

Greg Stewart

On Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 7:29 PM Sean Kleckner <sean.kleckner@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Evening Greg Stewart,

I actually just finished sending a notification on Rec and Parks end. I am very aware of what happened today. Like you said....it was advertised...I actually came across the flyer last night. It certainly restricted emergency access. We tried to take passive stances the night prior by locking down gates in Woodley Park Section 1. The sad reality of this is we cannot break up these events with 3 Rangers. Last time this happened we called for LAPD support....but they didn't have the resources either. The reality is that LAPD see's these events as "quality of life" issues....and they are NOT going to send their patrol units to clear out the area. I know they are struggling for officers as well and see the same officer safety concern. There were at least 300 cars present today. I saw several vehicles blocked in and double parked.

The only positive I can take from this is that the Cricket Fields and the Woodley Park Section 1 area were relatively untouched. Woodley Park Section 2 took the brunt of it. Like you said these groups cause a great deal of damage and it happens several times a year. This time....it would appear that most of the plumbing seemed to not be disturbed.

I am going to communicate something that is probably tough to hear and certainly brings me no pleasure. You are correct in saying that you didn't see any Park Rangers present. Instead we focused today on the areas we could control, like Woodley Park Section 1 and the Sepulveda Sports Complex. I am not going to put my Rangers in a situation where we are so very outnumbered and can get "stuck" in. Last time this happened (just a few months ago) I tried to clear the cars out and the result of that was me having to put out a "officer needs help" call as bottles were

being thrown at me by the crowd. No one likes to see the park disrespected more than me, but i'm not going to send unarmed peace officer Park Rangers in without LAPD support. Also, LADOT will not do enforcement inside our parks. They have communicated this several times.

I wish I could be more constructive with my answers and instead propose possible solutions on how to deter this from happening in the future. I strongly dislike giving excuses to what should be correctable issues to stakeholders. My only suggestion, that I have made several times prior, is that we would like to see the parking area be reinforced with telephone poles and large boulders to make this less attractive to these large groups. The reality is they are going to find open space areas and disrespect the park no matter what. In addition to this, the Park Gate Closure program is also something that has deteriorated significantly over the past few years due to lack of staffing. Many gates are not getting closed by LAPD Security Services Division during park closure and some of the negative elements of the community have caught on to this and exploit it.

Adding signage doesn't work either. Signage only works for people who want to follow signs....and with a group this large....even less likely. All I can do at present is report what happened and continue to echo my support for more off-road deterrents until we get more Park Rangers and more LAPD Officers. The only time to "catch" these events is before they start, once they are established, no one cares about light bars and badges.

If we want a solution to this it needs to be from a community driven approach and lean on multiple city agencies for support.

-Sgt Kleckner

On Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 6:25 PM Gregory Stewart <

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Hi, all.

I wanted to draft a quick letter to express concern at what seemed to be a spontaneous car show in the middle space of Woodley Park near the Japanese Garden, cricket fields and the Tillman Water plant.

Normally, this is not something of concern to me as I believe the park is a space for everyone. Today, however, was in regard to the intensity of the congestion, the density of people and moving equipment seeming to be everywhere. What made it more intense was the seeming lack of any traffic control or the presence of any safety or parks employees to direct and manage traffic, management of vehicular flow or the protection of parks systems.

I know this as, in an attempt to use the park, I was stuck in a "traffic jam" of parked vehicles that took 30 minutes to navigate through and exit the park. Clearly there was a lack of presence from any law enforcement (LAPD or Park Rangers), park staff, Parking enforcement or other code enforcement authorities I would have expected to see at such a monumental city permitted event. My only conclusion was that the event did not have a permit and without the knowledge of any of the above agencies.

I know park safety and systems integrity has been an issue of importance. It has been reported many times through a community stakeholder group regarding cars repeatedly breaking plumbing and causing areas of the park to flood and become unusable without thousands of dollars in repairs. I can't imagine the unexpected expense of park clean up following an event of this magnitude.

Lastly, I wanted to include some images from the event and found these online. Hopefully they convey the magnitude of the gathering with participants from across Los Angeles.

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Is there anything any of the various officials or agencies can do? Is the city able to offer any traffic solutions to make the space accessible to the community?

Thank you in advance for your time and I look forward to any response you may be able to provide.

Greg Stewart

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: West Los Angeles Little League - Dangerous Homeless/RV Encampment
NOTICE/REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 8:00 AM

To: "Jeffrey R. Lamb" <

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Cc: cityatty.help@lacity.org, Councilmember Yaroslavsky <Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org>, Jeffrey Gold

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>, Marc Lipson <

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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.

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 12:42 PM Jeffrey R. Lamb

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Director of Safety for West Los Angeles Little League. Please see the attached letter provided to you as a request from West Los Angeles Little League for assistance with a dangerous health and safety issue at our fields.

I may be contacted at this email and/or on my cell, . I look forward to hearing from you to address our concerns as indicated on the attached letter.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Jeffrey R. Lamb

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Re: ***Homeless Encampment/RV's/Safety Concern
1411 S. Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025
West Los Angeles Little League Bad News Bears Fields***

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this correspondence to evidence and supplant our continuing efforts to address a significant health and safety concern at the Bad News Bears/West Los Angeles Little League Fields located at 1411 S. Sepulveda Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025. I am the Safety Director for West Los Angeles Little League, and this correspondence is intended to address the worsening public safety concern for the children and families of our little league. I am compelled to write this letter to provide the below information in order to support the families of our league and the members of our community who use our park and are now at risk. Despite our best efforts to request assistance, the City and/or local government entities with authority to assist have done what amounts to nothing to this worsening problem. We are now just three weeks away from starting our spring season of baseball and softball programming at the facility and we need help with the growing homeless encampment in the parking lot.

This letter is additionally intended to provide you NOTICE in the event of any litigation or health and safety issues such that any future litigant would point to this letter that the City has been made aware of the ongoing health and safety issues at our public park known as the Bad News Bears Fields and is aware of the consequences of taking no corrective action.

