


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

August 17, 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>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Hollywoodland neighbors' comments regarding Wildfire Assessment Report	#9436	Referred to General Manager
2) Miriam Preissel comments regarding City Council Motion CF23-0559	#9437	Referred to General Manager
3) Elida Mendez comments regarding lights that are off at Green Meadows Recreation Center	#9438	Referred to General Manager
4) City Council Motion	#9439	Note and File
5) Manuel Aranguiz comments regarding being a company dedicated to the creation of solar products	#9440	Referred to General Manager
6) Ulises Vigo comments regarding Maintenance at Shadow Ranch Park	#9441	Referred to General Manager
7) Louie Murcia comments regarding trash receptacles being placed in the Park at Rampart Police station.	#9442	Referred to General Manager
Cari Devine Bjelajac regarding Venice Boardwalk	#9443	Referred to General Manager



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Use of animals

Bob Cleaves

Fri, Jul 28, 2023 at 5:43 PM

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

Don't use animals forcibly to provide entertainment.

Robert Cleaves



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Replacing the Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Patty Shenker

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Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 10:20 AM

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

Dear Commissioners Jimmy Kim & others-

I want to thank you again for ending the cruel pony rides and petting zoo. While this may have been acceptable in 1948 when it started, we have changed our attitude and treatment towards animals & this is outdated & needs to be replaced. I learned in the last meeting that you are meeting with the horse people and I found that very disconcerting and unfair and I am therefore requesting that we animal activists get the same time and attention. Please let me know when we can meet with you to discuss our ideas. I have repeatedly suggested Funbox.com. There are definitely BETTER options for kids of all ages than this antediluvian pony rides.

I want to tell you that the mini-horse sanctuary that adopted one of the ponies has had his full work up, his teeth floated & hooves trimmed on a regular rotation & is on a worming schedule. They noticed right away the pony was tripping a lot because he suffers from cataracts in both eyes. He is basically blind but luckily, the sanctuary knows the challenges that face their blind ponies.

So basically, an elderly, blind pony was forced to stand in the heat, wearing a saddle, pad and bit to carry kids, which is not humane or safe at all for the ponies or the children. Besides the pony's safety being compromised, his blindness compromised the kids' safety and the city could have faced liability for accidents.

I urge you to stick to your compassionate decision, despite complaints by the LA Equine community, which respectfully, does not have equines' best interests & will not accept the decision made.

If they did, they would not only be glad about this decision but they would be outraged with the 45 horses who have been killed this year on Ca. race tracks and the other horses who are often severely hurt and killed in rodeos and support the LA ordinance to ban the tools used in rodeos.

In the last meeting in July, I wrote- "This summer of persistent heat waves daily with temperatures reaching triple digits should make it easier for you to decide to not bring in animals to replace the pony rides.

University researchers determined that horses succumb to heat stress 3-10 times faster than two-legged animals because they use a higher percentage of active muscles than two-leggeds do during exercise-muscles that produce a lot of heat during use.

Veterinarian Dr. David Ramey wrote- "People interested in riding the poor, hot critters then take the added step of covering up the body surface with a saddle & pad, which further reduces the area from which heat can be lost."

This heat is also dangerous to the families, posing an extreme risk for heat-related illnesses. High temperatures kill more Californians annually than any other type of natural

disaster.

So let's put an end to the idea of bringing ponies back- or any other animals because that would be careless, crazy and inhumane and let's figure out the best activity to offer kids and their families!"

A reminder- On October 25th, 2022 Councilmember Nithya Raman, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Curren Price submitted a motion that stated that although Stephen Weeks made some improvements the Griffith Park and Pony Rides continues to receive complaints of critical measures that did not ensure the well-being of the elderly ponies. This includes pushing elderly ponies in 100-degree temperature. With such knowledge, it is clear that the city cannot reform such industries and ensure the safety and well being of children interacting/riding animals, or ensure that an operator is meeting guidelines that relate to California animal cruelty laws."

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with you.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Patty Shenker

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 7, 2023 at 8:26 AM

To: Trudi >

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Aug 5, 2023 at 6:10 AM Trudi <

> wrote:

Please bring back the pony rides. This is how I learned my love for horses. My children loved the ponies and now my Grandchildren will never know the feeling of being with a pony, because they have been taken away. I have watched the pony's for years and they were never abused. For the sake of the children who will now never know the connection between a pony and a human because number one young children cannot be put on horses for rent and number two it is to expensive for most people to rent a horse in this day and age. Please bring back this wonderful experience.

