


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 06, 2023

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>
1) Various comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride		Referred to General Manager
2) Tessa Charnofsky of the Theodore Payne Foundation sends invite for an upcoming event on April 15 th .	#9298	Referred to General Manager
3) Harry Blumsack, President of the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council comments on the Highland Park Swimming Pool.	#9299	Referred to General Manager
4) Todd Terrazas, President of the Arts District Community Council sends letter via email regarding Board Report 23-063	#9300	Referred to General Manager
5) Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park member sends comments via email requesting to be placed on the April 6 th agenda for the LA River Bike path.	#9301	Referred to General Manager
6) Michelle Crammes, Chair for the Griffith Park Advisory Board sends letter in support of P22 signage via email	#9302	Referred to General Manager
7) Council Motion (De Leon – Rodriguez) relative to funding for the Highland Park Pool and Bathhouse	#9303	Note and File
8) Council Motion that \$20,000 be transferred from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD14 Redevelopment Projects – Services) to RAP Fund No. 302, Dept. No. 89, APPR Account No. 270K General Capital and Sub Account No. TBD for improvements to the El Sereno Arroyo Playground.	#9304	Note and File

9) Javier Meier Borrani, President of the Los Angeles River Artists and Business Association sends letter of support for Board Report 23-063 for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6 th Street Bridge Park.	#9305	Referred to General Manager
10) Vora Pong Nimnual of USAPA Ambassador of Pacific Palisades comments to be considered in running a Pickleball concession at the Palisades Recreation Center.	#9306	Referred to General Manager
11) Raquel Roman, Executive Director of Proyecto Pastoral sends letter of support for Board Report 23-063 for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6 th Street Bridge Park.	#9307	Referred to General Manager
12) Rev. Brendan Busse, S.J., Pastor of the Dolores Mission Catholic Church sends letter of support for Board Report 23-063 6 th Street Bridge Park	#9308	Referred to General Manager
13) Sarah Starr comments regarding in support of fence at Echo Park.	#9309	Referred to General Manager
14) Vora Pong Nimnual of USAPA Ambassador of Pacific Palisades comments on starting Pickleball program.	#9310	Referred to General Manager
15) Jennifer Massey comments regarding Bocce concession, Jimmy Dunne, at the Palisades Recreation Center	#9311	Referred to General Manager
16) Kristen Egermeier, Co-Chair for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee comments regarding Quimby Funds	#9312	Referred to General Manager
17) Council Motion to instruct RAP to create an ad hoc committee of the Griffith Park Advisory Board and report back within 120 days with recommendations for a permanent P-22 memorial based on the results of GPAB.	#9313	Note and File.
18) Resolution to rename Grand Park to Gloria Molina Grand Park.	#9314	Note and File
19) Charles Collins comments on the Bridge Housing Unit.	#9315	Referred to General Manager
20) Jennifer Massey comments on Veterans Gardens.	#9316	Referred to General Manager

21) James Campeau comments on fence at Angels Gate Park.	#9317	Referred to General Manager
22) Community Impact Statement from Encino Neighborhood Council.	#9318	Referred to General Manager
23) Patty Salinas reports Runyon Canyon trail needing major repairs.	#9319	Referred to General Manager
24) Jon Deutsch, President of Los Feliz Neighborhood Council sends letter of support of a permanent memorial of P-22.	#9320	Referred to General Manager
25) Graham Kaye comments on Poinsettia Park.	#9321	Referred to General Manager
26) Greig Smith U.S. mail sends letter consists of local newspaper article regarding Oakridge.	#9322	Referred to General Manager
27) Council Motion to memorialize P-22 at Griffith Park.	#9323	Note and File
28) Joanne Sala comments regarding Pickleball at Palisades Park	#9324	Referred to General Manager
29) Doug Mc Intyre comments regarding Sepulveda Basin and Balboa Park Senior Softball Field	#9325	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Esther Alailima Semeatu, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM

Good Morning Ms. Zazzarino,

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

On Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 11:08 AM Lisa Zazzarino <> wrote:

Greetings,

First please accept my appreciation and respect for shutting down the pony rides at Griffith Park.

Between the extreme heat, the lack of fresh water, saddle sores, lameness, overwork, use of geriatric horses, foot, mouth and tooth problems, and the utter torment of walking in circles all day, the horrific torture that these helpless trusting ponies were subjected to has finally ended.

In addition to the lack of care and the torment of the ponies, children were in danger from the rides, this was caught on video, a child was dragged around because the proprietors of the pony rides cannot be bothered to ensure that the saddles are working properly.

There are many entertaining and profitable ways to utilize the space formally occupied by the pony exploitation. Mechanical rides like merry go rounds, mini golf, radio controlled mini boats and cars, trampolines, things for kids to jump around in, and more.

So many options that are not only cruelty free, but also much more engaging for youngsters than being mindlessly carried around in a circle by a tired and thirsty pony.

Please stay strong and do not reinstate the cruel pony rides.

Thank you for your kind attention, I await your response.

Lisa Zazzarino

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Invitation to Theodore Payne Foundation event

1 message

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

Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 8:18 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 10, 2023 at 6:35 PM Tessa Charnofsky <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Theodore Payne Foundation, as a board member, to invite you to attend an upcoming event to recognize the organization's important work advancing ecosystem health and water conservation through the promotion of native plants and educational programming.

Each year, the Theodore Payne Foundation holds garden tours on a weekend in the Spring to honor people's gardens that embody and further the goals of the organization. This year is the 20th anniversary and we are inviting elected officials to attend and speak. One of the gardens this year is at a home in Venice on Saturday, April 15, and our program there will begin at 11am. The homeowner, Isabelle Duvivier, recommended I reach out and invite Commissioners

Assemblymember Tina McKinnor is speaking, as is the Executive Director of the Theodore Payne Foundation. We are awaiting more confirmations.

Here is a link to the event page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/20th-annual-theodore-payne-native-plant-garden-tour-april-15-16-2023-tickets-484040697757>

We look forward to hearing from you!

All the best,
Tessa Charnofsky



**Re: Community Impact Statement - Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 8:36 AM

To: <>

Cc: <>

Good Morning,

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

On Sat, Mar 11, 2023 at 1:21 PM <Clerk.CIS@lacity.org> wrote:

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Name: Ramona Mikelson

Phone Number:

Email: <>

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/02/2023

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March 3, 2023

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Re: Highland Park Swimming Pool

Dear Mr. Kim and Council members de León and Hernandez:

I am writing today regarding the physical and aesthetic state of the Highland Park swimming pool at 6150 Piedmont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90042. Conditions regarding the pool were discussed at length at the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council's Land Use Committee and general board meetings on February 21 and March 2, 2023.

As mentioned in our February 3, 2023 Community Impact Statement regarding frequent gang graffiti on the neighboring recreation center, the Highland Park swimming pool and recreation center lie in and

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represent the heart of Highland Park. We are deeply concerned about the pool in its current condition. The attached photo of the pool shows a spiderwebbed asphalt pool deck and a raised concrete lip around the pool that users could trip over or cut themselves. Online reviews of the pool identify sharp surfaces in the pool's bottom that cut a child's foot, in addition to dirty, antiquated locker room facilities. A lack of natural and constructed shade around the pool further discourages use by residents during the hot summer months. Photos of other city pools on the Department of Recreation and Parks website demonstrate that the Highland Park pool is likely the city's oldest, most antiquated and most neglected. One stakeholder exclaimed during a meeting that the pool looks like a what a penitentiary pool would look like, however the sad reality is that penitentiary pools are probably nicer.