By way of background, over a year ago a gentleman who goes by the name of Byron Screaming Eagle parked his 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee with Colorado License plate MAHEONO. Our league has gone so far as to obtain our own background check on Mr. Screaming Eagle given his encampment is less than 100 feet from the main entrance to our Little League fields. He has a prior criminal history that includes both Theft and Forgery, and we have observed him within our park performing the theft of taking dirt which is intended for the fields, but it appears he may be using as either litter for himself and/or an animal that he has within his inoperable vehicle.



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As the Safety Officer for the League, I contacted 2-1-1 to try and obtain outreach and have Mr. Screaming Eagle removed from his apparent permanent residence at the park. I was provided with the following Case Intake ID: HAUHYXL. This was on October 9, 2023, and despite the fact that I asked for a call back once they made contact, I have received no communications whatsoever from that date. Further, now there are several Recreational Vehicles that have setup a further encampment in this parking lot and have been there continuously for the last 8-10 weeks. There also appears to be a grey Chevrolet Suburban in which someone appears to be living out of that is now utilizing the parking lot of our facility. One of these RV's is so long they have put out their own cones and are blocking one of the lanes of travel within the parking lot.



Once the league starts up in three weeks, this will create a parking and safety hazard with the traffic being narrowed into a single lane. The above underscores just a minor part of the safety hazard. The final straw was the discovery of the below needle, which, appears to be uncontroverted evidence that drug use appears to have made its way to our park which services thousands of children ages 4-12 years old throughout the year.



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This is unacceptable to us, and we expect it should be unacceptable to you as well. It is wrong, it should not be allowed to go on. This is a liability waiting to happen. As addressed above, the situation is devolving and has become worse and worse over the weeks without any parking enforcement or homeless outreach to move these people from the park. These issues are playing out in front of the young, impressionable, and innocent members of our youth sports community. To that end, West Los Angeles Little League has exhausted every possible avenue in an attempt to alleviate this issue; but again, we do not have the authority or reach of the City and its municipal departments. We have acted as reasonably and sensibly as possible in attempting to bring municipal services to address this issue and have further hired our own security services who have patrolled the park at our expense. They have kept an eye on Mr. Screaming Eagle for both his needs, his own safety, as well as the safety and security of the members of our community whom the park regularly services. However, our private security in addition to being expensive, are not trained to address the homeless situation or drug and other associated issues as our season edges within weeks of opening day. Nor can they enforce the municipal parking ordinances that have been ignored for over a year.



I have spoken to Parking Enforcement, who says they can do nothing because the vehicles are occupied. We have contacted West Los Angeles Police Department who, at least when we last spoke to them indicated they do not perform parking enforcement.

This problem needs to be addressed and taken care of now before a foreseeable and avoidable tragedy happens. The children of this community should not be forced to bear witness to drugs, prostitution, disease, or death within the confines of their Little League baseball and softball fields. That is absolutely unconscionable and the persons whom this letter has been sent to have the power to make positive change for the community and these children by using the power that the constituents have vested in

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them. The time to act is now. If you are receiving this and cannot do anything, will someone please contact me and let me know who can and/or is willing to do so such that our season is not marred by a foreseeable and avoidable tragedy.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey R. Lamb

Dear Jimmy, Matthew, Belinda, Chinyere,

I trust this message finds you well during this festive season. I am writing to share a heartwarming initiative undertaken by our CLASS Parks Teen Program Centers that turned a simple, kind act into a meaningful way of giving back to our community.

This Holiday Season, our 38 CLASS Parks Teen Program Centers embarked on a project where teens from 8 Recreation Centers wrote letters to Santa. These letters, a total of 58, were not just decorations for our CLASS Parks office but became the catalyst for something truly special. Embracing the spirit of the season, our office entered an office decorating contest at CSY, and we chose 'Santa's Workshop' as our theme.

The letters, hand-written by teens from Recreation Centers such as Evergreen RC, Hazard RC, Hubert H. Humphrey RC, JT Harvard RC, Lincoln Heights RC, Normandale RC, South Park RC, and Valley Plaza RC, came pouring in from all three regions: Pacific, Metro, and Valley. What struck us most was the selfless nature of these teens who penned their wishes without expecting anything in return.

As we read each letter, the emotions ranged from joy to sentimental, with some stories touching our hearts deeply. However, amidst the emotional narratives, the knowledge that we could make a difference together filled our hearts with warmth.

Upon reading the heartfelt letters, our CLASS Parks Team, Metro Region Office Staff, Supervisors, and Vivint Smart Home Security Company collaborated to grant every single teen who submitted a letter to Santa a wish by fulfilling some of the items on their lists. It was a remarkable collaboration and team effort, illustrating the power of unity in creating positive impacts.

What stood out was that most teens weren't asking for gifts for themselves but requested items for their younger siblings or pets. Some sought modest necessities like "a pair of navy blue socks" for an upcoming soccer season. These requests underscored the financial challenges faced by some families, and it reminded us of the importance of our mission.

These teens were seeking everyday items – cat food, cat litter, socks, a bicycle, or a scooter for transportation to and from school – highlighting the genuine needs of families operating on tight budgets. The letters were a touching reminder of the significance of our work in granting wishes to families in need.

The smiles on the teen's faces when they received what they asked for made the entire effort worthwhile. It reaffirmed our commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

In the true spirit of the season, this initiative not only enhanced our office with festive decorations but also created a ripple effect of goodwill that reached far beyond the confines

of our workplace. It is with immense pride that I share this story with you, as it reflects the compassionate and caring spirit that defines our CLASS Parks Program.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to sharing more uplifting stories in the coming year.