Thank you

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: RAP Commissioners, Important Hollywoodland Wildfire Assessment Report

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jul 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

To: Hollywoodland Homeowners Association <

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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.

On Fri, Jul 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM Official Hollywoodland Homeowners Association eMail <

> wrote:

Friday, July 28, 2023

Dear RAP Commissioners,

Over the past several years, the residents of Hollywoodland have become increasingly concerned about the growing threat of wildfires to our community with its substandard infrastructure that sits at the base of the Hollywood Sign in a very high fire severity zone.

Residents have watched wildfires grow in frequency and intensity around the globe, and have recognized the very real threat that fires pose to the Hollywoodland neighborhood.

The alarming increase in tourism seeking views of the famous Hollywood Sign poses an additional risk to both residents and tourists.

In response to these issues, the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association (HHA) commissioned a thorough wildfire assessment to be prepared by the consulting firm Wildfire DefenseWorks (WDW). This Report, linked below, presents in great detail the very real risk of a wildfire event in the Hollywoodland area.

It also offers a detailed understanding of wildfire behavior along with a scientific wildfire analysis showing impacts from potential ignition points. Most importantly, it provides a suite of suggestions and solutions that could be implemented over time to help reduce the growing wildfire threat before it is too late.

The HHA would like to implement as many of the suggestions as possible within our abilities. But we cannot solve all of the problems alone--we must have help from the City to address many of these solutions. It is the desire of the HHA to engage in a partnership with the City of Los

Angeles to help reduce the growing threat of a wildfire to the Hollywoodland neighborhood as soon as possible.

We thank you in advance for your focused concern on solutions regarding public safety.

Best Regards,

Sarajane Schwartz, Safety Chairperson
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association, Inc.

Read the Hollywoodland Wildfire Assessment Report
[CLICK HERE!](#)

The historic 1961 Beachwood Fire

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City Council Motion File-23-0559 8/2/23

Miriam Preissel

Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 8:41 PM

To: Mayor Karen Bass <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

Cc: Councilmember Imelda Padilla <Councilmember.Padilla@lacity.org>, Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>, Councilmember Paul Krekorian <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, contactCD4@lacity.org, councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, cd10@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org, Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org, Osvaldo.Ramirez@mail.house.gov, "Senator.Menjivar@senate.ca.gov" <Senator.Menjivar@senate.ca.gov>, ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, Ariel.Jones@lacity.org, Assemblymember.gabriel@assembly.ca.gov, Trina.luc@dot.ca.gov, engpropkrfp@lacity.org, Kenneth Mejia <Controller.mejia@lacity.org>, Sylvia Patsaouras <RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org>, Senator.Stern@senate.ca.gov, Congressman Brad Sherman <brad.sherman@mail.house.gov>, Mark Hanna <mark.hanna@house.gov>, t.aura.garcia@lacity.org, mike.davis@lacity.org, jessica.caloza@lacity.org, teresa.villegas@lacity.org, Linda Gravani, Danica Middleton, Alex Garay, Osiris Munir, Janie Thompson, Ter Lieberstein, LAURIE KELSON <laurie.kelson@lacity.org>, "Katie (Mowgli) Serviss" <katie.serviss@lacity.org>, "Dana (Barney & Tallulah) Bartholomew" <dana.barney@lacity.org>, Trudi Schoolhouse <trudi.schoolhouse@lacity.org>

Mayor Karen Bass,

This is concerning City Council Motion File-23-0559 scheduled for Wednesday August 2nd, Agenda item #5 to be heard by the LA City Council.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0559>

We are a non-profit Friends Group for the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park. We have been advocating against a portion of the LA River Valley Bikeway and Greenway Master Plan, Specifically Segment 2 which runs between White Oak Avenue and Balboa Boulevard.

This is an area that already has two bike paths, one 500 feet from the proposed bike path.

We believe since this is a purely recreational path that should have no funding issued from Measure M which the voters understood was going to fund transportation projects that eased traffic congestion, fix roads and fight climate change.

