INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

July 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> | Action Taken | | |
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| Griffith Park Pony Ride comments | | Referred to General Manager | |
| James Campeau comments regarding San Pedro Park Rangers | #9370a | Referred to General Manager | |
| Jennifer DeLeon comments regarding Bridge Home on Riverside Dr | #9381d | Referred to General Manager | |
| 3) Cameron Flanagan comments regarding Bridge Home on Riverside Dr | #9381e | Referred to General Manager | |
| Cameron Flanagan comments regarding Bridge Home on Riverside Dr | #9381f | Referred to General Manager | |
| 5) Dane Lee Suttle comments regarding BTRC Officials Contract | #9392 | Referred to General Manager | |
| 6) Michael X. Ferraro comments regarding Flat Top Park | #9393 | Referred to General Manager | |
| 7) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park | #9394 | Referred to General Manager | |
| 8) Maro Garcia comments regrding Sycamore Park | #9394a | Referred to General Manager | |
| 9) Rachel Smith comments regarding Laurel and Hardy Park | #9395 | Referred to General Manager | |
| 10) William comments regarding RAP Alcohol Beverage Policy | #9396 | Referred to General Manager | |

| 11) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park | #9397 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 12) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park | #9397a | Referred to General Manager |
| 13) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park | #9397b | Referred to General Manager |
| 14) Lucy Cortes comments regarding Madison Park | #9398 | Referred to General Manager |
| 15) Lucia Cortes comments regarding Madison Park | #9398a | Referred to General Manager |
| 16) Benny Frohna comments regarding Lights for River Wash | #9399 | Referred to General Manager |
| 17) Rob Bitzer comments regarding Parks | #9400 | Referred to General Manager |
| 18) City Council comments regarding Wonder View trail in Griffith Park | #9401 | Note and File |
| 19) City Council comments regarding Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program | #9402 | Note and File |
| 20) Shelley Joan Weiss comments regarding plastic/recyclable trash can liners | #9403 | Referred to General Manager |
| 21) Daniel Nunez comments regarding Minor Baseball Tournament | #9404 | Referred to General Manager |
| 22) Sarajane Schwartz comments on behalf of Safety Chair Hollywoodland Homeowners Association | #9405 | Referred to General Manager |
| 23) Linda Doe comments regarding Hollywoodland and Griffith Park Advisory Board | #9405a | Referred to General Manager |
| 24) Sarajane Schwartz comments regarding Smoking by Hollywood Sign | #9406 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 25) Linda Doe comments comments regarding Smoking by Hollywood Sign | #9406a | Referred to General Manager |
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| 26) Sarajane Schwartz comments regarding Hollywoodland and 4 th of July | #9407 | Referred to General Manager |
| 27) Jon Deutsch comments as President of Los Feliz Neighborhood Council regarding Park Concessions | #9408 | Referred to General Manager |
| 28) Toni Osseck comments regarding Griffith Park horse trails | #9409 | Referred to General Manager |
| 29) Nicole Bohn comments regarding Griffith Park horse trails | #9409a | Referred to General Manager |
| 30) Alex Crow comments regarding Griffith Park Advisory Board – LA Zoo Vision Plan | #9410 | Referred to General Manager |
| 31) Robert Cherno comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411 | Referred to General Manager |
| 32) City Council motion regarding Echo Park Lake | #9412 | Referred to General Manager |
| 33) City Council motion regarding Temporary Fencing along Mulholland Highway | #9413 | Referred to General Manager |
| 34) City Council motion regarding Lake Hollywood Park | #9414 | Referred to General Manager |
| 35) Maryam Zar comments regarding George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon | #9415 | Referred to General Manager |

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Re: Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 2:35 PM

To: Craig Baker <

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 1:58 PM Craig Baker <

> wrote:

Please re-open the historic Griffith Park Pony Rides.

Thank you.

Craig Baker Los Angeles

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CHERYL FEOLA

LOS ANGELES CITY RECREATION & PARK DEPT OFFICE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS P.O. BOX 8628 LOS ANGELES, CA 90086-0328

Commissioners,

Please keep an open mine for keeping the Griffith Park Pony Ride open. Not just close down a very important attraction that has served families and children in the Los Angeles and surrounding communities since 1948. The pony ride has been a favorite and fun attraction in Griffith Park that brings people to the park for fun and relaxation.