Warm regards,

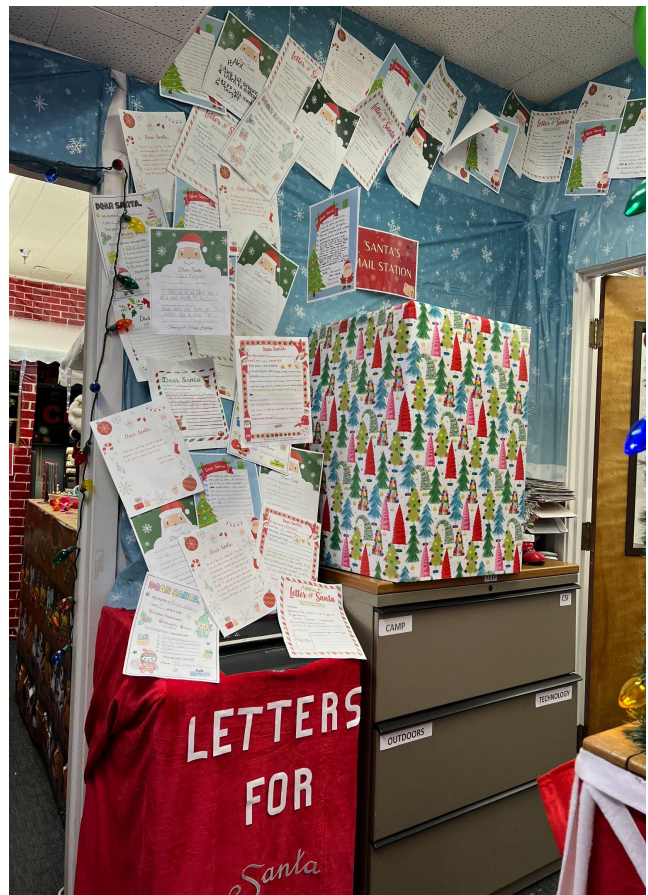
CLASS Parks Team













Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: RAP Commissioners Agenda Request

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 7:34 AM

To: Miriam Preissel < >
Cc: Dana Bartholomew < >, John Genga < >, Ter Lieberstein < >
< >, Trudi Schoolhouse < >, "Katie (Mowgli) Serviss" < >
Donna Angeillo < >, Jill Haber < >, Dakota Smith < >

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 10:38 PM Miriam Preissel < > wrote:
Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

We would like to have the commissioners review the Recreation and Parks Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area Guidelines and the issues that conflict with the LA River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Design Completion Project by placing it on the Commission's agenda. <https://engineering.lacity.gov/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/la-river-valley-bikeway-and-greenway>

While we are being told that there are other bike paths against dog parks, yet there is not another in Los Angeles. These guidelines were developed in 1999 (please see the attachments) to avoid the conflict that exists between active recreational activities and are reviewed in every file we have found on City Council and Commission approvals for every dog park built since then. To vary from this I believe they would have to get commission approval.

Page 1 states: "In creating these guidelines, staff contacted numerous cities throughout the country and collected critical information from those cities with off-leash dog exercise areas. Staff also incorporated into these guidelines the knowledge and experience they have gained through developing and operating the Department's five off-leash dog exercise areas.

In conjunction with the Department's Off-Leash Dog Exercise Policy, these guidelines serve to provide a basis for future development and operation of Off-Leash Dog Exercise Areas in the City of Los Angeles."

Page 1; "The key factors to be considered in selecting an off-leash dog exercise area in Los Angeles parks are distance from adjacent land uses, relationship to other recreational uses, size, availability of parking and accessibility."

THE BIKE PATH IS DESIGNED TO BE RIGHT UP AGAINST THE LENGTH OF THE DOG PARK.

4. Be situated on property that is not currently developed for recreational use and/or in areas of parks that are not heavily used for other recreational activities so as to reduce the potential for conflict.

BEING BUILT RIGHT AGAINST THE EXISTING DOG PARK WILL EXASPERATE WELL KNOW BARRIER FRUSTRATION AND WILL TRIGGER DOGS, EVEN THE SOUND OF BIKES AND SKATEBOARDS WILL TRIGGER THEIR PREY DRIVE TO RUN THE FENCE AND IN SOME CASES BECOME AGGRESSIVE AS WELL AS DIG. ANYONE CAN GOOGLE THIS OR WALK DOWN THEIR OWN STREET AND NOT THE BEHAVIOR OF DOGS BEHIND FENCES AS YOU WALK BY, EVEN IF ALL YOU SEE ARE THEIR NOSES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GATE.

6. Have sufficient adjacent parking, preferably off-street, that does not require users to cross a street.

THIS PLAN INCLUDES A GATE INTO OUR PARKING AREA SO BIKERS AND SKATEBOARDERS CAN PARK AND ENTER THROUGH OUR PARKING LOT. AGAIN THIS IS A TRIGGER FOR DOGS AND SENIORS AND DISABLED, SOME WALKING WITH CANES, WHO BRING THEIR DOGS TO THE PARK FOR A SAFE PLACE CAN BE PULLED OFF THEIR FEET WITH A DOG THAT IS TRIGGERED RUNS AFTER THIS, A HUGE CONFLICT AND A LIABILITY FOR THE CITY THAT SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF PEOPLE BEING HURT OR DOGS BEING QUARANTINED OR EUTHANIZED BECAUSE OF AN ATTACK. AGAIN THIS IS A SIMPLE GOOGLE.

ALSO DURING PEAK TIMES AT THE PARK WE ARE PARKING ON THE OVERFLOW PARKING AREA. WE ARE ON VICTORY BLVD. THERE IS NO ADJACENT PARKING THAT WOULD NOT BE STREET PARKING ACROSS ONE OF THE BUSIEST STREETS IN THE SAN FERENDO VALLEY WITH A DOG ON A LEASH.

ALSO TO POINT OUT, THERE IS AN EXISTING BIKE PATH ON VICTORY BLVD, 350' FROM THE ONE PLANNED ON THIS SIDE OF THE WASH.

7, Be situated within a six-foot high minimum perimeter chain link fence with a concrete mow strip.

OUR PARK IS AN OPEN SPACE BEAUSE OF THE CHAIN LINK FENCE AND IS ADDS TO THE PATRONS PARK EXPERIENCE. BUEREU OF ENGINEERING HAS SUGGESTED AN OPAQUE FENCE SO THE DOGS DO NOT VISUALLY SEE THE ACTIVITY. THEY WILL STILL HEAR IT. AND IT WILL BLOCK OUR PARK EXPERIENCE AS THAT FENCE WILL IMMEDIATELY BE A PALLET FOR GRAFFITI AS THEY ARE ON THE BIKE PATHS IN CD3 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. AS WELL AS FIRES, ON LAST SUNDAY WHICH WE WILL NOT HAVE ENFORCEMENT IN THIS ISOLATED AREA TO STOP A FIRE BEFORE IT COULD CONSUME ALL THE TREES IN OUR PARK.