The Highland Park pool in its current state clearly does not comport with the mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks: ***Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.***

The pool's neglect illuminates significant equity issues for Highland Park and its residents, particularly low-income residents and their children who have limited resources for recreation and do not have air conditioning and rely on the pool to cool off in the summer. The pool and frequently gang-tagged recreation center do not reflect the neighborhood's revitalization over the last 15 years, but rather serve as a reminder of Highland Park's history of civic neglect and gang violence. Until the pool and previously mentioned graffiti problems are corrected, the intent and potential of this civic resource in the heart of Highland Park will never be realized. While the current construction of a children's playground in the park is appreciated, it too will not realize its intended potential as long as the other park components are neglected.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harry Blumsack', written in a cursive style.

Harry Blumsack

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March 3, 2023

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President

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Karen Bass





Esther Alailima Semeatu <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org>

Re: Community Impact Statement - Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM

To: <>

Cc: Esther Alailima Semeatu <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org>

Good Morning Ms. Mikelson,

I am sending the zoom link to this week's meeting when you log into the meeting please add your name and I will give you 5 minutes to speak when we call for Neighborhood Council comments.

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 16, 2023 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: RAP Board of Commissioners Meeting @ Friendship Auditorium 3-16-23 @ 9:30 a.m.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86781578799>

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Re: File #23-063

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 7:17 AM

To: Arts District Community Council LA <>, Arts District Community Council LA <>, Nate Hayward <nate.hayward@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 Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 4:31 PM Arts District Community Council LA <> wrote:

Please find attached letter supporting the transfer of funds to the 6th St. Park from the Board of ADCCLA

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The Board of ADCCLA

Laura, Yuval, Gabrielle, Harley, Tim, David, Katherine and Todd

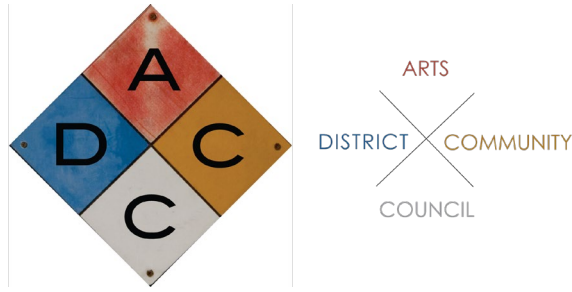
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VIA EMAIL: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

March 13, 2023

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

City of Los Angeles
221 N Figueroa Street Suite 350
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Re: MOTION 23-063 - Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f) Letter of Support for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6th Street Bridge Park

Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**:

The Board of ADCCLA is writing to express our full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6th Street Park. The Arts District Community Council LA (ADCCLA) has worked tirelessly for over a decade to help secure open and public park space for a community surrounded by density and concrete.

The timing has never been more critical to create green spaces in urban environments. Over the last 7 years alone, we have witnessed a 6% decrease in tree canopies in the Arts District and surrounding communities and an alarming rise in the heat island affect with temperature reaching a shocking 114 degrees on the ground.

DESCRIPTION

MOTION 23-063 Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f)

Project – Development of Memorandum Of Understanding With City Departments; Approval Of Final Plans And Specifications – Allocation Of Quimby Fees – Commitment Of Park Fees - Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report for the Sixth Street Park, Arts, River and Connectivity (PARC) Project (SCH #2017041045) Certified on April 29, 2022 and Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant To Article II, Section 2(i) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

REQUEST

ADCCLA's board was instrumental in the advocacy of this park, and worked with our colleagues at LARABA to support a bridge project that would bring a large public park into the community. We request the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6th Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,

Todd Terrazas
President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Agenda request

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 8:08 AM

To: Dog Park <>

Good Morning,

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

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 8:02 AM Dog Park <> wrote:

I would like to request to be out on the agenda for April 6th. The Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park would like to ask for the Dept of Recreation and Parks to consider supporting the only dog park in the west San Fernando Valley in requesting that the LA River Bike path not use our park as a hub. We have inadequate parking as is well known, having to park on grass overflow during peak times and do not have enough parking to share or expand. This is a plan that looks to complete 51 miles of bike path while there are two existing in this area and room on the other side of the river instead of putting it against our park. Please consider supporting our park that serves over 800,000, is the only dog park in the basin and the entire west Valley.

Sent from my iPhone

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GPAB Letter in Support of P22 Signage

1 message

Michelle Crames <>

Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 5:41 PM

To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, darryl.ford@lacity.org, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>

Dear RAP Commission,

I hope you are well. As the Chair of GPAB, I am happy to reach out on behalf of our advisory board with a letter in support of the proposed P22 Signage. As always, we appreciate all of you and your hard work in support of our city's parks. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to be helpful.

Best,
Michelle Crames
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board
323.243.1881

 **p22 GPAB support letter, 3.13.23.docx.pdf**
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Griffith Park Advisory Board
Community Stewards of LA's Largest Park & Great Urban Wilderness
Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory

March 13, 2023

Los Angeles Board
of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

P-22's death in December of last year was tragic, but it revealed an astounding fact — no other figure in recent memory has had the ability to promote love and solidarity among our community as this intrepid mountain cat. Considering the outcry of support that arose in the wake of his death (memorials, commemorative library cards, you name it) it is safe to say P-22 has earned his place in the pantheon of Griffith Park icons right up there with the Observatory itself (James Dean, eat your heart out).

Our group fully endorses the proposed signage to be permanently installed within the Griffith Park Visitor Center as it gives both tourists and locals alike a vivid glimpse into the life of P-22 and the impetus for the enduring impact of his legacy.

Sincerely,

Michelle Crames
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Cathie Santo Domingo; Darryl Ford;
Stefanie Smith; Tracy James; CD4: Emma Taylor

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Nays: (0); Absent: McOsker, Rodriguez (2)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)(13) **23-0236**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - PARK) relative to requesting the use of the Tom Bradley Room at City Hall for a Women's History Month Panel Discussion and Reception to be held on March 22, 2023.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 2 pm - 6 pm.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (14); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(14) **23-0237**
CD 14

MOTION (DE LEON - RODRIGUEZ) relative to funding for the Highland Park Pool and Bathhouse in Council District 14.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER \$700,000 from the CD14 Real Property Trust Fund No. 696 and \$300,000 from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to a new account in the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682/50, entitled "CD14 Pool Project - Highland Park," for any design, project, and/or City staff costs associated with the development, construction, and/or completion of the Highland Park pool projects.

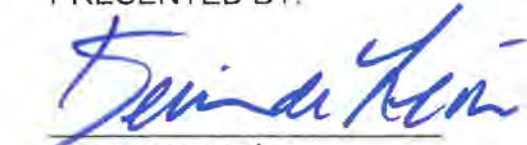
MOTION

In 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the Trust for Public Land and Concerned Neighbors of El Sereno, officially opened the El Sereno Arroyo Playground. The park is located on the City's border with Alhambra and serves tens of thousands of people in the immediate vicinity. In April of this year, the community and City will be celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the park. The department and community have identified improvements that need to be made in preparation of the ten year anniversary. Sufficient funding is available in the CD14 AB1290 account to fund improvements at the park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$20,000 be transferred from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to the Department of Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302, Dept. No. 89, APPR Account No. 270K General Capital and Sub Account No. TBD for improvements to the El Sereno Arroyo Playground.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be authorized to make any technical corrections to effectuate the content of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:


KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Motion 23-063 - Support of Quimby Fund Allocation to the 6th Street Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 3:06 PM

To: <>

Cc: nate.hayward@lacity.org

Good Afternoon Mr. Borrani,

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

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 1:16 PM <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Attached, please find a letter from our board supporting the efforts of a park creation at the 6th Street Park.