We also do not think any more money should be considered for this entire length of this project until a viable plan and budget that includes MOU's with enforcement agencies are also allocated for enforcement and maintenance.

This entire section is isolated. Most sections so isolated that no one would hear someone in distress. Areas of homeless encampments are on this path, even the design team for this project were chased out when they went on a scout.

The area where there are encampments across from O'Malley Field have experience constant fires and one student was attacked by a homeless person with a boxcutter.

Our Dog park had an encampment under the White Oak bridge. We had homeless sleeping in the porte-potties taking copper wire out of the irrigation valves, taking gates off hinges, sleeping in the park and people having to wake up and escort them out in the morning with food littered on the ground.

Oddly, CD3&4 who have been drivers of this path were not much help with this problem. A patron of the park was bounced around to city departments that did not take responsibility for 8 months. Both Councilmembers should take responsibility for these concerns and also, we believe, not ask for any more money until this area is assured of true enforcement.

People in CD3 have had years of struggle with the installed bike path, some residents actually moved. After 2 years of being ignored, they began their own clean up group of mostly seniors naming themselves the "LA River Walkers and Watchers". Documenting what was on this path, the trash, hypodermic needles, finding people with needles sticking out of their arms and human waste. When CD3 saw that community sentiment could interfere with the continuation of the path, Councilmember Blumenfield asked for \$650,000 for a MRCA ranger pilot program, having received 1.3 million dollars to date which we understand is a fraction of what realistic enforcement would cost.

Even with this MRCA ranger pilot program an arsonist set fires last September up and down the bike path. That being a residential area with eyes on the bike path at all times. Who will see a fire start along our isolated path in the middle of the night, before the dog park goes up in flames?

We have been protesting this bike path being built right against the fence, taking part of the dog park and utilizing our extremely small parking lot for to access the path. Although there is another viable option on the south side of the wash with not one single conflict, we cannot get this reconsidered.

We have a petition of 1,900+ supporting this. <https://www.change.org/PreservetheSepulvedaDogPark> Neighborhood Councils are supporting us. Encino Property Owners Association are supporting us. Public Works did not go through the NC's and share these plans. There were very few meetings and not one that specifically mentioned the dog park that anyone remembers.

Access gates off the bike path to any of the "amenities" are not welcome and all are available through the front entrances. (Again, a short distance to an existing bike path). The Skate park has groups that gather in the afternoon breaking bottles and setting fires and there is not enough enforcement for patrols they are told. One Generation has vandalism and a back-gate entrance is not welcome. An excuse to have a back entrance to the Farmer's Market on Sundays is not a big enough excuse compared to what these gates will open to all week long. As we have pointed out, wheels, skateboards and dogs do not mix. Who will take responsibility for our seniors when their dogs go to chase bikes and skateboards riding through our parking lot and pull them to the asphalt?

There are many reasons not to put another active recreational activity against a dog park. This park was built to the Recreation and Parks guidelines that they follow to build all dog parks in Los Angeles. There are many files that state this but here are two, one recent and one older. (Recent Example: Board Report Eagle Rock Dog Park Approval of Final Plans 2018: (<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2018/apr18/18-073.pdf>) (From 2010: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2007/07-1738_rpt_drp_8-13-10.pdf)

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

-It must not displace another organized recreational use or unstructured use in a park given the County's limited park resources and need for active recreation and passive open space areas.

Anyone who walks down a street and experiences dogs at a gate or fence knows what "barrier frustration" is. Imagine 20 dogs in a group chasing bikes and skateboards. Pulled ligaments, hyper activity causing aggressiveness in otherwise timid dogs and startling the bikers, skateboarders and pedestrians using the path. Why does RAP not build dog parks against conflicting activities? It is only common sense.

The Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Engineering (as well as the funders we think) should respect these guidelines in their plans as well. Few dog parks in Los Angeles get built because of these restrictions. It stands reason that this should not be compromised because bike lobbyists and enthusiasts have stronger voices than the community.