Consider up dating this facility by:

- 1) Giving a larger shade area for ponies and handlers
- 2) Cool circulating water for the ponies
- More shade trees around where the ponies walk (corral)
- Rotating ponies from ride area to barn for resting, cooling, and eating
- 5) Have a vet come to facility weekly or monthly, whatever is appropriate for any situation for any pony



Thank you for your consideration from an avid animal supporter, Mother, and Grandmother!

Cheryl Feola

Cheryl Scola



Re: FW: Ranger Patrol

| 1 message | | | |
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| Rap Commissioners < rap To: J Campeau < | o.commissioners@lacity.c | org> | Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 10:39 AN |
| | anne.dedmon@lacity.org> >, Robin Rudisell < | >, Joseph Stackhouse <joe.sta ></joe.sta | ackhouse@lacity.org>, Noel Gould |
| Good morning, | | | |
| Thank you for contacting Commissioners. | g the Board of Recreatio | n and Park Commissioners O | ffice, your email will be forwarded to the |
| On Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at | t 10:26 AM < | > wrote: | |
| Good morning RA | P Commissioners, | | |
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| Again, we ask for | your detailed reply re | egarding this matter. | |
| Thank you, | | | |
| James Campeau | | | |
| From: J Campeau < Sent: Tuesday, May 10 To: rap.commissioners Cc: deanne.dedmon@ < Subject: Ranger Patro | s@lacity.org Dlacity.org; Joseph Stackl >; Robin Rudisi | house <joe.stackhouse@lacity il < ></joe.stackhouse@lacity | /.org>; Noel Gould |
| Dear Commission | ers, | | |

Hope you are all doing well. Just to update you on our situation here in San Pedro. We have many parks along the coastline here, Angels Gate Park, Joan Milke Flores Park, Pt. Fermin Park, Wilders Addition Park, and Cabrillo Beach. As you know, R&P staff cannot engage with people violating the law within the parks. We depend on Park Rangers for this, as there are many situations that require Park Ranger assistance, day and night.

There is enough open space in these parks alone, that will keep one full time Park Ranger busy in these parks. As you know, our South Region area includes even more parks than just the San Pedro area and we don't have any Ranger patrol in the South Region. They now only report to the Metro and Valley Regions.

I respectfully ask, who decides which region gets preferential treatment, and what is that reason based on? Why is it assigned to the Metro and Valley Regions? This seems very unfair.

The South region, especially here in San Pedro is incomparable to other regions, because of our coastline, which is broader in area. Why can't this decision be reversed and have the Ranger patrol only report to the South Region? We even have a living quarters facility available for them.

I appreciate your reply.

Thank you,

James Campeau











Re: Mayor letter and attached pictures to demonstrate problems along Riverside Drive - forward me final letter as submitted to Mayor Bass

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 7:58 AM

To: Cameron Flanagan < Cc: Jennifer.Deleon

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 1:13 PM Cameron Flanagan

> wrote:

Dear Mayor Karen Bass,

Via email: karen.bass@lacity.oeg Cc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

I am writing to request increased LAPD enforcement in the area of Riverside Drive from 3100 to Fletcher Drive that has two shelters along Riverside Drive.

The crime in the area has exponentially increased since the opening of these two shelters in 2020.

Specifically, I am requesting immediate effective enforcement by LAPD CIRCLE or SMART unit due to the increase in drug distribution, crime, and trafficking along Riverside Drive.

I cannot operate my business effectively with the ongoing crime outside and believe intimidation of my staff is unacceptable, which has been an ongoing problem.

Please help Mayor Bass. We need your engagement in Los Angeles, not allowing the increased crime that affects our area now daily by those choosing to use and peddle drugs while living in RVs that operate as mobile dealing units ruining our community and way of life.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DeLeon Manager, Caliber Collision

Attached are the following pictures:

- 1) RV parked illegally in No Parking 10pm to 6am zone.
- 2) RV that dumps waste, needles, tires, with other accumulated large trash items gathered throughout the night adjacent to Caliber Collision under the Hyperion Bridge in Council District 4.
- 3) RV with drug dealers and users gathering at all hours of the day and night in No Parking 10p to 6am zone. This RV is attracting other drug users who have bike "chop shop", breaking down area stolen bikes. This outrageous situation is going on across from a Family Shelter.
- 4) RV inhabitants trespassing on my business and other area businesses, stealing water, and publicly urinating and defecating outside businesses. Multiple police reports have been taken no avail.