Page 2:

2. Unattractive park conditions, including the loss of turf and damage to vegetation

7.g It is recommended that off-leash areas remain well separated from other recreational activities and not be considered at small parks and recreation centers. Sites that accommodate mixed uses and include children's play areas are undesirable.

THIS IS AS EQUALLY CONFLICTING AS IT IS FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS. AND THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WE CANNOT GET CONSIDERED ON THE SOUTH.

Attachments are the 1999 guidelines and the county guidelines which are similar. Also a diagram that shows the gate entrance into our parking lot.

Please let us know if this can be fit onto the agenda of a future commisioners meeting.

Many thanks,

Miriam Preissel
President
Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park
Organizational Member
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Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 7:41 AM

To: Miriam Preissel <

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Cc: Jill Haber <

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> wrote:

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Miriam Preissel
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Re: NextGen RAP; 2024

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 9:04 AM

To: "Michael K. Boateng" < >

Cc: "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@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, Jan 5, 2024 at 8:01 AM Michael K. Boateng < > wrote:

Hi Jimmy,

Thanks for making time to speak with me yesterday. As discussed, I would love to find time this month to meet to discuss further involvement with the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks.

- **NextGen LA City Youth Advisory Council proposal** (18-35), that President Renate Simril liked. Creating opportunities for a cohort of (4-5) millennial/gen-z civic engagers. Which could dovetail into the 2028 Olympics advising/volunteering, while leveraging community needs and care.
- **Park Advisory Board (PAB)** or Volunteering roles throughout the department (linked [here](#))

My goal is to 1) understand the parks and recreation landscape of Los Angeles City better and how that impacts key marginalized communities, from BIPOC, low-income and Queer backgrounds and 2) further develop green/recreation spaces.

Kind regards,
Boateng

p.s. my [linkedin](#) and [portfolio](#)

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Re: Agenda 24-011 TODAY Re: Neighborhood Council Request re: Venice Parks

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 10:58 AM

To: Preserving Public Places Committee < >

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Rose Watson <rose.watson@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 Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 8:45 AM Preserving Public Places Committee <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Kim, Ms. Santo Domingo, Mr. Rudnick and Ms. Watson,

Today's RAP Board Agenda item 24-011 properly eliminates misconceptions regarding Venice of America Centennial Park. Thank you.

The Maintenance List, however, is sorely inaccurate.

Additionally, work that is not approved by the CA Coastal Commission nor the community nor CD11, which reduces access to, and enjoyment of, our parks in the Coastal Zone in Venice is continuing to be done.

We love our parks and have knowledgeable and experienced neighbors who have worked with you on our parks for years.

Please see below and attached: **the Venice Neighborhood Council unanimously moved to request a meeting with you to immediately restore our parks and ongoing to prevent destruction and oversight.**

Please reply at your earliest convenience as to when a meeting may be scheduled.

Robin Murez

Chair, Preserving Public Places Committee

On Dec 18, 2023, at 2:42 PM, Preserving Public Places Committee <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Kim, Ms. Santo Domingo and Ms. Watson,

Further to the October Motion and letter from the Venice Neighborhood Council (below) we would like to set up a meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

You may not know that beloved parks in Venice have recently undergone demolition and changes of use by RAP without consultation with the community, the Neighborhood Council, the Council Office, nor with the CA Coastal Commission.

We would like to meet with you to open a dialog with experienced members of the Neighborhood Council to see how our parks can be restored to serve the community.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Kim, Ms. Santo Domingo and Esteemed Commissioners,

At the October 17th, 2023 Venice Neighborhood Council meeting, the Board of Officers passed the following motion 19-0-0:

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks confer with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council, prior to and ongoing, to see that plans for all Recreation and Parks locations in Venice retain and incorporate important features, enhanced access, community projects, and public interests.

Currently, we specifically request that RAP meet with VNC representatives prior to undertaking any further removal of existing assets, demolition, addition of non-permit compliant elements, expenditure of public funds or construction at Centennial Park and Ocean Front Walk Windward Playground.

We'd like to set a brief meeting on these two locations at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Averill".

Brian Averill
President
Venice Neighborhood Council



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Dog Training permits

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 10:56 AM

To: "DogTraining.LA" <

Cc: Paola Monzon <paola.monzon@lacity.org>, David Gadelha <david.gadelha@lacity.org>, Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, Councilmember Lee <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, "RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org" <RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org>

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David,

I'm so sorry to hear you are out with Covid. I pray it does not hit you too hard and you recover soon!

I'm going to be blatantly honest with you.

I'm tired of your departments bureaucratic run around. You're getting paid for your time, I am not. I get paid when I teach classes, now when I spend 2.5 months to accomplish a simple task as getting a permit.

I finally spoke with Ms. Monzon today 1/3/24.

As you know, I've been working with you since SEPTEMBER to try to do this your way.

Ms. Monzon has been very polite but has given me the excuse of "protocol" that I can't have my classes there. She won't tell me who made that decision, but it's 'always been that way'.

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As I may have mentioned, I don't feel that taxpayers, who already give your department \$338m a year, need to pay additional fees to use the park.

We are requesting to use a very small percentage for the park 1 hour out of the 168 per week.

We are having our classes at times that the parks are in low or no use.

We are trying to go about it the correct way, but this run around is reducing our options.

This is 100% why people don't apply for permits.

I did appreciate your help in directing me to Warner Park, but Ms. Monzon says we can't have our class there. She says it is because of "safety, liability, and staffing"

1 - As a Senior Director, I'm shocked that you would refer me to a location that does not allow these type of events. I sent the Application too her October 13. I would think a "Director" would know his parks better than that. Almost 3 months later, we are back at ground zero.

2- I'm greatly disturbed that it takes someone in your department close to 3 months to finally start addressing this permit.

Ms. Monzon offered to help speak with other Directors in the area, some that have already told me "no" - more bureaucratic run around. But we all know Angelinos and some don't want to drive to other parts of LA, that is why we have strategically looked at the parks we have around the Valley.

As far as her excuses:

Re: Safety. We have a proven track record of no safety issues. In fact our classes decrease any safety issue because we are educating dog owners on better safety in public and teaching the dogs better disciplines, which is why the American Kennel Club has certified me as a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. There would be a 'safety' issue at any park, and it's not specific to Warner. The parks are available to the taxpayers and if you truly want to be "safe" then you need to build a wall around all of them. They will never be 100% safe.