There has been a lack of transparency and our concerns have fallen on deaf ears. One dog park for 3 council districts (CD3, CD6 & CD12) accommodating over 800,000 people and not one Councilmember has yet to meet with us to hear our concerns. CD6 lost a Councilmember, we had a vacant seat and the staff member that took time to understand and helped us while that seat was vacant was replaced when our new councilmember did a sweep taking office so we do not have a council office that knows exactly what is going on in the community yet. We have requested a meeting with the Councilmember herself, and think that would have been respectful to us and possibly useful to Councilmember Padilla before this vote, considering it will be up to her to find funding for enforcement. We are still waiting on that call.

Because this is not necessary, because two other paths already exist, because it does not include money for enforcement or maintenance, and because this is not taking the communities interests seriously, we protest this motion and would also like this and the original funding reviewed. I see that there are Measure M Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee Active Members as well as the Metro Board which you are the Chair that can review this.

Legislation is being proposed that would shift community power to proponents of bus and bike lanes by allowing them to sue city leaders if they fail to carry out promised transportation improvements.

When is a mobility plan going too far? Many don't understand what is happening with our city, to the community voices and are stymied for "the better good". We would like to be heard, involved and have our representative take our concerns into consideration.

We believe the Metro board should find roads to fix, use their funds to lessen real transportation issues or find bike lanes to support where there are not already 2. Redesigning this stretch could save this project the funds it needs to go from Vanalden to White Oak.

Ultimately, if taxpayer money is used, we would at least like the city to redesign this path to the unobstructed option on the south side which is the side it comes off of and goes back onto. Under-budgeted obviously and now asking for more money, they cannot use the excuse that there is not money for community concerns when they are asking for their own budgeting shortcomings. One reason it is on the north they say is Harvard-Westlake's O'Malley Field. In today's Los Angeles it is assumed that deep pockets win every time. That is the perception of our city representatives at this point in time. There is a compromise that would solve both concerns but with no pockets we are not even heard.

Please do not be the Los Angeles that ignores the community and does what bike riding council members and bike lobbyists want over all other reasonable considerations.

One more item of note that we would like to point out to support our concerns. On Monday, April 10th, 2023 it was reported that a dog in a Studio City park ingested both THC and cocaine. A similar incident happened last year when another dog named Chance got sick after somehow ingesting Oxycodone in Santa Monica, leaving the dog blind. <https://abc7.com/dog-ingests-thc-and-cocaine-studio-city-california-woodbridge-park-north-hollywood/13110903/>

"The park near North Hollywood is a short distance from a homeless camp under the 101 Freeway." Epstein said the camp has grown bigger over the years.

"They've cleaned up this area maybe two times, maybe three times. Within 24 hours, it's back and bigger," said Epstein.

"Paul Krekorian - whose district includes the communities of North Hollywood, Studio City, Sun Valley and more - issued a statement that read in part, "We have cleared this location repeatedly, but people keep trying to camp at this underpass. At present, LAPD's North Hollywood Division is understaffed and daily enforcement is not possible."

We know this is the reality. We implore Councilmember Krekorian, our own Councilmember Imelda Padilla and the entire city council to do what is common sense. Rethink the blind ambition of having a bike path for 51 miles on the wash, rethink putting a bike path against a dog park when there is an alternative, rethink rushing this to meet a target of inclusion in Olympics that is inconsequential to this path and rethink voting for any more taxpayer money until you can guarantee this will be a safe investment for not only our community, but for all of Los Angeles.

Ultimately Mayor Bass, this will wind up with you, both as the Mayor and the Chair of the Metro Board. We are hoping that you take the time to understand these concerns not support this motion until the community concerns are addressed and funding for enforcement is included and in place.

Sincerely,

Miriam L. Preissel

President

Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park

John Genga, Ter Lieberstein, Trudi Schoolhouse, Dana Bartholomew, Katie Serviss



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Lights out

1 message

Elida Mendez <

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Fri, Aug 4, 2023 at 6:32 AM

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

Hello! Commissioners .

I need your support to make possible to fix the lights that are off in the Green Meadows Recreation Center.

Summer night light program is active but as soon it gets dark we have to finish the program because it is dark.

I reported, the problem also the park director.

Please help me to make the Summer night light program better.

Thank you so much.

MOTION

An innovative and nation-leading effort was recently approved by the Board of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which will add two-way vehicle charging as a tool in modernizing the City's power grid. The LADWP pilot program is known as the Commercial Energy Storage to Grid (CES2G), and it consists of 20 MW of energy capacity at a total cost of \$32M (incentives and guarantees). This package will augment current stationary energy storage by adding a new category, popularly known as vehicle to grid. The City should leverage this new technological ability to assist in decarbonizing its heavy-duty vehicle fleet while adding resiliency to the grid.