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Re: Please read this prior to this Thursday's, 6/15, Rec & Parks Commission meeting

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 9:16 AM

To: Cameron Flanagan < Cc: Cameron Flanagan <

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 11:32 AM Cameron Flanagan < Please ensure Commissioners receive this letter.

> wrote:

Thank you.

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June 10, 2023

Dear Recreation & Parks Commissioners,

One half block south of where the Rec & Parks (RAP) Commission will convene a meeting on June 15, 2023, there are established drug users and dealers. Under the historic Hyperion Bridge, in several RVs, these perpetrators use and peddle meth, fentanyl, heroine, and heavily laced THC marijuana. Nightly, gang members take advantage of our charity and indifference, mixing with the homeless in a drugs-for-stolen-items exchange, further distributing drugs along the LA River.

Littering the sidewalk is hazardous trash, including drug needles, other drug residue, tires from impromptu "chop shops" breaking down stolen bikes, urine, and feces. This hazmat assemblage, mixed in with discarded bulky items, burdens the City in cleaning up the continuous mess of those in the RVs and adjacent tent housing chronic meth and fentanyl addicts.

Across the street from the drug dealing RVs is a Family Shelter. Children regularly traverse this area with their parents to go to the convenience store or school. These children have been reunited with their families only to realize they are walking a very dangerous route created by these RVs and the gang members who peddle various drugs to the homeless. We have a duty to keep these vulnerable children safe and extinguish the criminogenic element emanating from and returning to Riverside Drive Bridge Home shelter.

The gang distribution takes advantage of the drug addicted men and women consciously deciding not to use the nearby shelter services or gain permanent housing. Instead the chronically homeless population stay high all day and night, using the shelter only for free meals, as they fraternize with gang members for their drugs. These individuals eschew the proximate shelter, choosing to return to their RVs and tents to use the drugs directly across the street from the Family Shelter.

LAPD resources and according effectiveness are beyond taxed. Citizens' patience is depleted, while a different group, the criminals and chosen homeless, prosper. Our only hope is this Commission, for support in rescuing the neighborhood from this imported tragedy.

The RVs ensconced under the Hyperion Bridge contribute to this problem. Those from the well-documented Berendo encampment in Hollywood of **2021**, gang members in tents prostituting women and dealing drugs, pretending to be homeless, are taking full advantage of Councilwoman Raman enablement.

Our Councilmember lobbied the General Manager of Recreation and Parks and the Commission to decide on renewing the lease for the Riverside Drive Bridge Home without considering any community input ahead of the May 25th Commission meeting. The decision was a foregone conclusion, and no amount of reasoned public input was to be considered.

Now, the City through the Recreation and Parks Commission has assumed a liability by allowing the shelter to remain at 3210 Riverside Drive for another year. The criminal dangers are well documented. They are not derivative, they are plain and obvious. These congregate shelters are hubs for gangs, with this one attracting members from Armenian Power, La Mirada Locos, Thee Rascals, and others. The shelters import a homeless population from around the country, and contribute to an increase in crime at a rate greater than the surrounding area.

The community demands an end to this nightmare. In accordance with the Recreation and Parks Commission inquiry and gentle mandate from the May 25th meeting, Council District 4 needs to provide a timeline for sunsetting the Los Feliz ABH shelter within this fiscal year (by July 2024).

After 3 years, and now for another year renewal permitted by the Recreation and Parks Commission, Los Feliz has had enough. End this human experiment where lives go unsupported because of excuses by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and our well intentioned, but ignorant Councilwoman. The damage to the community is at our doorsteps, and the shelter is a failure. The Riverside Drive Bridge Home has by its own measure achieved a 3% placement of individuals in permanent housing (with 100 beds, a LAHSA target occupancy of 95%¹, and LA City ABH statistics of 152 days average stay², this would be a goal of 684 expected transitioned in 3 years, 3 * 365 / 152 * 0.95 * 100 = 684, but with only 90 individuals actually transitioned and only 18% of those to permanent placement³, 0.18 * 90 / 684 = 3%). Getting people into shelter with a promise of a housing voucher was understandably a laudable goal, yet keeping multiple individuals for more than 2 years in the Riverside Drive Bridge Home shelter, who no longer have access to vouchers, is inhumane.

