

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

May 16, 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) Doug Forbes comments regarding donating life jackets	#9628	Referred to General Manager
2) Andrei Karapetian comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home shelter	#9629	Referred to General Manager
3) Aleksandra Bulajic comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home shelter	#9629a	Referred to General Manager
4) Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home shelter	#9629b	Referred to General Manager
5) Heather Taylor-Enriquez comments regarding the Griffith Park Bridge Home shelter	#9629c	Referred to General Manager
6) Eduardo Roca comments regarding Queen Anne Park concerns	#9630	Referred to General Manager
7) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park	#9631	Referred to General Manager
8) Craig Scime comments regarding Camp Enrollment	#9632	Referred to General Manager

9) George the Great comments regarding Graffiti at Echo Park	#9633	Referred to General Manager
10) Brain Averill comments regarding Butterfly & Pollinator Proposal for Centennial Park	#9634	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Donation for you

1 message

Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Sun, Apr 28, 2024 at 1:04 PM

To: Doug Forbes <

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Cc: Traci Goldberg <traci.goldberg@lacity.org>, RAP Citywide Aquatics <citywide.aquatics@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hello Doug,

We look forward to connecting with you about the donation. I think there may be some confusion. We do allow life jackets if they are US Coast Guard approved. We also encourage the use of life jackets especially in open water. Please let us know what type of jacket you will be donating and how many.

We would love to tell you about our drowning prevention programs and FREE SWIM LESSONS. Hopefully you can use us as a resource to help everyone learn to swim. I am familiar with Roxie's story and the passionate work you do. Thank you for your persistent efforts to save lives.

Would you be available for a call this week?

Brenda D Aguirre
Asst General Manager
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Pixel talk to text, please excuse any errors.

On Sun, Apr 28, 2024, 12:44 PM Doug Forbes <

> wrote:

Hi Jimmy,

Thanks much. Looking forward to making this happen with your team.

Warmly,
Doug Forbes, President

"Making Camps and Aquatics Safer for Kids."

On Apr 28, 2024, at 12:41 PM, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Adding appropriate Aquatic Chain of Command in this email tree to follow up I this generous donation.

Thank You

Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager
Traci Goldberg, Superintendent

Please excuse errors. Sent from Gmail Mobile

On Sun, Apr 28, 2024 at 12:28 PM Doug Forbes <

> wrote:

Hello,

My beloved daughter Roxie drowned at an LA County summer camp in 2019. My wife and I honored her by establishing the state's sole childhood aquatics and camp safety foundation. In fact, we are the only camp safety foundation in the nation.

In 2021, we successfully passed a perennial statewide resolution declaring the third week of every May ***Roxie's Wish: Drowning Prevention Week for Children***. A year later, my wife Elena died. In her honor, I successfully passed the ***Elena Matyas Camp Safety Ordinance*** and the ***Roxie Swim Safe Ordinance*** in LA County. The former Mayor Garcetti, Representatives Schiff and Chu and Supervisors Solis and Barger are a handful of the many people who have supported our efforts.

Los Angeles is about to kick off aquatics and camp seasons. Since ***you list roughly 150 camps*** (with quite a few involving aquatics activities) and since you have quite a few pools and open waterfronts, ***I am willing to donate to your camps and aquatics facilities an abundance of life jackets from our inventory.***

I have been told that the city has discouraged life jackets from public pools, primarily because they might give parents and guardians a false sense of security that their children are OK. This belief has no foundation in fact or data. Life jackets for learning swimmers should be a mandate, not an exception. This is why we donated 100 life jackets to LA County open waterfronts last year. And, we are happy to carry on the tradition with you this year.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested... hope so!

Warmly,
Doug Forbes, President

"Making Camps and Aquatics Safer for Kids."



Re: Bridge Home Shelter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

To:

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, Apr 29, 2024 at 10:20 AM Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org> wrote:

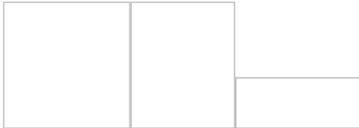
Takisha Sardin

Board Secretary
Department of Recreation and Parks
Office of the Board of
Recreation and Park Commissioners
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Los Angeles, CA 90012
Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org

Park Proud LA



PARK PROUD LA



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

From: Andrei Karapetian < >
Date: Mon, Apr 29, 2024 at 10:15 AM
Subject: Bridge Home Shelter
To: <Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org>, <Brenda.Aguierre@lacity.org>, <Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org>, <RAPPublicInfo@lacity.org>, <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

April 29, 2024

As a nearby resident in the south Griffith Park area, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented by the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan, which was NOT approved.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and some for the community center.