Re: Liability - same as above, There will always be a liability concern. We go above and beyond that and provide the City with an Insurance policy, so this should be a mute issues

Re: staffing. We do not require any staff to open or close any portion of the park. We do not provide food or drinks and generate zero trash for a staff member to clean up. We are adults and don't require a staff person to supervise us.

With all do respect, there is zero reasonable reason why we should not be issued a permit.

It is the park's public goals to have more people enjoy the parks. I'm going out of my way to bring people who may not normally frequent a park, to help with those goals.



Kyle
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On Jan 3, 2024, at 3:13 PM, DogTraining.LA < > wrote:

Please next time leave a VM. I get so many spam calls, I don't answer calls from unknown numbers.

On Jan 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM, Paola Monzon <paola.monzon@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Kyle,

Happy New Year. I tried calling but must have missed you. When would be a good time to call you? Or you can call me

Thank you,

On Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 10:47 AM DogTraining.LA < > wrote:

Good Morning Paola,

I requested a permit in October for this Feb. Can you please process it today. Thanks

On Dec 18, 2023, at 1:55 PM, DogTraining.LA < > wrote:

David.

I sent this request out in October, allowing you and your staff time to process it.

I need the permit confirmed, for both locations, by end of day Wednesday please!!

Kyle

On Oct 13, 2023, at 1:59 PM, DogTraining.LA < > wrote:

Thank you David!

On Oct 13, 2023, at 12:43 PM, David Gadelha <david.gadelha@lacity.org> wrote:

Kyle,

I'm adding Jason Liss (Senior Recreation Director for Westwood Recreation Center) and Paola Monzon (Valley region special events coordinator) to this email thread.

Paola is the point of contact for Warner Center Park and Jason is the point of contact for Westwood Recreation Center.

Thank you

+Paola Monzon
+Jason Liss

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **DogTraining.LA** < >
Date: Thu, Oct 12, 2023 at 3:50 PM
Subject: Re: Dog Training permits
To: David Gadelha <david.gadelha@lacity.org>

Hi David,

Would you like these requests? Or would you prefer I email to someone else?

We'd like to request a permit to rent 2 park areas at:

1 - Westwood Rec Cetner - 1350 S Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024, the flat square area in the attached pic. Could we also have the lights turned on in that area during our class time.

2 - Warner Center (Ranch) Park - 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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On Sep 11, 2023, at 10:41 AM, David Gadelha <david.gadelha@lacity.org> wrote:

Kyle,

I just left a message on your voicemail.

When you're available please give me a call at Valley Region headquarters (818) 756-8060.

I will be here until about 11:30am and then I have to go to another office.

I will return to Valley region HQ around 2:30pm.

Thanks

On Sun, Sep 10, 2023 at 2:29 PM DogTraining.LA < > wrote:
Good Afternoon David,

I'm having a very difficult and frustrating time with this so I hope you can help me.

I am a professional Dog Trainer. I am a member of 3 professional organizations as well as an Approved AKC CGC Evaluator and we carry Liability Insurance.

I'd like to get a permit to teach basic dog obedience classes at various parks around LA, but it has been an uphill battle. It seems as if park representatives are either purposely taking a slow time, or are outright refusing to issue a permit because of "policy".

While I appreciate the need for "policy" it is the "policy" of taxpayers to have the rights to use their tax paid for parks.

It has been this type of environment, for a very long time, that has lead to Dog Trainers just skipping the permit process altogether!

We are looking for a permit for 1 hour per week over a 10 week period, typically Sun - Thurs. i.e 6-7pm each Monday night.

We would think, with \$317m in taxes going to RAP, we would not need to pay an additional amount, especially since there is ZERO additional expense whether we gather at a park for 1 hours or not.

There area a few strategic areas that we would like to hold our classes at and myself and the 10-20 taxpayers that will take the class, should not be denied the rights to use our parks.

Let me start out first by saying, I do not want to be a Contractor of Parks & Recs and give away a sizable amount of my class tuition. I would simply like to get a permit and hold my classes.

I can understand why some parks may be reluctant to issue permits if they have had a bad experience in the past, but I or future trainers should not be denied a permit, based upon the past actions of others. Some of us are very well qualified.

After contacting multiple parks and given a number of excuses why we can't, I'm hoping their might be an easier way.

To be clear with our needs:

- we need a flat outdoor grass area about the size of half of a tennis court.
- it would be nice if it had some ambient light, but we also carry battery operated LED lights to add additional safety.
- we do not need any facility staff to open any doors or stay late to 'lock up'.
- we do not require any use or rental of chairs, tables, etc.
- we do not offer or sale any food or beverages
- we do not utilize any generators
- we do not utilize and bounce house
- we do not generate any trash like a picnic may
- dogs are not allowed to dig
- dogs will be on a leash the entire time. We do not teach off leash training.
- we follow AKC rules and dogs must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet at all times. Dogs are not allowed to play, sniff each other, etc. In the last half of our classes, when dogs are more in control, then we do some exercises where they pass each other in close proximity.
- we follow additional AKC rules that dogs are not allowed to eliminate in our near our training ring. If they do need to eliminate they are taken away from out training area. In the case of solid waste, it is picked up and disposed of immediately.
- our classes are 1 hour per week, for 10 weeks. Typically 6-7pm Sun - Thurs. At times we may skip a week if it falls on a holiday or holiday weekend, or it's raining.

Clients come to class a few minutes early, take the class and then leave shortly after like they would for a yoga or other

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Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Cc: Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>, Mayor Helpdesk <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 4:47 PM

Good evening,
Valley Region Administrative staff has spoken to the constituent about his concerns.

Laura Island
Principal Recreation Supervisor II
Valley Region
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Find out the latest about our PlayLA Adaptive Sports program at:
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From: **David Gadelha** <david.gadelha@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 11:55 AM
Subject: Fwd: Dog Training permits
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Community Meeting

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Mon, Jan 8, 2024 at 8:53 AM
 To: Laura Ceballos < >
 Cc: John Gavilan <john.gavilan@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Meghan Luera <meghan.luera@lacity.org>, David Lee <david.s.lee@lacity.org>, Leslie Richter <leslie.richter@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>, Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>, Darlene Rodriguez < >, Jose Gonzalez < >, Hector Garcia < >
 < Johnny Garcia < >, Wendy Santiago < >
 < >, Ray Delgado < >, Frank Sr Juarez < >
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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.