The ones left at the Riverside Drive Bridge Home shelter, many who have been there more than two years, and who cannot maintain sobriety, go out in the community to steal and assault others nightly, and are our collective community's concern.

https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=1627-2018-2019-performance-targets-for-lahsa-contracts.pdf

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I suggest taking a walk south on Riverside Drive after the Commission meeting so you can observe for yourself the situation as outlined above. We implore you to take a walk around area shelter and under the Hyperion Bridge after the Commission meeting with our Senior Lead Officer or another LAPD Officer ,all the while continuing to remind Council District 4 representatives of their duty to sunset the shelter on a proscribed timeline within the year.

Thank you for your work as our Rec & Parks Commissioners as stewards of our parks, and in particular Griffith Park.

Sincerely, Cameron Flanagan

cc: Mayor Karen Bass



Re: Letter from Nancy Blaine

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 9:15 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 6:55 PM Cameron Flanagan <

> wrote:

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Dear Commissioners:

There should have been a NO vote on extending the three-year lease with the temporary PATH Bridge Homeless Shelter in Griffith Park, adjacent to the Mulholland Fountain.

Three years ago, the City promised security, services, and short-term stays. The new building itself was only meant to last a max of three years for the stated purpose.

Instead, the City has repeatedly broken these important promises that convinced us as Los Feliz residents to allow the shelter installation in 2020.

The City, and its operator, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), have provided no drug or mental health services, or any security whatsoever as they discharge the unruly onto the streets. Dealers and drug addicts have been staying in this "temporary" housing now for years, many for 2.5 of the 3 years it has been open.

The neighboring Mulholland Fountain has become a magnet for the criminal or mentally insane who are drug addicted.

Neighbors in Los Feliz around the shelter have to call the Police, Rangers, and city services to protect ourselves from the extremely volitile people living at the shelter.

Crime in our neighborhood adjacent to the shelter is off the charts. It feels unsafe to walk your dog or get your mail. This is harming more people than helping anyone.

Please do not allow the City to continue to house a failed human experiment program called A Bridge Home shelter in our neighborhood that was once safe and sane past this already-decided 1 year lease extension.

On June 15th, the citizens of Los Feliz implore the Rec & Parks Commission to hold Council District 4 accountable to a timeline for shelter closure.

Sincerely, Nancy Blaine 20+ year resident of Los Feliz



Re: BTRC Officials Contract Guaranteeing Timely Payment

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 7:42 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 10:22 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: Dane Suttle <

Date: Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 9:23 AM

Subject: BTRC Officials Contract Guaranteeing Timely Payment To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Dear Finance Department and Board of Recreation and Park Executive Office

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to address a matter of concern regarding the payment process for BTRC referees and umpires. Currently, there is no established timeline for payment, resulting in significant delays, often exceeding 90 days. This delay in compensation is becoming untenable for the referees and umpires, and if left unaddressed, it may lead to difficulties in retaining their valuable services.

In order to ensure a sustainable and satisfactory working relationship with referees and umpires, I kindly request that we establish a written contract guaranteeing payment within a 30-day period. By implementing a clear and defined timeline, we can demonstrate a commitment to promptly compensating these dedicated professionals for their services.

Timely payment is essential for maintaining the motivation and morale of the referees and umpires, as it acknowledges their hard work and dedication to their craft. It also fosters a sense of reliability and professionalism in our organization, which is vital for attracting and retaining talented individuals in the long run.

I understand that the finance department may have their own processes and constraints, and I am open to discussing any challenges that may exist in meeting this 30-day deadline. However, it is crucial that we work together to find a solution that balances the needs of our organization and the financial considerations of the department.

I believe that establishing a written contract will not only benefit the referees and umpires but also contribute to a smoother operation of our organization as a whole. It will provide them with the confidence that their commitment and services are valued and acknowledged, and it will enhance our reputation in the sporting community.

I kindly request your prompt attention to this matter, as it is important to address this issue before it escalates further. I am available to discuss this further at your convenience, and I look forward to a positive response from the finance department.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Dane Lee Suttle, SDS Sports Referee

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Re: North East Trees Flat Top Letter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 7:51 AM

Cc: Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, "Barraza, John" <John.Barraza@lacity.org>, Angela Wang

<angela.wang@lacity.org>, negarcia@parks.lacounty.gov, CAngeles@rposd.lacounty.gov, Janet Schulman

>, Aaron Thomas < >, Cathie Santo Domingo

<cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Rick Tonthat <rick.tonthat@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 10:49 AM Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org > wrote:

Adding the correct email for +Rap Commissioners

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 10:47 AM Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org > wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Ferraro,

Thank you for your email. I have reviewed the letter and will be working with staff to determine next steps. Staff will reach out to you in the very near future.