The recent community meeting of 100 plus attendees did not address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building was located. The community was promised in 2020 through a passed ordinance that the building would be raised. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot.

We are NOT okay with Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. and is an established locus of crime.

Though in attendance, and directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter. The Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for a resolution.

We now know the Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in prostitution. Prostitution has increased in our neighborhood as well with drug-addicted women trading sex for drugs from shelter residents and gang members, as well as pay for sex.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter and create a functional Community Center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park, and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda should be to close the Bridge Home shelter. This area has endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out information and will create a liability for Recreation & Parks - an anemic safety measure. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party.

clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard b

Please reply to my letter at

The favor of a reply addressing the above issues is appreciated in advance. We look forward to seeing our Bc

Sincerely,

Andrei Karapetian



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Urgent Concerns Regarding Bridge Home Shelter and Community Center Planning

1 message

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

Wed, May 1, 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, Apr 30, 2024 at 11:38 PM Aleksandra Bulajic < > wrote:
April 24, 2024

To whom this concerns:

As a nearby resident in the south Griffith Park area, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan, which was NOT what was presented at the 2/29/24 meeting put on by the local 4th Council Office.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet NOT enough.

The recent community meeting of 100 plus attendees did not directly address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years until homeless from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter and their affiliated criminals burnt it down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be raised. The community was promised in 2020 through a passed Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot.

We are NOT okay with what was promised as a temporary Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. and is an established locus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention!

Though in attendance, and while directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for a shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected Council representative to report back for over a year.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs

being readily available. The element of prostitution has increased in our neighborhood as well with drug-addicted women trading sex for drugs from shelter residents and gang members, as well as payment for sex by men who buy drugs outside the shelter.

It is also my understanding that all dogs belonging to shelter residents must be leashed, however, there have been 3 separate instances over the last 2 years where my (leashed) dog has been attacked by unleashed shelter resident dogs, a different dog each time, and the latest instant resulting in me falling and lightly injuring my leg. I should not have to feel forced to walk on the other side of the street each time I walk in the direction of the Bridge home.

The safety of our Los Feliz community and Griffith Park is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to the creation of a functional adult community center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who recreate near the Bridge Home shelter. We have endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Representative Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out already available Narcan, call police and fire with limited hours, will be insufficient and will create a liability for Recreation & Parks -- an anemic safety measure. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure the safety of the Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff, and will not aid in increasing the safety around the Bridge Home shelter that we in the surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board because we are being gaslighted by our Council District 4 representatives.

Please reply to my letter at

The favor of a reply addressing the above issues by setting a timeline to decommission the shelter is appreciated in advance.

Sincerely,
Aleksandra Bulajic



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Commisioners Meeting RE: South Griffith Park

1 message

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

Thu, May 9, 2024 at 12:15 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM Louis Wenzlaff <

> wrote:

May 7, 2024

I am opposed to the TEMPORARY Bridge Home shelter staying in the area. It provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept., and is an established locus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention!

As a nearby resident in the south Griffith Park area for over 50 years, and a 12 year member of the senior center on Riverside Drive, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz.

I understand from the community meeting that the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet NOT ENOUGH.

In 2020, we were promised, through a Council Motion passed under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu, that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Unfortunately, this building was arsoned by occupants of The Bridge Shelter. Ryu's Motion also called for

the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot after 3 years.

I am opposed to the TEMPORARY Bridge Home shelter staying in the area. It provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept., and is an established locus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs without shelter operator (PATH) intervention!

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available.

Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for a shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected Council representative to report back for over a year.

The commissioners need to demand that she respond to your request, or refuse to renew the lease.

The safety of our Los Feliz community and Griffith Park is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to the creation of a functional adult community center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically.

We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board because we are being gaslighted by our Council District 4 representatives.

Please reply to my letter re: setting a timeline for closure of the Bridge Shelter.

The favor of a reply addressing the above issues by setting a timeline to decommission the shelter is appreciated in advance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Taylor Brothers Architectural Products -
- Bridge Home Shelter Complaint**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Heather Taylor-Enriquez < >

Thu, May 9, 2024 at 2:11 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 1:37 PM Heather Taylor-Enriquez <

> wrote:

Hello,

As a nearby business in the south Griffith Park area, we are excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan.

The recent February 29, 2024 community meeting of 100 plus attendees did not directly address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years before it was burnt down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be raised. The community was promised in 2020 through a passed Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot.