On Sat, Jan 6, 2024 at 6:53 PM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:

Hello Everyone,

The Venice Community is planning a meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00pm to discuss the designation of Oakwood Park as a Historical park.

We would like to invite RAP Management and CD11 to participate in this very important Community Meeting.

I have attached the permit application along with this email. We are hoping Jimmy Kim will waive the fee, since this Community Meeting is taking place at the Oakwood Park Recreation Center (Community Center).

I hope hearing back from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Best Regards,
 Laura Ceballos
 Venice Community Organizer

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Expiration Date _____

Google Doc # _____
Permit # _____



City of Los Angeles • Department of Recreation and Parks
APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES (THIS IS NOT A PERMIT)

PERMITTEE MAY NOT PUBLICIZE THE EVENT UNTIL A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED



PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THRU 19 AND SIGN THE DOCUMENT (SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

1. Recreation Center Oakwood park
2. Name of Organization various community organizers 3. Representative's Name Laura Ceballos
4. Mailing Address _____ City Ca Zip _____
5. Contact Evening _____ Cell _____ e-mail _____

6. Type of Event Venice Community meeting Topic: Making oakwood park a historical park.

Day(s)	Month/Date(s)	Time(s)
Sunday	_____	_____ to _____
Monday	_____	_____ to _____
Tuesday	_____	_____ to _____
Wednesday	_____	_____ to _____
Thursday	<u>February 15, 2024</u>	<u>6:00pm</u> to <u>7:00pm</u>
Friday	_____	_____ to _____
Saturday	_____	_____ to _____

8. Charging Fee(s)? Yes No \$ _____ 9. Will food sales be conducted? Yes No 10. No. Participants: Adult _____ Youth _____

11. Facilities/Services Requested (check all that apply):
 Auditorium Kitchen Outdoor Area Baseball Diamond # _____ Other _____
 Gymnasium Meeting Room Utility Hookup Picnic Area # _____ Field # _____

12. Is this a Fundraiser? Yes No 13. Refreshments Served? Yes No 14. Canopies/Tents? Yes No

15. Rental: Yes No Chairs # _____ Tables # _____ Company Name _____

16. Moon Bounce Yes No Company Name _____
Contact Name _____ Phone No. _____

17. Will you require electrical set-ups? Yes No 18. Will you be erecting/assembling any structure larger than a canopy? Yes No

19. There is a possibility that this event may need insurance, please check with the Facility director

HOLD HARMLESS/WAIVER OF DAMAGES

Permittee hereby expressly agrees on its behalf and that of its dependents, heirs, assigns and legal representatives. That the City of Los Angeles, its officers, agencies, employees and volunteers shall not be responsible or liable for any injury (physical or mental), death, damage, loss or expense (including legal costs and reasonable attorney fees) either to Permittee, its invitees, or either party's property incurred while Permittee is exercising the above permission or is engaged in activities related thereto.

PERMITTEE HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL RISK OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

Arising out of said activities. Permittee further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agencies, employees, and volunteers from all loss or liability, actual or alleged, that may arise from Permittee's conduct, either intentional or negligent, while participating in the above described activities. However, neither the waiver nor the indemnity agreement exempts the City or its officers, agencies, employees or volunteers from acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

PERMITTEE HERBY REPRESENTS THAT:

Permittee is aware of the condition of the public premises and accepts the premises in their present condition. Permittee agrees to abide by all safety regulations. Permittee has carefully reviewed this document, understands its contents, and signs it voluntarily, without being subject to coercion.

THE SALE, SERVING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS NOT PERMITTED. SOUND APPLIFYING SYSTEMS ARE PROHIBITED. (MC63.44)

I certify that all statements on this application are complete and correct.

Signature of Applicant/Permittee: Laura Ceballos Date 1/6/24

Revised September 2018

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)**(47) 23-4118-S6
CD 11**

RESOLUTION (PARK - PRICE) relative to designating locations in Council District 11 for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right-of-way, as further detailed in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RESOLVE, pursuant to Section 41.18 of the LAMC, to designate the following locations for enforcement against sitting, lying, sleeping, or storing, using, maintaining, or placing personal property, or otherwise obstructing the public right of way, up to the maximum distance and effective for the maximum period of time prescribed, and as further detailed in the LAMC:
 1. Freeway 1-10 / Centinela Avenue - Freeway Underpass
 2. 501 S Venice Boulevard - Venice of America Centennial Park - Public Park
 3. 6660 Esplanade Place - Del Rey Lagoon - Public Park
 4. 1233 Rose Avenue - Penmar Golf Course - Public Park
Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve - Public Park
 5. 11301 Wilshire Boulevard - West Los Angeles VA Medical Center - Designated Facility
 6. 2467 Lincoln Boulevard - Journey Apartments - Designated Facility
2. RESOLVE to direct and authorize the City department(s) with jurisdiction over the identified locations to post appropriate notices of the above prohibitions at these locations, and to begin enforcement upon the expiration of any required posting period.

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez (10); Nays: Hernandez, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (4); Absent: Price Jr. (1)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: West Los Angeles Little League - Homeless Encampment/RV's/Safety Concern

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 9, 2024 at 1:51 PM

To: Matt Weisbarth <>

Cc: cityatty.help@lacity.org, Councilmember Yaroslavsky <Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@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 Tue, Jan 9, 2024 at 7:57 AM Matt Weisbarth <>

> wrote:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow this correspondence to evidence and supplant our continuing efforts to address a significant health and safety concern at the Bad News Bears/West Los Angeles Little League Fields located at 1411 S. Sepulveda Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025. I am the Safety Director for West Los Angeles Little League, and this correspondence is intended to address the worsening public safety concern for the children and families of our little league. I am compelled to write this letter to provide the below information in order to support the families of our league and the members of our community who use our park and are now at risk. Despite our best efforts to request assistance, the City and/or local government entities with authority to assist have done what amounts to nothing to this worsening problem. We are now just three weeks away from starting our spring season of baseball and softball programming at the facility and we need help with the growing homeless encampment in the parking lot.