Thank you for your patience.

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 9:34 AM Michael Ferraro <

> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kim and RAP Commissioners:

Reaching out here to share a letter from North East Trees regarding the Flat Top land, and our hopes to work with you moving forward to make it a city park, as originally planned.

We had the pleasure of seeing Darryl Ford honored last night by the Neighborhood Land Trust for his great work on your behalf in the city, and NET looks forward to working together in the future.

We are sending copies of the letter via mail, and look forward to hearing back from you.

Respectfully yours, Michael X. Ferraro

Michael X. Ferraro - Board President

NORTH EAST TREES

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to creating green space and good jobs in Los Angeles

Jimmy Kim **General Manager**

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks



June 9, 2023

President Renata Simril
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rapcommissioners@lacity.org

Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks: 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, CÁ 90012

Dear Mr. Kim, Board President Simril and Board Vice President Sanchez:

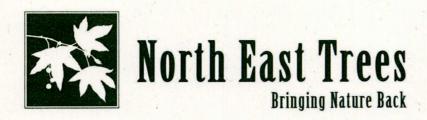
I am writing to you on behalf of North East Trees, as Board President, regarding the property known as Flat Top Park. As you know, in 2014 North East Trees purchased the 5 parcels of land (36.37 acres) using Prop A funds, at the behest of the late Supervisor Gloria Molina and local community stakeholders (with the support of CD1) wishing not to see the site developed. The grant agreement with the LA County Regional Open Space District (dated August 13, 2014; signed by all parties in July of 2016) also stipulated that:

"North East Trees would transfer the property to the City of Los Angeles (City), and enter into ... an agreement with RAP to provide maintenance and operational responsibilities. Upon completion of necessary due diligence work and the drafting of an agreement with NET, RAP staff will present the proposed acquisition and agreement to the Board for consideration and final approval."

Nearly nine years later, for a myriad of reasons, this has still not happened. Admittedly, there were miscommunications and crossed wires along the way. But as the grantee, we assure you today that North East Trees has every intention of following through in good faith, by sitting down with RAP and coming to an agreement, and transferring the property. This is what the surrounding community wanted, then and now. This is what Supervisor Molina and CD1 wanted. This is why the Prop A funds were allocated in the first place.

For over three decades, North East Trees has been a valued and respected non-profit organization in this city. Our mission is to build parks, plant trees, and do environmental restoration work in under-served sections of Los Angeles, by hiring and training young people from those communities. It is *not* our mission to own and operate parks. The Board of Supervisors knew this when they authorized the funds.

Nonetheless, we are pleased to have been faithful and tireless stewards of this 36 acres of urban wildland for the better part of the past decade. Our crews have planted native trees and bushes there,



done fire clearance and removed invasive species. Neighbors, hikers, families and dog-walkers alike have expressed their appreciation along the way, and we are truly invested in this land. We would consider it an honor to come to some arrangement, in an amended agreement, to help the City maintain it, and help it flourish even more*, as part of a greater Northeast Los Angeles greenbelt. (We also recognize it as native and ancestral land, and would certainly be interested in having that representation be taken into account in any such agreement.)

*It should be noted that we presently have two open projects on Flat Top (one funded by the State Coastal Conservancy, and one by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy), for fire resilience and to enhance watershed health. There is also a current NELA Urban Greening grant from CAL FIRE which gives us the option to plant on Flat Top.

It is our desire to draft an amended, new agreement with you and the County, as soon as possible. Per correspondence with Darryl Ford, we are assembling a list of all encumbrances, obligations and issues with the property. We expect to be able to present that, along with our proposed ideas for a continued North East Trees stewardship plan, in letter form, by the middle of July. We plan to contact Darryl in the interregnum to make sure all potential issues are addressed ahead of time.

(As per your February 2022 report and recommendation to rescind the transfer, it is our understanding that the City has never actually become an official partner in our agreement with the County, despite that being the original plan. Please advise if you do not feel this to be so. Also, as stated in the original Grant Agreement between the LA County Regional Parks and Open Space District (RPOSD) and North East Trees: "After project commencement, this agreement may be rescinded, modified or amended *only by mutual agreement in writing.*" North East Trees has done no such thing, but is eager to sit down and get this project back on track with you.)