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The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available. The element of prostitution has increased in the area as well with drug-addicted women trading sex for drugs from shelter residents and gang members, as well as trade sex for drugs by men outside the shelter. This had directly impacted our business on a regular bases requiring additional security to prevent loss, vandalism and harassment to employees and customers.

The safety of our Los Feliz community, employees, customers and Griffith Park is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec &

Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to the creation of a functional adult community center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who live and work near the Bridge Home shelter. We have endured enough!

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Please reply to my letter at the address below or by calling

The favor of a reply addressing the above issues by setting a timeline to decommission the shelter is appreciated in advance.

Sincerely,

Heather Taylor-Enriquez

Administrative Manager



Taylor Brothers Architectural Products

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: When is the city going to act

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 7:43 AM

To: Eduardo Roca <

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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 Fri, May 3, 2024 at 9:08 PM Eduardo Roca <

> wrote:

A few months ago an email was sent to the parks and rec informing that Queen Anne Park staff have acted wrongfully

With some kids, park Director Renaco has agreed to other wrongful behavior of the staff, people mentioned that have found

Trophies and pictures from past Baseball and Basketball seasons in the trash and that the parents were not contacted to sort

Them out, people say that a member of the staff Waverly Brown charges a quote from parents to practice indoor basketball,

Since when a city worker can be charging for practice and gym time when the park should be for the public unless the park

Organizes a basketball tournament then we all know we have to pay to participate also Waverly Brown currently has a

Sundays basketball tournament running from 9 am to 5 pm, are these people profiting from this tournaments, isn't that elligal?

Why there is so much attention to basketball when baseball season started late due that there were no coaches and no kids

Why a group of people just worry about one sport? Are they making side money from this? Also people said that Waverly Brown

Has a relationship with one of the staff girls that work there and that some times they show it in front of the kids, isn't that wrong?

we've seen many good people come and go over the years at this park but this time is the worst, you have too many people in payroll

At this park that don't do anything but seat on their butts and other making profit and taking advantage of people, we need a change

please bring fresh ideas to Queen Anne Park.

Edu Roca



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1

1 message

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

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 7:54 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, May 5, 2024 at 10:56 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:
MAY 5,24

Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove has Gang Graffiti

Attach pictures

The graffiti reported a month ago on the Bus stop at 49 and Figueroa still there.

Attach picture

Mauro Garcia

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Authorized
vehicles only
L.A.M.C. 2014







Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: KRYSTIAN ALCALA EXEC OFFICE

1 message

Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 Cc: Cynthia Dib <cynthia.dib@lacity.org>

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 1:47 PM

Staff is contacting the patron to inform him that he will be able to register his child for 6 of the 8 weeks of camp. Two weeks are completely full. We will offer alternative Camps for his consideration.

Thank you,
 Laura Island
 Principal Recreation Supervisor II
 Valley Region
 City of Los Angeles
 Department of Recreation and Parks
 6335 Woodley Avenue
 Van Nuys, CA 91406
 (818) 756-8060
 Mail Stop 641
laura.island@lacity.org

Find out the latest about our PlayLA Adaptive Sports program at:
<https://adaptivesportsla.org/>



On Tue, May 7, 2024 at 8:52 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please see email for your information.

Thank you

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From: **Krystian Alcala** <krystian.alcala@lacity.org>
 Date: Mon, May 6, 2024 at 11:50 AM
 Subject: Fwd: KRYSTIAN ALCALA EXEC OFFICE
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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From: **Krystian Alcala** <krystian.alcala@lacity.org>
 Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 2:55 PM
 Subject: KRYSTIAN ALCALA EXEC OFFICE
 To: RAP Reseda RC <reseda.recreationcenter@lacity.org>

Hello, I'm reaching out to see if anyone is able to give Craig Scime an update on when he will be able to sign up his kids for camp? The week he was supposed to sign up for camps. Reseda RC representatives gave him a green sticker that guaranteed his kids a spot for the camps. I understand the last couple weeks have been very tough for the camps due to tech issues etc.

He was also given a signature after being given the green sticker that a representative said would also guarantee his kids spots for camp. But he was still denied spots.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Best,

Krystian Alcala



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: KRYSTIAN ALCALA EXEC OFFICE

1 message

Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Cc: Cynthia Dib <cynthia.dib@lacity.org>

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 9:23 AM

We are working on it and will get back to you once we get the information.