This letter is additionally intended to provide you NOTICE in the event of any litigation or health and safety issues such that any future litigant would point to this letter that the City has been made aware of the ongoing health and safety issues at our public park known as the Bad News Bears Fields and is aware of the consequences of taking no corrective action.

By way of background, over a year ago a gentleman who goes by the name of Byron Screaming Eagle parked his 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee with Colorado License plate MAHEONO. Our league has gone so far as to obtain our own background check on Mr. Screaming Eagle given his encampment is less than 100 feet from the main entrance to our Little League fields. He has a prior criminal history that includes both Theft and Forgery, and we have observed him within our park performing the theft of taking dirt which is intended for the fields, but it appears he may be using as either litter for himself and/or an animal that he has within his inoperable vehicle.

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As the Safety Officer for the League, I contacted 2-1-1 to try and obtain outreach and have Mr. Screaming Eagle removed from his apparent permanent residence at the park. I was provided with the following Case Intake ID: HAUHYXL. This was on October 9, 2023, and despite the fact that I asked for a call back once they made contact, I have received no communications whatsoever from that date. Further, now there are several Recreational Vehicles that have setup a further encampment in this parking lot and have been there continuously for the last 8-10 weeks. There also appears to be a grey Chevrolet Suburban in which someone appears to be living out of that is now utilizing the parking lot of our facility. One of these RV's is so long they have put out their own cones and are blocking one of the lanes of travel within the parking lot.

Once the league starts up in three weeks, this will create a parking and safety hazard with the traffic being narrowed into a single lane. The above underscores just a minor part of the safety hazard. The final straw was the discovery of the below needle, which, appears to be uncontroverted evidence that drug use appears to have made its way to our park which services thousands of children ages 4-12 years old throughout the year.

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This is unacceptable to us, and we expect it should be unacceptable to you as well. It is wrong, it should not be allowed to go on. This is a liability waiting to happen. As addressed above, the situation is devolving and has become worse and worse over the weeks without any parking enforcement or homeless outreach to move these people from the park. These issues are playing out in front of the young, impressionable, and innocent members of our youth sports community. To that end, West Los Angeles Little League has exhausted every possible avenue in an attempt to alleviate this issue; but again, we do not have the authority or reach of the City and its municipal departments. We have acted as reasonably and sensibly as possible in attempting to bring municipal services to address this issue and have further hired our own security services who have patrolled the park at our expense. They have kept an eye on Mr. Screaming Eagle for both his needs, his own safety, as well as the safety and security of the members of our community whom the park regularly services. However, our private security in addition to being expensive, are not trained to address the homeless situation or drug and other associated issues as our season edges within weeks of opening day. Nor can they enforce the municipal parking ordinances that have been ignored for over a year. I have spoken to Parking Enforcement, who says they can do nothing because the vehicles are occupied. We have contacted West Los Angeles Police Department who, at least when we last spoke to them indicated they do not perform parking enforcement. This problem needs to be addressed and taken care of now before a foreseeable and avoidable tragedy happens. The children of this community should not be forced to bear witness to drugs, prostitution, disease, or death within the confines of their Little League baseball and softball fields. That is absolutely unconscionable and the persons whom this letter has been sent to have the power to make positive change for the community and these children by using the power that the constituents have vested in

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them. The time to act is now. If you are receiving this and cannot do anything, will someone please contact me and let me know who can and/or is willing to do so such that our season is not marred by a foreseeable and avoidable tragedy. Thank you very much. Very truly yours,

Matt Weisbarth

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Ponies

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:55 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 12:29 AM Deborah Ebersold <> wrote:

It is time to use a non-animal feature for Griffith Park.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Deborah Ebersold

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park pony ride

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:58 AM

To: Carolyn Seeman <

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Cc: Los Angeles Alliance for Animals <

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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.

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 10:21 AM Carolyn Seeman <

> wrote:

Please don't bring the ponies back! We need a non-animal activity that gives kids some exercise!

Carolyn Seeman

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Re: Non-Animal Model forGriffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 3:42 PM

To: Andrea Kaye < >

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 3:29 PM Andrea Kaye < > wrote:

Hello Leaders:

I am a long-time resident of Los Angeles, and a voting constituent from West LA.

I am demanding a non-animal model for the safety of our community, and to take the place of the liability causing Griffith Park Pony Rides.

Thank you for your very important decision.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kaye

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NON-animal model wanted in Griffith Park!

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 10:56 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 4:59 PM Kathy Cullen < > wrote:
To Whom it May Concern:

I am demanding a non-animal model for the safety of our community. I worked on helping close the Griffith Park & Pony Rides after recording 7 hours of horses & ponies receiving no break or water while walking in circles in hot weather. This was the first of many abusive activities that occurred at this establishment.

Councilmember Raman released a statement mentioning that at the end of last year, following a motion her office introduced to inspect the safety of the Pony Ride site, the inspection determined the ponies were not being properly cared for.

We must offer a park that is an example of a national model. Withheld by LA Cities standards of humane animal welfare policies, and consideration of child safety-this is only demonstrated with a non-animal model.

It a huge liability for the City of Los Angeles to have animals at their concession due to the transfer of illness and children being injured at the park which happened on several occasions at the former Griffith Park and Pony Rides in 2018 and 2021 when childrens' bodies were dragged on the ground while riding.

When will the Recreation and Parks disclose the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies? Why hasn't Recreation and Parks looked into this? So far, we have 4 elderly ponies that are dead, however we are unsure if this is an accurate count since we do not know the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies.

After the abusive situation we witnessed with the previous pony rides we will not accept ANY animal model as a replacement and will continue to protest until justice is served and a new non-animal model is opened.

*Kathy Cullen
Founder of Jolene's Retreat
Saving lives one rescue at a time...*

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please reinstate Live Griffith Park Pony Rides with golden standard of care for the equines

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 4, 2024 at 10:57 AM

To: Dianne Domingo-Foraste <

Cc: rap-reimaginingtheponyride@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 Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 9:47 PM Dianne Domingo-Foraste <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully submit my comments as one of many Los Angeles County equestrians who started their equine journey on the backs of the Griffith Park ponies. Please reinstate live Griffith Park Pony Rides with a golden standard of care for the equines.