Best,

Javier Meier Borrani

President, [LARABA](#)

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VIA EMAIL: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

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Re: MOTION 23-063 - Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f) Letter of Support for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6th Street Bridge Park

Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**:

The Board of LARABA would like to express its full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6th Street Park. LARABA has been of service to the Arts District Community for over 30 years and has been at the forefront of greening the community throughout its long history. LARABA along with our colleagues at ADCCLA (Arts District Community Council LA) worked together and participated in securing open and public park space in the neighborhood.

Our community has witnessed an unprecedented increase in temperatures over the last several years due to rampant tree removals and damaging impacts of climate change. The need for public park space has never been more apparent. Our Board and this community are committed to public park spaces. Parks are known to filter rain and reduce water pollution. They also help cool our city, reducing the heat-island effect along with much needed support for mental health.

DESCRIPTION

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REQUEST

LARABA joins our colleagues at ADCCLA in requesting the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6th Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,

Javier Meier Borrani
President, LARABA



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Re: Pickleball concession at Palisades Rec Center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 3:34 PM

To: Palisades Pickleball <>

Cc: "Mark Stipanovich" <mark.stipanovich@lacity.org>, "Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez" <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Anthony Gallo <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>, rachel.ramos@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 3:09 PM Palisades Pickleball <> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Palisades Pickleball would very much like to be considered in running a Pickleball concession at the Palisades Rec Center on the lower tennis court #7 & #8. Can you please tell us what the procedure is? Your reply would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Re: Motion 23-063

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 1:29 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Roman,

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

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 4:29 PM Raquel Roman <> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Please see attached letter letter of support for the allocation of funds for 6th street bridge.

Thank you,

Raquel

Raquel Román, MSW (She/Her/Ella)

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Letter of Support for Board Report 23-063 ▶ Trash



Takisha Sardin

to me, Carolyn ▾

Good Morning Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter of support for board report 23-063.

Thank you,

Takisha Sardin

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Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS:**

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission empowers the community of Boyle Heights through grassroots projects in education, leadership, and service.

We are writing to express our full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6th Street Park. Our children and families deserve meaningful green spaces to run and play in, and clean air to breath.

As density increases around us, the heat island effect has been increasing making our weather more extreme and endangering our community members health and mental well-being.

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REQUEST

Our board and community are working with our colleagues at ADCCLA and LARABA to bring this project to fruition. We request the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6th Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Re Motion 23-063

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 1:31 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Roman,

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

On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 8:23 AM Raquel Roman <> wrote:

Please see attached letter of support. Thank you.

Raquel

Raquel Roman
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Re: Template

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM

To: Laura Velkei <>

Cc: Nate Hayward <nate.hayward@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon Ms. Velkei,

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

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 9:50 PM Laura Velkei <> wrote:

Just want to make sure we get this in! From Father Brendan

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From: **Brendan Busse** <>

Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 9:45 PM

Subject: Re: Template

To: Laura Velkei <>

Cc: Raquel Roman <>, Joe Diaz <joe.diaz@lacity.org>, <>

Here's a letter from Dolores Mission. Suerte mañana! Sorry I can't be there.

Power-ful prayers headed your way.

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Brendan P. Busse, S.J. - Pastor

Dolores Mission Church

On Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 11:57 AM Laura Velkei <> wrote:

Thanks Raquel!

And it was lovely meeting you both! Thank you for helping with this. I'll be sending a calendar invite for you that you can share with anyone you want. Look forward to seeing us all show up in force!

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 7:40 PM Raquel Roman <> wrote:

Hi Padre Brendan and Joe,

Please see attached letter template created by Laura. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Raquel

Raquel Roman, MSW

Executive Director

Proyecto Pastoral at Dolores Mission

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From: **Laura Velkei** <>

Date: Tue, Mar 14, 2023, 6:35 PM

Subject: Template
To: Raquel Roman <>
c: Javier Borrani <>

Hi Raquel -

Thanks again for arranging the meeting with the Boyle Heights Leadership.

Attached is the general template. I highlight the main insert points for dropping a mission statement and changing logos in header/footer and signature and title.

Obviously whatever else they want to add or change is fine with us.

Laura

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Laura Velkei
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Re: MOTION 23-063 - Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f) Bridge Park

Dear RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS:

Dolores Mission Church and School are a beacon of hope in the Boyle Heights community in which it serves. By providing vital services to a community that does so much with so little, Dolores Mission parishioners, students and its community at large work together to provide safety, support, quality education and hope. Dolores Mission responds to the spiritual, educational, physical, and emotional needs of our community. By listening to our needs, particularly through the Christian base communities and through grassroots organizing, we partner with outside agencies to encourage healing and transformation and to raise consciousness about larger issues of justice and peace.

We are writing to express our full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6th Street Park. Our children and families deserve meaningful green spaces to run and play in, and clean air to breathe. As density increases around us, the heat island effect has been increasing, making our weather more extreme and endangering our community members' health and mental well-being.

Our parish and school community are working with our colleagues at Proyecto Pastoral, ADCCLA, and LARABA to bring this project to fruition. We request the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6th Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,

Rev. Brendan Busse, S.J.
Pastor



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Echo Park Lake Fence let's keep it. could you weigh in?

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To:
Cc: Councilmember Soto-Martinez <councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org>, LA Parks Public Information <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon Ms. Starr,

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

On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 12:28 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Sarah Starr** <>
Date: Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 5:02 PM
Subject: Echo Park Lake Fence let's keep it. could you weigh in?
To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Dear Parks and Rec.

I would think the Councilmember Hugo Soto Martinez would like to hear what the biologists have to say about keeping Echo Park Lake clean. To me, a lake is not people. a lake is water. I have seen the degradation of the lake over the past 3 years and I remember all the years when the lake was fenced off entirely in the 1990's as Parks and Rec worked so hard to bring it alive again after people had thrown all manner of things in the lake. I don't want to see it ruined again, but I hear too that the Echo Park Neighborhood Council has weighed in for taking down the fence, stating erroneously that it was always unfenced for 100 years.

Let's have a fence. Now we see the need. The grass hasn't even grown back yet. The birds need to sleep at night without noise and lights and anyone eating them. The turtles need to swim in clean water. The Lotus are almost choked out from the invasive species due to the extensive bacteria in the water.

Would you please make your voices heard and let Council 13 and the Neighborhood Council know what, in your opinion and knowledge, is best for the water and the natural habitat of the animals who live there, the true "residents of Echo Park Lake" in my opinion.

Soto Martinez is having a neighborhood meeting about it this Saturday, so if you could....