Despite the years that have gone by, the land is still thriving and its future is bright. We look forward to working with you and the County to make the original vision, of a city-owned Flat Top Park, a glorious reality. Please let us know if you have any questions, and we will be sending you the full, formal letter in July. We look forward to sitting down and working together with you (ideally, coordinating as well with CD1 and Norma Garcia in County Parks) in hopes of setting up a meeting to draft such an agreement.

Sincerely yours (in carbon sequestration),

Michael X. Ferraro

President, Board of Directors

North East Trees



Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 7:48 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

Cc: Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. Also, please note service requests can be made at: https://myla311.lacity.org

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 10:43 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

JUNE 9

Council member Eunisses Hernadez

The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti.

Attached picture

Mauro Garcia

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 7:22 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

>, Yovonte Robinson povonte.robinson@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, Jun 19, 2023 at 10:32 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

JUNE 19

Council member Eunisses Hernandez The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti Attach pictures.

Mauro Garcia

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Re: Park is Flooding

1 message

Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 9:34 PM

To: Raul Leon <Raul.Leon@lacity.org>

Cc: Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Councilmember Raman <contactcd4@lacity.org>, Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>,

Thank you for the update

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 9:17 PM Raul Leon <raul.leon@lacity.org> wrote:

Good night,

The irrigation has been turned off.

Thank you,

On Fri, Jun 9, 2023, 8:34 PM Jimmy Kim < jimmy.kim@lacity.org > wrote:

Good Evening Ms. Smith,

I have asked +Raul Leon Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor to investigate and correct the issues. He will be sending out staff tonight.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

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From: <

Date: Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 7:18 PM

Subject: Park is Flooding

To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, <Jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, <contactcd4@lacity.org>, <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, <MATTHEW.S.RUDNICK@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

Laurel and Hardy Park located in Silverlake between Del Monte Dr. and Vendome Ave. has been flooding due to inexplicable 18 hours of nonstop overwatering by the park district person in charge of the water sprinklers at this location.

This park which is ¼ of an acre or less is consistently flooded due to constant overwatering.

There is mud everywhere, and there is tons of water being wasted just pouring into the streets and drain.

This park is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a acre, it does not need 18 hours of non-stop watering on a single day and the level of watering that is being consistently applied is excessive and unncessary.

Please see the photos of mud, sand, silt, rocks and gravel all over the street due to the ongoing flooding water runoff causing damage.

Can someone please stop this unnecessary and excessive watering?

Jimmy Kim General Manager

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

Please excuse errors. Sent from Gmail Mobile













Re: Comment on the proposed revisions to Rec & Parks' Alcoholic Beverage Policy: (William)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 1:16 PM

To

Cc: 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 Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 12:51 PM Desiree Ramirez desiree.ramirez@lacity.org wrote:

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From: <

Date: Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 12:08 PM

Subject: Comment on the proposed revisions to Rec & Parks' Alcoholic Beverage Policy: (William)

To: <Desiree.Ramirez@lacity.org>

William, 65 HI, USA

Response to The Horizon and the Skyline

Should We Really Remove Limits on Events with Alcohol at Our Parks?

Aloha Ms. Ramirez;

Parks are city gardens that provide a natural freedom that dissipate mental stress, anxiety and depression. I see you and

your group as protecting city gardens as much as possible while maintaining the highest possible public consciousness within the city.

I trust you do not want your city gardens used as a place for physical addictions, such as; Alcohol, Marijuana/Cannabis, ect.

Alcohol is a sensitive subject matter by its addictions as a form of mental illness, because so many people abuse it.

The citations provided by the police department basically determine the conscious logical status of an individual to a mental disorder.

You will probably fine more cases of mental illness starting with alcohol and Marijuana/Cannabis from police citations alone,

which shows how many people conscious logical abilities are already affected.

The laws and citations suggested are as follows:

Enhancement Mental Disorder requires a <u>base</u> addiction that is amplified by a *secondary addiction

Common Based addiction: (Alcohol)

Enhanced Mental Disorder paired by (2), (3) as illegal rated by amount of temporary brain/bodily destruction

- (2) Jail + \$Fine
- (3) Prison + \$Fine

*The irony Ms. Ramirez, is that you must have a certain amount of corruption in order for jobs and money to flow.