Laura Island
Principal Recreation Supervisor II
Valley Region
City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
6335 Woodley Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 756-8060
Mail Stop 641
laura.island@lacity.org

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Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Best,

Krystian Alcala



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Graffiti In Restrooms Echo Park

1 message

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

Wed, May 8, 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, May 7, 2024 at 3:22 PM George The Great <

> wrote:

Good afternoon Commissioners.

This is an official report and follow-up regarding the graffiti in Echo Park Restrooms and street vendors who continue to block walking areas in park property.

The park doesn't look nice with merchandise grass area.

We thank you for removing the graffiti from the outside of the restrooms but the inside was left untouched.

We appreciate your quick response to these and all park related issues.

The community
Park goers
Tax payers



MMS = TABLA

100% GUAYACO = EL SEROTIYO
= EL PUPUSO
LA LLORONA
EL PATAPALO







VC ECHO x PARK IS

RIP-BENZ

SHELLBY

LIL-SMOKEY

V. S. 1301
KINSO
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Handwritten graffiti in black marker, including stylized letters and symbols, covering the right side of the door.



Red handwritten lines and symbols on the lower right side of the door.





FRAMES
ART

SOKE

V. & HOX...

STRE...

M. ME...

LAP...



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Butterfly & Pollinator Proposal for Centennial Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 9, 2024 at 2:30 PM

To: Brian Averill <

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Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 12:30 PM Brian Averill <

> wrote:

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Venice Neighborhood Council



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:

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting661b09af4041d.pdf>

Sincerely,

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

Brian Averill
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

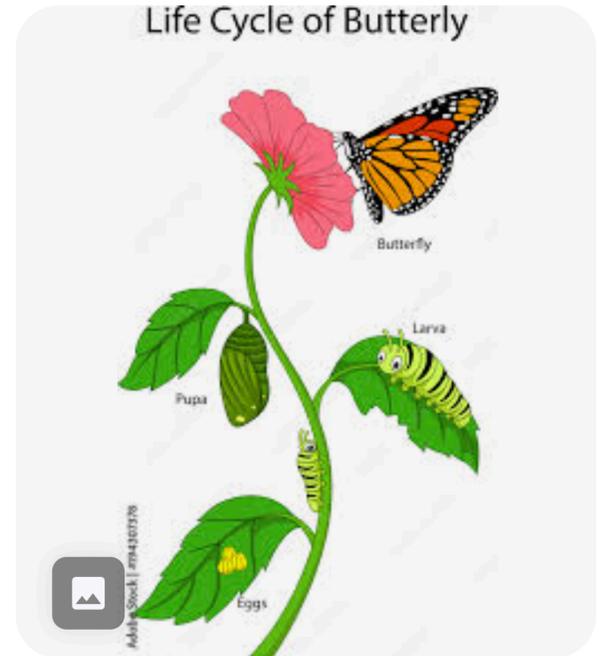
Butterfly & Pollinator Garden Centennial Park PROPOSAL

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),

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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.