Thank you,
Sarah Starr

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Starting a Pickleball program within the City of LA

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 1:31 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

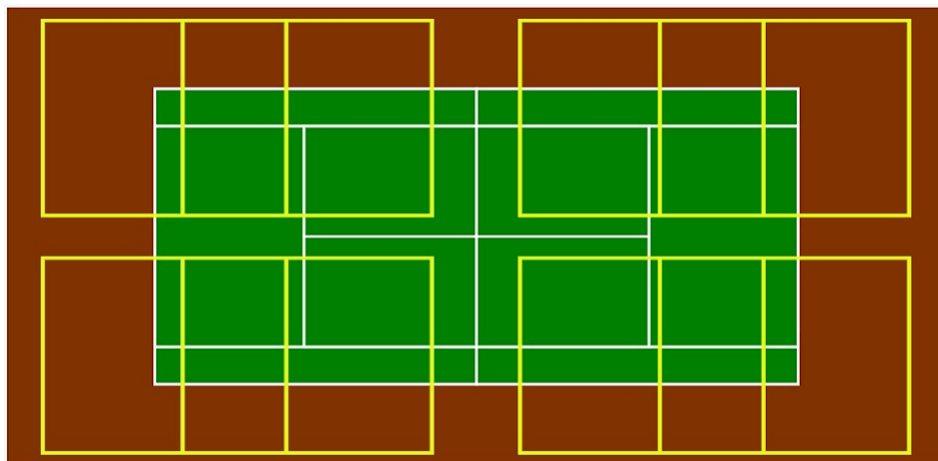
On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 12:54 PM Palisades Pickleball <> wrote:

Dear City of LA Board of Rec & Park Commissioners,

My name is Vorapong Nimnual and I am the current USAPA Pickleball ambassador at the city of Pacific Palisades, zip code 90272. You have probably heard by now about the popularity of Pickleball as being the fastest growing sport in America.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/pickleball-sport-fastest-growing-america/>

And I am sure that you have also been asked by the park patrons and local residents about why you are not offering Pickleball when you have more than enough tennis courts available. 4 Pickleball courts can be fitted onto a single tennis court which means 16 players can play a double game of Pickleball using only 1 tennis court, as you can see on the image below. 3 Pickleball courts can be fitted onto a full size indoor Basketball court. Therefore, by not offering Pickleball, you are doing a great disservice to your park goers who can no longer play racquet sports like tennis due to their age and/or mobility. The rules of Pickleball are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. It is a game that is appropriate for people of all ages and skill levels.



I have been running Pickleball open-play at the Palisades Rec Center for over 2 years now. You can see our Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/840583426568730>

Our Palisades Pickleball group also have an online Petition with over 600 signatures at:

<https://www.change.org/p/councilmember-bonin-lacity-org-dedicated-pickleball-courts-in-pacific-palisades>

With no modifications to the existing tennis and/or basketball court, I can bring Pickleball to any of your public parks or recreation centers. I will set up portable Pickleball nets and use removable masking tape to line the courts. Both of the tennis courts at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks and Westchester Rec Center have successfully incorporated Pickleball into their program and you can do the same here with my help. What's in it for me you asked? Well, as you can see, I am a USAPA ambassador and my role is to promote Pickleball. In doing so, I also hope to be able to collect some kind of donation in order to offset the time & service I am providing to the Pickleball players at your park. This is how they do it at Westchester Rec Center as you can see here on their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/486037062787609/about>

Therefore, if you're interested then please feel free to contact me. My contact info is below. Thank you for your time.



Vora **PONG** Nimnual () USAPA
Ambassador of Pacific Palisades

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bocce Concession/Palisades Recreation Center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 8:27 AM

To: <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sue Pascoe <>

Good Morning,

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

On Fri, Mar 17, 2023 at 4:55 PM <> wrote:

March 17, 2023

Re: Bocce Concession at the Palisades Recreation Center

Dear Commissioner Patsouras, RAP Commissioners and Mr. Kim,

We have failed to locate any documentation indicating a competitive bidding process for the bocce concession run out of the Veterans Gardens in the Palisades Recreation Center, or any documentation at all related to the vetting or experience and qualifications of Jimmy Dunne, who organizes and runs all bocce leagues, bocce tournaments and teaches bocce lessons and workshops in this public park space year-round, and is the self-appointed, "Bocce Commissioner." Mr. Dunne publishes advertising in local press stating that "more than 668 individuals signed up for bocce leagues" last year, and is now charging \$75 per person, per season, with additional fees charged for tournaments and other activities. Given there are multiple seasons of bocce played per year, this amounts to a minimum of \$50,000 in revenues related to bocce activities conducted in a publicly-owned space, and possibly six figures in revenues per year.

A concession is "a revenue-generating activity or service operated or provided on Department property by a contract or permit for the benefit, enjoyment, education, amusement or convenience of the public." (LA City Charter Section 590). Sections 371 and 372 of the City Charter and LA Administrative Code Section 10.15(b) require "**competition for concession contracts valued at \$25,000 or more.**" As Commissioners are aware, "**with few exceptions, the City Charter requires that all contracts be offered to the public through a competitive bid or competitive RFP process. The process is open to public scrutiny to ensure compliance with the law and that the best interests of the City are met. The RFP process allows the Department to thoroughly evaluate the proposers' qualifications and has been developed within the parameters set by the City Charter, City Administrative Code, and City Policies and Ordinances.**"

Since the opening of Veterans Gardens in 2021, Mr. Dunne--who is apparently neither an independent contractor nor an employee of RAP--has organized and run all bocce activities and many other events in the Veterans Gardens, with no background or experience in running a public sports program/concession, and with an apparent monopoly over year-round bocce programming. Mr. Dunne controls all bocce permitting, bocce leagues, tournaments and workshops, setting the hours, days and fees of each, accessible only through his personal website. Mr. Dunne also controls all maintenance of this public space, which includes illegal decibel levels of blowing and vacuuming up to 12 times per week in violation of local and state noise laws. Additionally, Mr. Dunne, in a private meeting with RAP (as disclosed by Sonya Young-Martinez in internal RAP emails) was allowed to extend the finish time of bocce league games from the

previous RAP-approved "Sunset" to "Dusk", with no input from adjacent neighbors of the park. Mr. Dunne was also allowed to retain a private key to bocce court lighting, and has regularly used such lighting well beyond permitted hours. Finally, Mr. Dunne has hired his own friends to work as trainers in this park space, and uses friends and fellow bocce players to conduct maintenance and other operations in the Veterans Garden space, all in violation of the RAP Partnership Agreement and circumventing numerous City ordinances pertaining to park hours and noise, as well as state and local employment laws.

We urge RAP to conduct a full investigation of the bocce concession, and to explore why a private individual is allowed to profit from and run a City concession, with no competitive bidding process, no vetting of his qualifications, and no exhaustive documentation or other requirements as demanded of other RAP concessionaires. Instead, it appears Mr. Dunne has perhaps circumvented these requirements by leveraging his connections with well-heeled donors, who contributed financially to the creation of this sports complex.

We intend to pursue an investigation into how and why concessionaire requirements have apparently been waived for a private individual in this situation.

Best Regards,

Jennifer Massey

Massey Media Law, P.C.

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Re: Bellevue Park and other Park Improvements



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> (sent by esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org)

to Kristen, lanthe

Good Afternoon,

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

On Mon, Mar 20, 2023 at 3:01 PM Kristen Egermeier <> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kristen Egermeier and I am the co-chair, along with lanthe cc'd here, for the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee.

We've been talking to a lot of folks trying to fully understand Quimby funds. There's a lot of development happening along Sunset Blvd in Silver Lake, and as within a geographic radius of the projects generating the fees. We've spoken to the developers of a few projects going in along Sunset, and they have active community.