Thank You; William

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<u>Desiree N. Ramirez, M.P.A. (she/her)</u> Executive Administrative Assistant to **Jimmy Kim, General Manager**

City of Los Angeles: Department of Recreation & Parks

Direct: 213-524-9540

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 14, 2023 at 3:46 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Cc: Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@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, Jun 14, 2023 at 3:34 PM Garcia Incareal

> wrote:

JUNE 14

Council member Eunisses Hernandez The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti

Attach pictures

The parking sign by the exercise machines at the park is broken

Someone can get injure

Attached picture.

Mauro Garcia

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 1:55 PM

To: Garcia Incareal

Yovonte Robinson Yovonte.robinson@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 Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 10:43 AM Garcia Incareal

> wrote:

JUNE 26

Council member Eunisses

The Sycamore Grove Park has Gang graffiti

Attach are pictures of locations.

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Re: Update: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 11:09 AM

>, Mayra Jimenez <mayra.jimenez@lacity.org> To: Garcia Incareal <

Good morning,

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On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 10:38 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

JUNE 28

CD FIELD DEPUTY Myra Jimenez

Thank you for the update.

Unfortunately they miss again the gang graffiti reported since 6-9-23

Attach a picture, it is on the wall next to Ramona Hall on the side of the park.

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Re: Madison West Park Renovations Request

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 11:34 AM

Cc: Carlos Nunez <carlos.nunez@lacity.org>, Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote: Hello Commissioners,

We received a call from Lucy who would like to request that Madison West Park be updated to have modern playground equipment. She reported that in the summer the slide is very hot, and other playgrounds have been updated while this one is yet to receive updates.

Thank you, Hally

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Re: Madison West Park Renovations Request

1 message

| Carlos Nunez <arlos.nunez@lacity.org> To: Rap Commissioners rap.commissioners@lacity.org</arlos.nunez@lacity.org> | Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 7:49 AM |
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| Cc: , Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, RAP Public Canales <edwin.canales@lacity.org></edwin.canales@lacity.org></darryl.ford@lacity.org> | eInfo <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>, Edwin</rap.publicinfo@lacity.org> |
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Re: Madison West Park Renovations Request

1 message

Lucia Cortes < To: Carlos Nunez <carlos.nunez@lacity.org> Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 7:43 AM

Cc: Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Edwin Canales <edwin.canales@lacity.org>, RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hi, my name is Lucy i've been a resident here at District 13th for the past 12 years I would say, and our community consists of mainly apartment, buildings, families with children and the elderly i've noticed that within the past six years, our climate has changed drastically, and it has been very difficult to hang around our community park especially with children our playground/apparatus gets extremely hot and can be very dangerous for the children also our water fountain is very rusty and dirty our tarps are also very damaged we have no shade because they are ripped in shreds, they have been like this for many years I would say at least 5 yrs way before the pandemic our community will benefit with a more modern playground I would also ask if you guys could help us with some exercise machine are elderly would really appreciate it. Madison Avenue park community garden is a great example. I contacted. Community app number and no one has reached out. I also had the honor to meet with Mr. Carlos Núñez on one occasion. And he mentioned to me that he would try his best to see what he could do. can you please make this happen for our community. Our community would surely appreciate and benefit from this. Thank you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at and look forward to hearing for any updates. Best regards.

On Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 7:49 AM Carlos Nunez <carlos.nunez@lacity.org> wrote: Good morning,

Received and noted. Please keep us updated. I am open to meeting at the facility. I am looping in my Immediate Supervisor Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor Edwin Canales aswell.

Thank you,

Best regards.

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Re: Asking for Lights, etc., for the River Wash

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 7:21 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 18, 2023 at 9:06 PM Benny Frohna < hello,

> wrote:

there are people living in the River Wash, and they need your support.



they are currently in need of lights; solar motion lights, audio alarms, and fire extinguishers, as well as solar lighting for the whole area, without displacing any of the people currently living there.