If the City can successfully connect to the CES2G program, it can be an initial partner of LADWP in order to unlock potentially thousands of mobile batteries. City fleet vehicles are ideal for this function due to their heavy power needs; vehicles such as trash trucks, buses, street pavers, or street sweepers should participate. By participating in the program, the City can assist in incentivizing more efficient energy resources during customer peak hour usage, which will result in lower costs to the ratepayers by using cheaper stored energy instead of expensive peak-hours generated energy.

This effort to modernize the power grid is needed in order to improve the dispatch of electrical load during critical peak power (CPP) events, where power demand is critically high. Understanding CPP is essential when considering the efficient distribution of electrical load, especially when customer demand is high and renewable resources are low.

The City should update its EV Master Plan (CF: 21-0890) and Building Decarbonization Master Plan (CF: 21-1039) by incorporating the CES2G program within city policy to maximize the strategic use of heavy-duty vehicles on city land, allowing for a more stable electrical grid. At the same time, the LADWP should work collaboratively with Departments that operate and maintain the largest mid and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to ensure the success of this and other grid resiliency policies that further Council priorities to electrify mid and heavy-duty vehicle fleets.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, and the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the Department of Water and Power, and with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, incorporate the commercial energy storage to grid (CES2G) program within the Municipal Building Decarbonization Workbook policy (21-1039) and the Electric Vehicle Master Plan policy (21-0890), where feasible, efficient, and when furthering vehicle decarbonization and electrification goals.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, in collaboration with the Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Streets Services, Department of Recreation and Parks, and all other departments that operate and maintain vehicles classified as mid and heavy-duty, identify mutually beneficial goals and priorities concerning CES2G "vehicle to grid" policy in order to electrify and decarbonize all "hard-to-electrify" fleets across all agencies including proprietary Departments.

PRESENTED BY: 
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: 

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SOLAR LIGHTING LED TREE FOR PARKS AND MINI PARKS

1 message

Manuel Aranguiz

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Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 5:04 PM

To: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Dear.

My name is Manuel Aranguiz and I am the founder of Maar Company LLC, a company dedicated to the creation of sustainable solar products for the community.

Welcome to our product presentation! We are thrilled to showcase our innovative solar LED lighting solution specifically designed for parks and mini park. With a focus on reducing the carbon footprint and creating beautiful nighttime spaces for the community, we are committed to providing a unique and sustainable experience for all.

Our Vision.

In a world where sustainability is a priority, our vision is to transform public spaces into safe and inviting places during the night while significantly reducing the environmental impact. We aim to offer communities the opportunity to enjoy their parks and mini park in an eco-friendly way, allowing families to create unforgettable memories under the bright light of our solar LED lighting system.

Sustainable Benefits

Our focus on sustainability offers several benefits for the environment and the community:

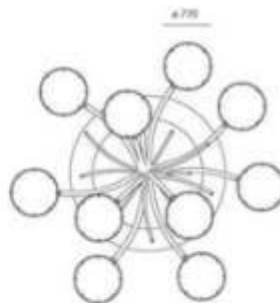
1. Carbon Footprint Reduction: Our solar LED lighting system is powered entirely by solar energy, eliminating the reliance on non-renewable energy sources and reducing carbon emissions.
2. Energy Efficiency: Our high-efficiency solar panels capture and store solar energy during the day, enabling optimal electricity usage during the night and ensuring continuous and reliable illumination.

- 3. **Cost Savings:** By relying solely on solar energy, our customers can save on electricity costs in the long run, contributing to greater economic sustainability.

- 4. **Quality Lighting:** Our state-of-the-art LED luminaires provide bright and uniform lighting, creating a safe and pleasant ambiance for all nighttime activities in parks and mini park.

- 5. **Durability and Low Maintenance:** Our products are designed to withstand the most demanding weather conditions and require minimal maintenance, ensuring a long lifespan and a cost-effective investment in the long term.

Now, we present you with some images of our solar LED lighting system in different parks and mini park, where it has been successfully installed:



Our Green Commitment: Solar Tree.