There are two park spaces south of Sunset that are obvious candidates for the funds, Bellevue Park and Laurel and Hardy park/Del Monte triangle. We've subscribed neighborhood gem and we discussed a lot of refurbishment/improvement ideas that the Quimby funds could help bring to fruition. Laurel and Hardy find out who at Rec & Parks administers it, as it is a small pocket park.

Our aim is to connect the dots and put these funds to work in the neighborhood, so we'd love to jump on the phone with you to figure out how to be the most Some questions below:

1. The developers we've talked to want to keep the Quimby funds in our neighborhood. As mentioned above, how do we go about directing fees from
2. Is it helpful to coordinate a call between you, the developers, and us?
3. We've had a hard time actually tracking down Quimby fees generated and how those funds are being used- is there a good source for this informat
4. The fees from the Sunset developments are substantial. Is there a way to understand what the improvements/refurbishments at Bellevue would cost these developments in excess of the Bellevue costs?

5. Requests from Bellevue:

- o Repave basketball court
- o Shade structure for baseball bleachers
- o Field lights
- o Restroom top left by baseball field
- o More trees/plants
- o Adjustable backboard for basketball hoops-6
- o Drinking fountains
- o Basketball floor- repaint and varnish
- o Board games/ arts and crafts
- o More trees by bathrooms at Lucille

We'd be very happy to schedule a call to continue the conversation and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!

Kristen and lanthe

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Kristen Egermeier (she/her)
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council:
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MOTION

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY
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Griffith Park is Los Angeles' preeminent regional park, located in the heart of a sprawling metropolis, and containing some of the City's most beloved park assets in over 4511 acres of park land. In addition to the built and maintained portions of the park, Griffith Park is also an integral part of the Rim of the Valley and the wider Southern California ecology, containing thousands of acres of natural habitat that, until recently, was home to our beloved adult mountain lion, P-22.

Several months ago, medical professionals with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the National Park Service made the difficult decision to euthanize P-22 after he experienced an acute injury and age-related health issues.

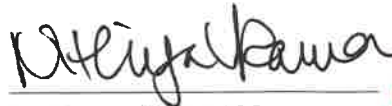
Since his passing, Angelenos have expressed their appreciation of P-22 through numerous events and memorials that culminated recently with a ceremonial burial. P-22 inspired and uplifted Los Angeles. After traversing treacherous roadways to make his home in the heart of our city, P-22's steady presence was a welcome reminder of nature's perseverance in our sprawling metropolis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to create an ad hoc committee of the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), composed of City personnel and private stakeholders, to determine the location and design of a permanent memorial to P-22. In the process, the committee should interface and collaborate with the public and interested stakeholders, including Friends of Griffith Park, the National Wildlife Federation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, and local tribes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 120 days with recommendations for a permanent P-22 memorial, based on the results of the GPAB ad hoc committee's process. The report should include associated costs and incorporate any private donation offers of a memorial statue of P-22 within Griffith Park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Engineering, and any other relevant departments, to report back within 120 days with a proposal for a memorial and/or donation-based memorial program dedicated to the memory of P-22 in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gloria Molina grew up as one of ten children in the City of Pico Rivera, to a Mexican American father and Mexican mother, and attended Rio Hondo College, East Los Angeles College, and California State University, Los Angeles; while attending college, she worked full-time as a legal secretary, then became certified as an adult education instructor and taught clerical skills at the East Los Angeles Skills Center; Molina would go on to serve in President Jimmy Carter’s administration as a Deputy for Presidential Personnel, and after leaving the administration, she served in San Francisco as a Deputy Director for the Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Molina was first elected to public office in 1982 as State Assemblywoman in California’s 56th District; in 1987, she was elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where she served as the Councilwoman of the First District until 1991; in February, 1991, she was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, representing the First Supervisorial District; Molina is the first Latina in history to be elected to the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and to serve as an Assemblywoman at the California State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during her 23 years serving the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Gloria Molina became known as a fiscal watchdog committed to overseeing good government reforms, maintenance of the County’s public health care system, and also quality-of-life issues for the millions of County residents living in the unincorporated areas; one of her significant achievements was advocating and bringing to fruition Grand Park – the Park for Everyone; and

WHEREAS, established in 2012, Grand Park is part of a joint venture by the City and Los Angeles County, as well as related entities; located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles, Grand Park is 12-acre civic park, stretching from the Music Center to Los Angeles City Hall, providing Angelenos with year-round free public programming and green spaces to connect, create and celebrate; today, Grand Park serves as a vibrant outdoor gathering place that represents, engages, and celebrates both the City’s and the County’s cultural vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program support for any action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rename Grand Park the “Gloria Molina Grand Park,” commemorating Gloria Molina’s service to Angelenos.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Riverside Bridge Housing

1 message

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

Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 9:07 AM

Good Afternoon Mr. Collins,

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

On Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 8:51 PM Charlie Collins <> wrote:

Greetings Commissioners:

I'm Charlie Collins, former Los Feliz Neighborhood Council member and representative for District D (Riverside Drive). My 4 year term with the council, my position as the head of the ad hoc committee on homelessness and safety on Berrendo, as well as my current committee membership on the LFNC Homelessness Committee have given me great insight into the issues surrounding the Bridge Housing Unit on Riverside Drive.

The BHU has been mismanaged to say the least. I have worked diligently to help get it back on track and to manage the concerns of the community.

It was by my repeated request and ultimately through a letter drafted and passed through the LFNC governing board, that the "council / committee for transparency regarding the bridge housing units on Riverside" ever came to exist.

I was there at the ribbon cutting and I have been on the ground and in the meetings. In fact, I have personally ushered an unhoused individual into the unit on Riverside where the individual would immediately be admitted and find shelter. The manager thanked me and at the time I expressed the issues surrounding the building. His name is Awade. He agreed that the location of the unit on Riverside posed a serious problem due to the ease and probability of attracting more encampments. I reminded him of the problems at the 101 freeway and Virgil where the PATH home office exists. He confirmed my worries. That happened on the first week the Unit was opened. Now look where we are!

It is with regret that I ask the Commissioners to decline any further leasing opportunities to PATH, CD 4 or LAHSA. What started out as a solution to the homelessness crisis in our neighborhood has turned into a massive problem of its own due to mismanagement and denial from the organizations and the leadership in place.

I have worked to convene neighbors and BHU management and apartment owners and law enforcement.. even residents from the BHU, in an effort to create success. The neighborhood had to **demand** an audience with PATH and CD4 with formal letters. Eventually CD4 agreed and they crafted a forum for comments, but no changes were made and I believe it was ultimately a political move to appease the neighborhood council rather than to make changes sought by the community at large.

The BHU was supported by everyone initially. We needed this experiment to succeed. Instead we got package theft, arson, drug dealing, loitering, gangs, vandalism, encampments and zero support for putting up ordinance signs that were granted by the city council for 56:11.

The cost and success rate do not match. The willingness to hear the community has been filtered at best. We have destroyed a beautiful area of the park and Los Angeles and it is time to bring it back to life.