As one can imagine, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to expose children to the joys of horseback riding in urban and suburban Los Angeles areas. Horsebackriding is not meant to be an elitist sport, but rather a recreational activity and skillset to be shared by all demographics. Many equestrians had their start with the Griffith Park Ponies. It was an affordable, safe, joyous experience shared by many families who do not have the resources to afford a private horse of their own.

The loss of the Griffith Park Ponies is evident throughout the area at local stables. I have heard many children have migrated to a local stable, Arroyo Seco Stables, in search of a substitute for their weekly rides. Grandparents have commented that they used to take their grandchildren weekly to Griffith Park, and the children are heartbroken that the ponies are no longer there. Unfortunately, the Arroyo Seco lesson program is small, with a handful of lesson horses (3?) and cannot accommodate the demand caused by the closure of the Griffith Park Pony Rides.

Horsebackriding is a skillset that also teaches discipline, responsibility and fosters physical fitness. The equestrian sport is a recognized scholastic activity, with many high schools participating in Interscholastic Equestrian League (IEL). And the IEL allows participation in riding without owning one's horse. Plus IEL can lead to college scholarships in many recognized Universities, such as Stanford. The Griffith Park Ponies are a bridge to that scholastic route, allowing less advantaged families to get their initial exposure to horseback riding. And if they develop their riding skills after their exposure to horses from the Griffith Park Ponies, it affords an avenue for all demographics to access college scholarships — a very important life goal.

It's not a matter of if, but how, to reinstate the live Griffith Park Ponies. The stabling is in place, and safeguards for the ponies' well being can be structured. It's not starting from "scratch", but a relatively easy task to re-open and improve an existing equine establishment.

Please reinstate the Griffith Park Pony Rides with live ponies and mandate careful equine management. Many children are sad because the ponies are currently not there, but you have the power to easily bring them back. And you afford important life achievements for all children, such as physical fitness and IEL/scholarships, by pursuit of more equestrian activities after their introduction to horseback riding with live Griffith Park Ponies.

Yours truly,

Dianne Lockhart
Board Member Equestrian Trails Incorporated (ETI Corral 2)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pony Rides, Griffith Park

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 12:27 PM <

> wrote:

Hello, my name is Kiersten Cluster and I am a voting constituent and resident of Los Angeles. I am grateful that the pony ride concession at Griffith Park was shut down and honored to live in a city that takes animal welfare seriously. I sincerely hope that you replace the pony ride activity with a non-animal model both for the health and safety of the animals involved and for the welfare of our human children. Please set an example of compassion for our children and help them understand that other animals are not here for our entertainment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Kiersten Cluster
Los Angeles

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pony Rides

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 6:24 PM Amanda < > wrote:

"I am demanding a non-animal model for the safety of our community"

- **Councilmember Raman just release a statement mentioning that at the end of last year, following a motion her office introduced to inspect the safety of the Pony Ride site, and that the inspection determined the ponies were not being properly cared for.**
- **When will the Recreation and Parks disclose the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies? Why hasn't Recreation and Parks looked into this? Is it because it would look really bad for the City of Los Angeles if we had ten dead ponies? So far, we have 4 elderly ponies that are dead, however we are unsure if this is an accurate count since we do not know the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies.**
- **We must offer a park that is an example of a national model. Withheld by LA Cities standards of humane animal welfare policies, and consideration of child safety-this is only demonstrated with a non-animal model.**
- **We are unaware if the elderly ponies who died at the Griffith Park and Pony Rides were in fact retired, because Stephen Weeks is a liar, and has misled the City with ongoing lies.**
- **It a huge liability for the City of Los Angeles to have animals at their concession due to the transfer of illness, and children being injured at the park which happened on several occasion at the former Griffith Park and Pony Rides in 2018 and 2021 when both children's bodies were dragged.**
- **Recreation and Parks had 4 dead animals on their watch. We will not accept any animal model, and we will never go away until that happens.**

Thank you,

Amanda Turner

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: URGENT: Griffith Park pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 10, 2024 at 9:51 AM

To: Brittany Michelson < >

Cc: rap-reimaginingtheponyride@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 Wed, Jan 10, 2024 at 8:18 AM Brittany Michelson < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks,

On behalf of In Defense of Animals, an international animal protection organization with more than 250,000 supporters and thousands of Los Angeles area supporters, I am urging your department to implement a non-animal model in place of the former pony rides and petting zoo at Griffith park. I also greatly urge you to look into the situation of the six elderly ponies who were allegedly placed at other facilities, as reported on Dr. Sachar's second progress report. According to the USDA, who regulated the petting zoo at the Griffith Park and Pony Rides, operators were required to report back to the agency on animals that were transferred. These standards were placed to ensure the safety of these animals. Recreation and Parks should have applied those same standards to the elderly ponies to ensure that they were in fact transferred and that it was done safely and effectively.

We thank General Manager Jimmy Kim for not renewing the prior operator's contract, thus shutting down the pony rides in December 2022. The future of Griffith Park should not include the use of animals for entertainment. Again, I am urging you to make the progressive and compassionate choice of a non-animal model. Thank you for your time and consideration.

For the animals,

Brittany Michelson
Campaign Specialist: Captive Animals
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In Defense of Animals
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Urging Non-Animal Entertainment at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 7:58 AM

To: Nikolaus Sackett <

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 10:44 AM Nikolaus Sackett <

> wrote:

Dear L.A. City Council Members,

I am the Director of Legislative Affairs for Social Compassion in Legislation. SCIL works closely with legislators in Sacramento to sponsor compassionate legislation and steer regulations that affect animals. We have spearheaded 60 state bills, including 24 that have been signed into law. Our organization, including our local Los Angeles supporters, have a strong interest in the future Griffith Park and Pony Rides to be converted to a non-animal model.

We applaud Jimmy Kim for not renewing the Griffith Park and Pony Ride contract. The future of the pony rides should be free of exploiting animals for entertainment. Let's implement entertainment that is accessible to all and which doesn't include animals.

Thank you,

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Nikolaus Sackett | Director of Legislative Affairs

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