In addition to providing sustainable lighting, we are committed to reforestation and the growth of green areas. We are proud to highlight that every time we install our lighting system in a park or mini park, we also plant a solar tree. This tree not only provides shade and beauty but also generates additional solar energy for the lighting system.

We are confident that this initiative will significantly contribute to the well-being of the community and the balance of the local ecosystem.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, our solar LED lighting for parks and mini park represents a modern and sustainable solution that reduces the carbon footprint, creates beautiful and safe nighttime spaces for the community, and contributes to environmental preservation through the planting of solar trees.

We invite everyone to join us in this mission to protect our planet while enjoying the magic of nights in our parks and mini park.

Thank you for your attention!

Manuel Aranguiz

Senior Manager



Investment Advisory and Services Maar LLC



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Shadow Ranch Park- San Fernando Valley

1 message

Ulises Vigo

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Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 4:21 PM

To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org, ydd@lacity.org, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hi there,

I would like to tell you that our son and his friends from 10 to 12 years old, who are part of the soccer team called Manchester, play every Sunday at Shadow Ranch Park. However, this park does not have any kind of maintenance. Firstly, the grass is grown and is not cut. Secondly, it has some parts where there is no grass and there are holes, so children who play may suffer an injury.

Finally, we ask you to give it adequate maintenance.

Thank you in advance for your soon answer.

My best,

Ulises Vigo Lira



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: trash receptacles at Rampart Police station park

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

Mon, Aug 7, 2023 at 8:12 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, Aug 4, 2023 at 2:37 PM Louie Murcia < > wrote:

Forwarded Conversation

Subject: trash receptacles at Rampart Police station park

From: **Louie Murcia** < >
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 8:55 AM
To: <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>

hello Eunisses,

I hope this email finds you well.

I live on Columbia Avenue and 5th Street, right across from the Rampart Police Station.

I have been trying to get some trash receptacles placed in the park for a while now with no success. Unfortunately, the park is constantly littered with trash that people leave on the grass while enjoying their time with friends/family. (beer cans/plates/food bags, cups/etc.)

There is also rampant drinking (alcohol) throughout the entire day along with some drug use.

Can you get some trash receptacles spread throughout the park to alleviate the litter?

I have brought the drinking and drug use to the police at the station with little or no effort of enforcement on their behalf.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter and would be open to meet with your representatives to review this matter in person.

Louie Murcia

From: **Councilmember Hernandez** <councilmember.hernandez+noreply@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 8:56 AM
To: < >

Hello,

Thank you for your message. We appreciate hearing from you and welcome your comments, questions or concerns. Our staff will review your message and will work to address your concerns in a timely manner.

Due to the high volume of e-mails our office receives, it is difficult to respond immediately to each one, but we will respond to every constituent contact in a timely manner. If you would like to speak to a member of our staff regarding an urgent concern, please don't hesitate to contact our office by phone. We can be reached at our City Hall office at

(213) 473-7001. For any scheduling questions, please contact CD1.Scheduling@lacity.org.

Thank you again for taking time to contact us.

Sincerely,

CD1 Staff

From: **Louie Murcia** < >
Date: Fri, Aug 4, 2023 at 1:30 PM
To: Councilmember Hernandez <councilmember.hernandez+noreply@lacity.org>, <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>

following up on this inquiry below. i have not heard from anyone on this matter.

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Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Fwd: Venice Boardwalk Park maintenance and management

1 message

JOSEPH HALPER

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Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 11:42 AM

To: Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Hi Takisha
Please move this into the Board mail.
I hope this finds you well
Thanks
Joe

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cari Devine Bjelajac < >
Subject: Venice Boardwalk Park maintenance and management
Date: August 9, 2023 at 10:26:26 AM PDT
To: jimmy.kim@lacity.org, jimmy.newsom@lacity.org
Cc: " " < >, hydee.feldsteinsoto@lacity.org

Dear Mr. Kim and Mr. Newsom,

Please see attachment. Can we schedule a time to discuss conditions and solutions?

Best,
Cari Bjelajac
Friends of Venice Boardwalk
Venice Boardwalk Action Committee

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**Venice Boardwalk
North vs South :
Why do disparities exist?**

What are the reasons for this contrast?