In short, CD4, PATH and LAHSA have failed the community and the residents inside and outside of the BHU. The park is trashed regularly, there is an RV that has been documented selling drugs (video and police reports) permanently parked in front of the BHU. There have been encampments attached to the fence of the BHU. The staff at BHU should not be tasked with keeping the area clear or clean necessarily, but the lack of police enforcement and the lax regulations.. including the policy.. when residents are caught with drugs.. of releasing them into the community. I'm sure you have seen the police reports that started in the first month when the tree and building next to the BHU were set on fire.

The days of prom and wedding photos taken in the park are over. Those days have been replaced by trepidatious visitors from the immediate neighborhood who have reported assault and extensive litter. The park is no longer a destination and has gained a reputation for being dangerous. It's a shame.

Los Feliz has done its duty here. We have tried for success and welcomed the idea of housing our vulnerable neighbors. It just isn't working.

I hesitate to even offer a probation concept, because there will be no effective repercussion due to the terms of the contract.. but it would start with keeping the area clear, reporting the nefarious RVs, eliminating the encampments, enforcing 5611 and above all changing the "low barrier" entry to include drug testing and gang member vetting.

Please vote to repurpose the location for our senior citizens or anything other than what it is now.

The center was promised to seniors by the mayor some 3 years ago and it would restore confidence and stability in the neighborhood. I do not see the future nor the benefit of extending the BHU.

I will continue to further my work with the outreach programs and committees to help find a solution to the crisis at large. I hope you will hear this plea from someone with hands on experience and firsthand knowledge from numerous committees and the stake holders I represented for 3 + years. I have remained neutral and positive, but enough is enough.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if I can be of any help or if I can provide more clarity.

Thank you.

All the best,

c.

Charlie Collins - President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Video of continued illegal maintenance and nuisance/Veterans Gardens

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 8:33 AM

To: Jennifer Massey <>

Cc: jimmy.kim@lacity.org, Joe Halper <>

Good Morning Ms. Massey,

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

On Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 8:11 AM Jennifer Massey <> wrote:

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Dear Mr. Kim,

We continue to experience illegal noise levels from maintenance multiple times a week in Veterans Gardens, in addition to the illegal noise levels related to bocce leagues. As demonstrated in the Acoustical Analysis provided to your office, these noise levels violate the local noise ordinance, yet your department continues to steadfastly ignore the problem. You can expect to hear from our attorney this month.

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Re: Video—illegal gas blowers in Veterans Gardens

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 9:49 AM

To: Jennifer Massey <>

Cc: Joe Halper <>, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, Sue Pascoe <>, Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Mike Dundas <mike.dundas@lacity.org>

Good Morning Ms. Massey,

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

On Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 9:17 AM Jennifer Massey <> wrote:

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Dear Commissioner Halper and Mr Kim,

Despite RAP being fully aware that gas blowers are illegal, they continue to be used in Veterans Gardens multiple times per week.

Golden Leaf is the contractor hired by Jimmy Dunne, who has control over this space.

Video attached.

RAP continues to turn a blind eye to this park space and to the illegal activity that goes on regularly.

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Re: request information

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 1:05 PM

To: J Campeau <>

Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, Noel Gould <>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 11:51 AM J Campeau <> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

The attached motion was approved last June 2022 by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Since that time I have been part of the follow-up committee to see when this useless fence will be removed. I have even suggested to regional RAP regional superintendents to allow community volunteers to remove. I also have suggested to at least keep open the two sections of gates, or better remove the gates until the fencing is removed.

Will up please reply to my email, so that I may provide an update to our CSPNC's Coastline and Parks committee regarding this matter.

Thank you,

James Campeau

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October 22, 2022

To:
Deanne.Dedmon@lacity.org
Councilman Joe Buscaino

The following motion was approved at the June 2022 Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Meeting.

Motion re: The fence to nowhere in Angels Gate Park

Whereas, the abandoned and rusting “fence to nowhere” between Angels Gate Park and Joan Milke Flores Park is an eyesore, creates safety hazards for hikers and animals, blocks the spectacular visitor serving views of the Ocean, Catalina, and the Park Open Space, and is a Coastal Act Violation, and

Whereas, Section 30251 of the Coastal Act States”

Section 30251 Scenic and visual qualities

The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to *restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas*. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting.

Whereas, Section 30253 (5) of the Coastal Act states”

(5) Where appropriate, *protect special communities and neighborhoods* which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby requests that the department of Recreation and Parks and if appropriate, with assistance from Angels Gate Park, remove the unsightly fence to nowhere by August 31, 2022 in order to be in compliance with the

California Coastal Act, increase the safety of hikers and animals, and to improve the breathtaking and beautiful views available to the general public who come to enjoy our parks.

Further Resolved, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests to see the removal plans at least two weeks prior to the commencement of work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Epperhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Doug Epperhart, President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

CC: James Campeau







Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fwd: Community Impact Statement - Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 3:24 PM

Hi Desiree,

Just a fyi.

Thank you.

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From: <Clerk.CIS@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 3:11 PM
Subject: Community Impact Statement - Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>
Cc: <>

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Encino Neighborhood Council
Name: Alex Garay
Phone Number: (818) 262-1716
Email: <>

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)
Date of NC Board Action: 03/22/2023
Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/23/2023
Update to a Previous Input: No
Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
Council File Number:
Agenda Date:
Item Number:

Summary: At the March 22, 2023 Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) meeting, we discussed requesting a change in LAMC §63.44 B.8 There has been an ongoing issue for probably 10 years now. Large groups periodically come to Woodley park to fly "fighter kites", unfortunately over public as well as wildlife areas. These are not kid's kites (perhaps 100-150' of cotton string) but huge kites sometimes with motorized reels containing 1000s of yards of abrasive line. Following discussion, the ENC voted to support requesting a change in LAMC §63.44 with the following motion: MOTION: As a result of continued flying of "fighting kites" in the vicinity of active raptor nests, and the large amounts of abrasive kite line left throughout the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area, and the known hazards of such activity to wildlife and humans alike, the ENC recommends that the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners and the Los Angeles City Council consider adding an additional category of prohibited flying devices to LAMC. Section 63.44.B.8 which currently reads: No person shall land, release, take off or fly any balloon, except children toy balloons not inflated with any flammable material, helicopter, parakite, hang glider, aircraft or powered models thereof, except in areas specifically set aside therefor. The additional prohibited device would be "fighting kites, defined as kites tethered to more than 150' of line



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Runyon Canyon Trail

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 7:15 AM

To: Patty Salinas <>

Good Morning Patty,

Please visit MyLA311 website at https://myla311.lacity.org/portal/faces/home/service/service-request?_adf.ctrl-state=15zofe9jki_5&_afLoop=3992728946106352#! , select **Parks** as your service request type, follow through step by step to submit a service request.

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office.

On Mon, Mar 27, 2023 at 10:15 AM Patty Salinas <> wrote:

Dear Parks and Recreation

The 'stairs' part of the Runyon Canyon trail is in need of some major repair. It is in very bad shape and I believe dangerous. I went this past weekend and was very scared. With the recent heavy rains I believe things are getting worse. Please make it a priority to fix these. Thank you.

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Re: Letter From the Los Feliz NC: P-22 Memorial

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 7:17 AM

To: Jon Deutsch <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Dan McNamara <>, Misty LeGrande <>, Erica Vilardi-Espinosa <>, Amanda Blide <>, Brian Morrison <>, Meggan Ellingboe <>

Good Morning Mr. Deutsch,

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

On Mon, Mar 27, 2023 at 2:18 PM Jon Deutsch <> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Attached please find a letter from the Los Feliz NC in support of a permanent memorial to P-22.