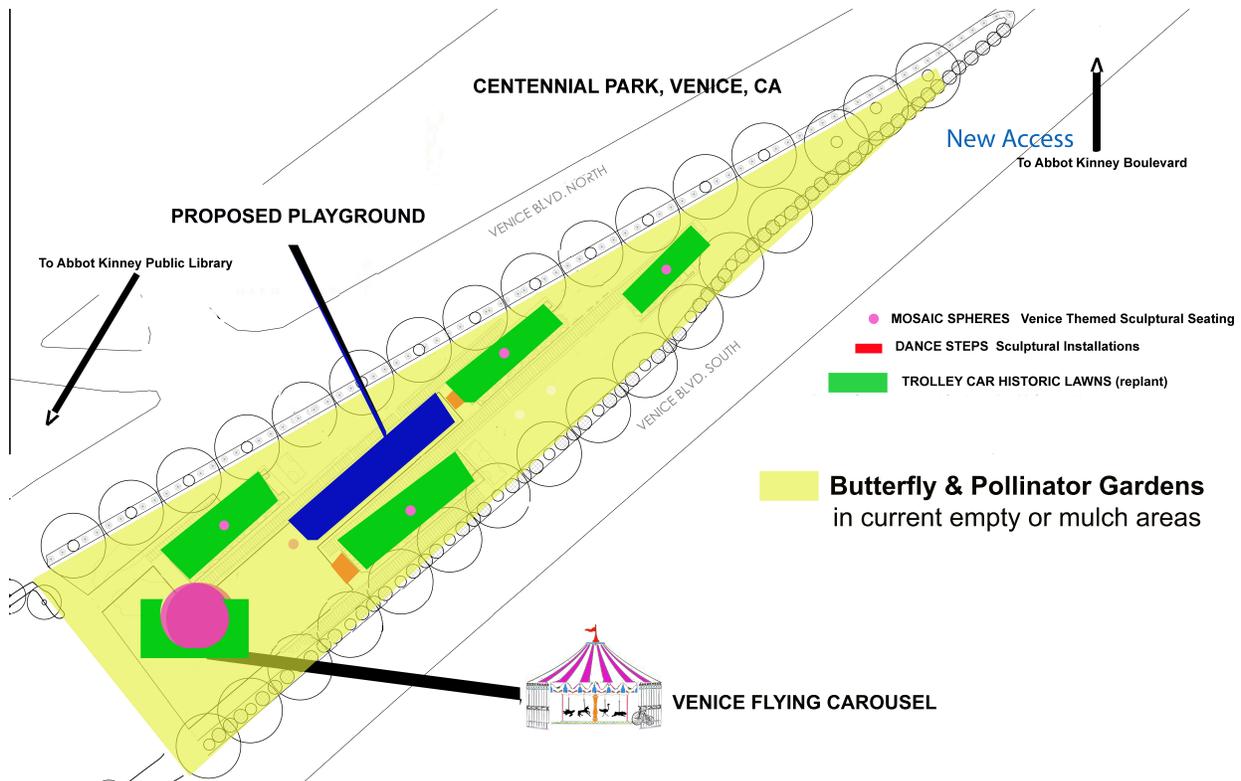
SCHEDULE Once approved, we will coordinate preparation and planting with RAP. We anticipate plantings to be done over the span of one month. Phase 2: Creating a swale to collect rainwater and benefit all plantings.

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



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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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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 a bloomcalifornia.org



Additional Resource: NWF.org/nativeplantfinder

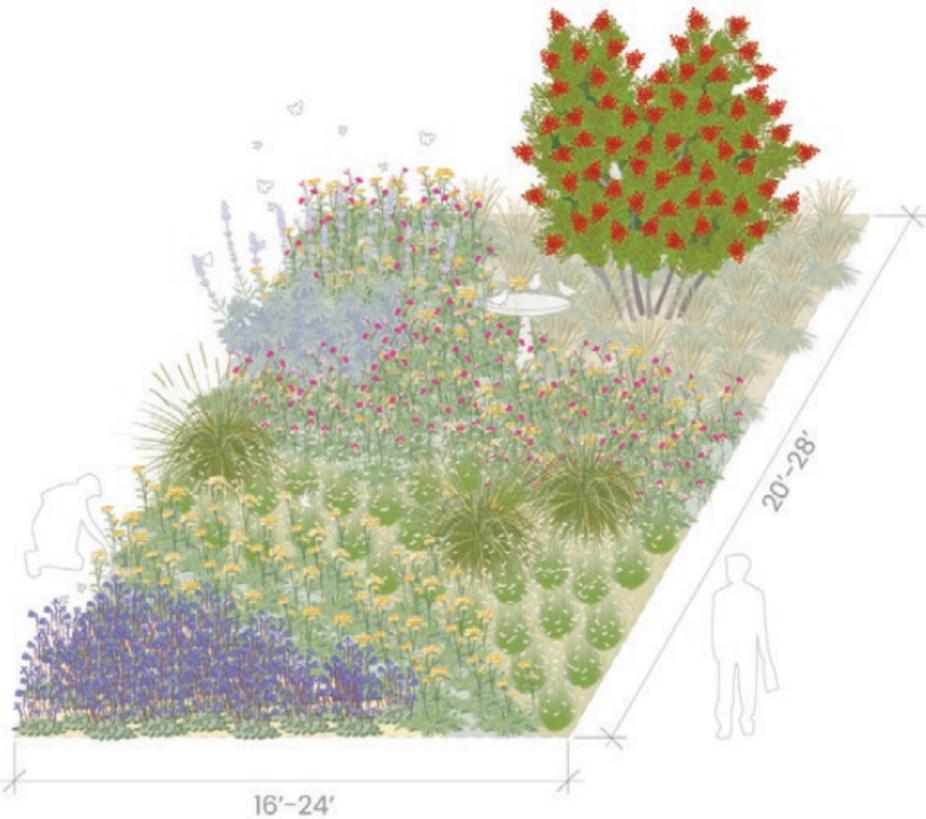
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B. Sunny Pollinator Patch

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



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