LA City Parks/Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LA RAP) Is responsible for equitable management of the entire Venice Beach Boardwalk Park. However, since the Covid pandemic restrictions ended, a palpable disparity exists between the areas north and south of Horizon Avenue.



Distinct differences between areas:

South of Horizon Avenue:

- The Venice Boardwalk Park Is well maintained
- clean, green spaces
- sand-free pedestrian paths
- well-maintained public restrooms.
- well lit at night
- equipped with cameras
- LAPD SUBSTATION
- LA RAP OFFICE



Differences between areas:

North of Horizon Avenue

- dangerous, sand covered pedestrian paths
- formerly green spaces have deteriorated
- fires occur in unsecured sub-standard trash bins.
- poor lighting,
- no security cameras.
- minimal visible and consistent Police, Park Ranger or law enforcement presence.
- vehicles frequently illegally access Ocean Front Walk at Rose Avenue, creating a deadly hazard.

Public restrooms are unsafe for visitors:

- unclean
- often inhabited or used for storage, drug use and dealing
- location of multiple overdoses
- location of prostitution and rape

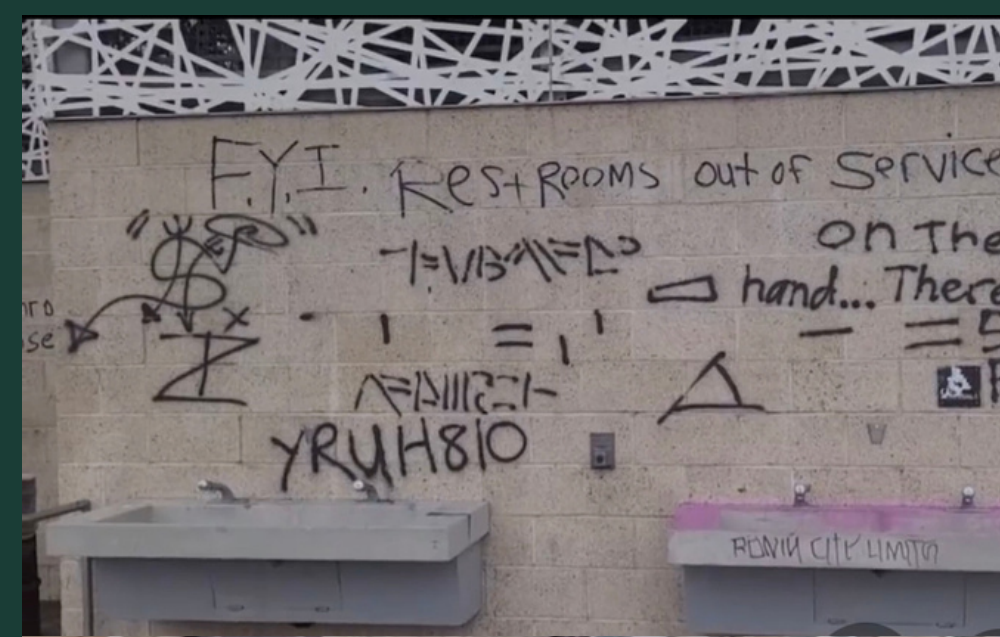


Differences between areas: North of Horizon Avenue continued:

Rose Avenue Beach Parking Lot:

- LA COUNTY BEACH PARKING LOTS DO NOT ALLOW OVERNIGHT PARKING. Although the entry gate closes at 10pm, vehicles remain overnight.
- All other Venice area beach parking lots, have enforcement.
- Food Distributions and showers draw large numbers of people in need without providing security or clean up to the area.

Rose Avenue Beach Restrooms, steps from a new toddler playground, is particularly secluded, poorly designed and has been the location for almost constant criminal activity including fires, assaults and deaths.





How might city and county agencies work with LA RAP to address the disparities?

Prior to the pandemic, LA RAP successfully provided balanced maintenance of the Venice Beach Boardwalk Park. However, safety and law enforcement presence was not equitable.

- For many years, residents and businesses have requested Park Rangers, lighting and cameras consistent with south of Horizon.
- Although city, county and BID work together to oversee this beloved Venice resource, LA RAP must provide consistent management of the entire park.
- Immediate solutions are necessary to ensure a safe and welcoming experience.