All the Best,

Jon Deutsch

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Jon Deutsch | President | District B Representative | Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC)

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March 21, 2023

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
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Re: P-22 Memorial

Dear Commissioners,

The loss of P-22 has brought together neighbors across the Los Feliz community, and across the city, in mourning our beloved first and only celebrity cougar. We hope that he will live on as a symbol of our neighborhood and continue his role as a connector between communities. A permanent P-22 presence in Griffith Park could honor his legacy and serve as a reminder of local history - from the animal species who roamed Griffith Park long before humans, to the native American populations who settled in Fern Dell, and finally of the current challenges posed by personal automobile overuse and environmental degradation.

P-22 was the most famous cougar in Los Angeles and the most beloved celebrity that our city has ever produced. We urge you to explore options for a permanent memorial to P-22 in order to commemorate his time in the park and highlight issues of wildlife conservation. The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council would be at your service to help brainstorm concepts and bring in feedback from the neighborhood on the best way to accomplish this. We look forward to your response!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Deutsch". The signature is stylized and written over a blue horizontal line.

Jon Deutsch, President
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

By:
Brian Morrison, Chair
LFNC Cultural Affairs Committee

cc: Jimmy, Kim (GM RAP)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Drug Addicts exposing themselves in front of children, burning cars, damaging cars, dealing drugs

1 message

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

Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 7:18 AM

Good Morning Mr. Kaye,

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

On Mon, Mar 27, 2023 at 5:36 PM G R K <> wrote:

There is a consortium of meth heads growing next to Courtc1& 2 at Poinsettia Park...today one of them, living in his car exposed himself, while another one took the 3 tennis balls that my kids hit over the fence and put them in cars tailpipes while he was coloring on a car with a marker. While teaching children we've watched them light cars on fire, destroy cars with bats and pipes, burn tents and set them on fire. My courts are littered with used rubbers, broken meth pipes, and dirty clothes. I have compassion for people that are homeless but not drug addicts that have a choice to get clean.

Curious? Do any of you care about children's well being at all? Why are they allowed next to a children's park?

It's despicable.

Graham Kaye
Tennis Instructor
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The Reel History of the Valley

By Martin M. Cooper

A Resurrection Story

Everyone loves a good comeback story...

This one involves movie stars, horses, decline, and revival.

It starts back in 1936, when much of the San Fernando Valley was slowly evolving from its agricultural roots. During the '30s and '40s realtors were marketing the northwest area of the Valley as the "Horse Capital of the West."

Far from the glitz and glamor of Hollywood, scores of luminaries flocked to acquire land. Director Joseph Von Sternberg built a home on Tampa Avenue; columnist Louella Parsons owned Marson's Farm on Plummer Street; cowboy Montie Montana's ranch was across from the Devonshire police station; and Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz' ranch was at Devonshire Street and Corbin Avenue.

The January 28, 1937, edition of *The Van Nuys News*, reported that "Excellent progress is being made by Zeppo Marx and Barbara Stanwyck, owners, and Harry S. Hart, manager and trainer, in converting 127 acres of fertile San Fernando Valley land into the finest

and best equipped Thoroughbred stock farm in all of the Southland.

"The property, located at the at the southwest corner of Reseda boulevard and Devonshire boulevard is ideally adapted to the purpose for which its famous owners purchased it."

They combined their names and named it Marwyck Ranch.

Their initial investment of \$150,000 and annual operating budget of \$100,000 was a huge economic boost the Northridge.

In 1939, Stanwyck married actor Robert Taylor. Taylor had a tennis court built as a gift to Stanwyck, but disliking the long commute into Hollywood for work, they sold the 6,500-square-foot, two-story English Tudor home.

Zeppo's wife, Marion, write about the Stanwyck-Taylor challenges in the April 1942 edition of *Motion Picture World*: "My pal Barbara, she was very happy at Marwyck, but the drive to and from work every day began to lose its luster. Especially when the rains came. After

every rain, there would be flash floods, necessitating all kinds of unexpected detours between Northridge and Hollywood. Even in fair weather, she had to leave at 6 m. and wouldn't get home until 8 p.m. That was pretty wearing."

Actor Jack Oakie and his first wife, Venita, bought the property in 1941 and renamed it Oakridge. She bred Afghan Hounds, at one time having up to 100 dogs on the property.

During the '30s and '40s realtors were marketing the northwest area of the Valley as the "Horse Capital of the West."

Oakie made 87 films in his successful career. He received an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actor in Charlie Chaplin's *The Great Dictator*, in 1940.

Known as a comedian and a raconteur, Oakie loved entertaining in his Northridge home. In 1949, Shirley Temple's 21st birthday party was held on the estate.

Oakie's second marriage was to actress Victoria Horne in 1950; they moved to Oakridge and lived there together until his death in 1978.

Thanks to her efforts, Oakridge was designated a Los Angeles City Historic Cultural Monument in 1990. She bequeathed the estate to the University of Southern

California upon her death in 2003. The university planned to sell the property to developers, a deal which fell through due to a recession.

Unfortunately, for a few years Oakridge was nearly derelict, with vandals making off with everything down to the light bulbs and doorknobs. Wallpaper was ripped, the tennis court and pool deteriorated, and the garden left untended.

Oakridge seemed destined for the wrecking ball and site of a tract housing development. A five-minute amateur video tour of Oakridge showed the estate's state of disrepair at the time.

Oakridge was acquired by the City of Los Angeles in December 2009 for \$3.35 million and later designated a City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument.

Today, the entrance to Oakridge is a one-lane road off Devonshire. Two stone pillars stand as silent sentries to the property.

Oakridge is coming back. In 2014, the nonprofit Friends of Oakwood was formed and, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and

Parks, is working to restore the estate to its former glory. The city recently committed \$800,000 toward the renovation and bit by bit, Oakridge is coming back to life.

One of the most impressive rooms inside Oakridge is a roughly 650-square-foot great room whose walls are painted with a 60-foot-long pastoral scene featuring English-style jumping horses. Historic photos of the house interiors suggest that Jack Oakie commissioned the mural sometime between 1941 and 1954 after removing the floor-to-ceiling original paneling.

Public tours are available; the next scheduled tours are set for March 25 and April 23. For information, see www.theoakridgeestate.org.

Martin Cooper, President of Cooper Communications, supervised public relations for the Academy



Thanks to the City of Los Angeles and the nonprofit Friends of Oakwood, the property is slowly being brought back to life.



Critics raved and the Oscars recognized Barbara Stanwyck for her leading role in 1937's *Stella Dallas*.

In 1936, film star Barbara Stanwyck and Zeppo Marx, one of the five Marx Brothers and Stanwyck's agent and close friend, jointly bought property in the northwest Valley to develop a Thoroughbred horse ranch.



Jack Oakie, property owner and actor in more than 87 films. Oakie received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor in Chaplin's film *The Great Dictator*.

of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for 10 years; held executive positions with Disney and Universal Studios; and served as Chairman of the Board of the UCLA Film & Television Archive. An award-winning author, he has written four books, two of them on the Valley. He is currently researching his next book.



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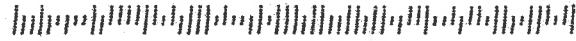
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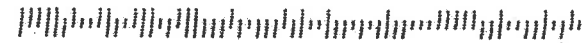
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Hon. Greig Smith
PRESIDENT

MOTION

P-22 was the City of Los Angeles' most famous mountain lion. In 2012, after living in the Santa Monica Mountains, P-22 made the treacherous 50-mile journey—crossing two major freeways—and found his way to his new permanent home, Griffith Park.

After his discovery, P-22 became the inspiration for many podcasts, news articles, and a devoted fan club. P-22 served as the subject of scientific research and a catalyst for environmental initiatives.

P-22 sparked important conversations emphasizing the need for wildlife corridors—networks of bridges, tunnels, and greenways that would allow animals to safely navigate the deadly, car-centric infrastructure that has carved up their habitats. This became ever more apparent when, on December 13, 2022, P-22 was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross a Los Feliz intersection. Due to the severity of his injuries, old age, declining health, and recent attacks on pets in residential areas, the decision was made for P-22 to be euthanized.

Following a tribal ceremony, led by four local tribes, P-22 was laid to rest in the Santa Monica Mountains on March 4, 2023.

P-22 will remain an important icon for the City of Los Angeles. His story will be remembered as an environmental catalyst for change, providing a better understanding of urban wildlife and Los Angeles' infrastructure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the Cultural Affairs Department, the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and any other involved City department, be requested to report back with a proposal, with associated cost, to install a memorial, including the possibility of a statue, for P-22 on the Tom LaBonge Panorama Trail in Griffith Park.

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PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: J.S.H.

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**Re: 2ND LETTER RE: PICKLEBALL AT PALISADES ON WEEKEND MORNINGS**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 1:12 PM

To: Joanne Sala <>

Cc: park.services@lacity.org

Good Afternoon,

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

On Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 12:48 PM Joanne Sala <> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I did not get a personal response or call to my letter of complaint sent January 22, 2023, I'm including it again here below. Nothing has changed, and the 30 to 40 pickle ball players who take over courts 7 (and now 8) on weekend mornings (with their own nets/group/payment plan) has continued to flourish under your lack of consideration for the basic intended use of the tennis courts, which is for TENNIS play only.

I don't understand the continued mismanagement of the tennis court facilities in the Pacific Palisades. With liveball taking up 4 courts weekend mornings, and now pickle ball players squatting on courts 7 and 8, that leaves only 2 courts out of 8 for the general public to reserve and use for regular tennis play on weekends. Is this really the highest and best use of a public tennis facility? Is it really your intention to turn a blind eye to this matter? There are plenty places for pickle ball players to set up nets. How about sending them to an elementary school on weekends? Why don't they go back to playing in front of the tennis booth where they were before? Why does another sport with completely different lines/nets/rules be allowed to infiltrate a public tennis facility?

I think your lack of response (other than to say you received my letter) is nothing short of appalling.

I have also attached the website notice by the "ambassador of pickle ball" who charges \$5 for each person to come to the Palisades on weekend mornings. He calls it a "donation," but clearly he's profiting off of a public court and booking FIVE HOURS OF COURT TIME PER SESSION.

And then there was this written in the Palisades Post (see below). Which begs the questions, is this true? Exactly who is on the Palisades Park Advisory Board, and why wasn't this discussed at any public meeting?

"USA Pickleball Association Ambassador Pong Nimnual and Palisades resident Kane Phelps have almost achieved their goal of adding the sport of Pickleball to the Pacific Palisades Recreation and Parks system as reported by The Palisadian Post.

After a lot effort, Nimnual and Phelps have convinced the Pacific Palisades Park Advisory Board to vote in favor of converting one of the Recreation Center's tennis courts into a hybrid court that would

allow pickleball matches and the Palisades Recreation Center will add pickleball to their official spring program as of May 1.

Kane Phelps said, "It has taken a lot ... of emails and phone calls, but we have been able to put the Palisades forward as a template that could be used to initiate the whole idea of converting tennis courts for pickleball. We pushed it to another, higher level ... As a result of that, we were able to get a commitment [from the City] ... They are committed to creating a hybrid situation and ... I think that's a success story."

BELOW IS FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF PICKLEBALL'S WEBSITE, CLEARLY SHOWING THEY HAVE BOOKED 5 HOURS OF COURT TIME (another rule violation) on TWO COURTS for this coming Saturday and another FIVE HOURS on Sunday. This flagrant use of a public tennis court and your lack of concern or enforcement has only emboldened them.

A \$5 "suggested" donation. Please pay & sign in before you play. Thank you. PayPal to or Venmo to

Vora PONG Nimnual - USAPA Ambassador of Pacific Palisades

Week of March 27 - April 2, 2023

Wed. 03/29/23: Court #8 from 8 am-12 pm. Looks like rain again so no pickleball.

Sat. 04/01/23: Court #7 & #8 from 8 am-1 pm. I plan to be there at 8 am to set up. 2 spots left for Beginner's clinic with a fee.

Sun. 04/02/23: Court #8 from 1-6 pm. I plan to be there at 1 pm to set up.

Palisades Recreation Center

851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

<https://goo.gl/maps/b8QNWJLQBCWQTTpMA>

My letter from January 22nd is below:

Dear Commissioner:

I invite you to come to the Palisades public tennis courts on any given weekend morning and see what your lax rules and terrible decision-making has wrought on our tennis-playing community. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE OUTDOOR PLAYING SPACE with 35 to 40 people playing pickle ball on ONE TENNIS COURT next to you? Would you?

The tennis court reservation guidelines specifically state that the tennis courts are to be used for "TENNIS ONLY," in addition to other various rules we agree to about how many balls can be used on the court, and that no private lessons are to be given, etc.. How is it that the most basic rule that the courts are to be used for "tennis only" is being willfully ignored by the department? How is it that you're turning a blind eye and sanctioning the use of a public tennis court for something other than tennis?

Would you allow skateboarding on a tennis court? Rollerblading? Bike riding? Bocce Ball? How about if I wheel in my ping pong table on court 8 and play ping pong there all day? Would that be allowed? According to you, it would. How about if I wheel in FOUR ping pong tables, book the court all day, start a ping pong club, charge people money for admission, and have 35 to 40 people stand around waiting to play ping pong on court 8 all day on weekends? Would that be

allowed--because that is exactly what's going on with pickle ball players.

THIS MUST STOP.

This pickle ball fad should not become a burden to the recreational tennis player who, in my instance, has been playing on the LA City courts for more than 30 years. As evidenced by the pickle ball community who show up on site with their own nets, tape, paddles and plastic balls, they can literally take their game and equipment ANYWHERE where this is flat hard surface. Perhaps they should play on the Palisades basketball court? How would that go over with those players? Not well I imagine. Right? So why is it okay for a tennis court to be used other than its intended purpose?

YOUR CONDONING THIS GROUP MUST STOP.

Joanne Sala

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From Doug McIntyre - LA Daily News - SCNG - Senior Softball field conditions

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 11:00 AM

To Commissioners Patsouras, Alvarez, Chase, Bayne, and Halper:

A head's up.

This Sunday, the LA Daily News, OC Register, Long Beach Press-Telegram, and all the SCNG papers will run my opinion piece on the terrible softball field conditions at the Sepulveda Basin, Balboa Park and Hjelte Complex.

I look forward to writing a follow up article on how the Commission rolled up your sleeves and turned this bad situation around.

Sincerely,

Doug McIntyre
Opinion Columnist, SCNG



Debut novel in stores and on-line July, 2023!