while i am aware that the law unfairly states "No person shall camp, lodge, make or kindle a fire, wash any clothes or bedding, bathe, sleep, lay any bed or any blanket, quilt, straw/branches for the purpose of resting/sleeping thereon, or remain/loiter in the official bed of the LA River.," i am also aware that houseless people are constantly criminalized for everything they do including attempts to build themselves a home after finding out that a traditional house or apartment is completely unaffordable, & i fully support their autonomous efforts to create community and find safety, if you are worried about environmental impacts, don't be - we housed people actually make more of a negative impact on the environment; our "electricity draw stresses the water treatment plant Hyperion & backs it up." we release tons of millions of tons of raw sewage into the L.A. river, and towards the ocean, every year, houseless people are - while more "unsightly"? to look at, according to some - are actually lower-impact than we are, there are many houseless people, for instance, who care for the river and for nature, because it is their home.

it is all of our home.

i strongly encourage you to provide what they need, and leave them alone otherwise. do not seek to shove them into motels they won't last in just to get them away from the river.

thank you.

- someone who cares

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Re: NY Times reports on a RAP Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 7:29 AM

To: Ron Bitzer <

Cc: rose.watson@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 8:29 AM Ron Bitzer <

> wrote:

See attached partial copy of the June 18th New York Times article.

Ron Bitzer

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6/18/23 The Park

By PIERRE-ANTOINE LOUIS | Photographs by DANIEL JACK LYONS

On a Sunday afternoon, Rory Manns, 25, strolled into the park, soccer ball in hand. Manns's friends brought blankets, bags of snacks and a charcuterie board. In this sacred space, everyone had an offering to share.

Located to the west of Downtown Los Angeles, the Vista Hermosa Natural Park is a pocket of rolling woodlands that cradle streams and lush meadows. It has always been a space of community, peppered with picnic areas, a playground and an amphitheater. But during the pandemic, when so many other gathering places were closed, its power came into focus for Manns, who is nonbinary and uses they/them pronouns, and the other queer and trans young adults in their cohort.

Meeting at the park was therapeutic for members of the group, allowing them to express themselves and learn from one another in a safe, intimate space. The tradition has extended beyond the pandemic.

"It's a community that we've been looking for and been trying to find and build for ourselves in L.A. for as long as we can remember," Alè Bersanetti, 24, said. "Just how affirming and natural and just how seen you feel in a friendship, how deep those connections are. It's really special."

Manns moved to California not long before the start of the pandemic from Arizona, where they didn't feel as if they had much of a community. The park was a lifeline during the darkest days of lockdown. "You feed off of who you surround yourself with," Manns said.

Now that things have returned to normal, Manns has continued to be intentional about how they spend their time, and whom they choose to spend it with. "It really just makes me realize that these moments are very close and dear and they could be snatched away instantly," Manns said.

The physicality of the park itself nurtures a feeling of safety and community. Its meandering layout allows groups to find isolated areas, said Daniel Jack Lyons, the photographer for this article.

"There's all these little pockets and corners and nooks, and I think that's why people like it," Lyons said. "They can go in a group and find their little spot and feel protected from everyone else."

Autry Hayden Wilson, 25, said: "Parks have been such a staple in our lives. I feel like even when Lwas little I made half of my friends at the playground."

The Los Angeles climate means that, no matter the season, it's never too cold to be in the park. "It's a beautiful thing," Wilson said. "I feel like I'm at a place where I feel very strongly that I am surrounding myself with the right people."

Valentine Alvarez, 25, used to live around the corner from the park. Vista Hermosa became a sanctuary for Alvarez, who is also nonbinary and uses they/them pronouns; it was an oasis where the weight of the outside world melted away. "It's nice to have little places where we can really connect with the earth and with nature and hear birds and squirrels and the trees and also be able to see your friends," they said. "And somewhere where you could share a meal together or a drink or a smoke."

As the identity, health and freedom of queer people are threatened, the friends said, it is more important than ever to be able to meet in a public space that doesn't draw a lot of unwanted attention and where you can feel fully yourself.

"Sometimes you want to be self-expressive," Manns said. "I have a lot of trans friends who are afraid to be in public, and when we're all together I feel like there's a sense of safety.

"You can't leave your identity at the door because it's always with you, but I just feel like it doesn't matter when you're with the people that care for you and understand you."

Vista Hermosa is a public space. But when the group's members are in the park together, Alvarez said, they can lay claim to a piece of it for themselves alone.

"When I'm with my friends it feels like everything outside of that kind of melts away," Alvarez said.

"I feel like there is so much acceptance from my community who I'm there with that I'm not thinking about the entire population of the park."

As queer people's right to exist and thrive comes under attack, "it's important to take up space," Manns said. "I feel like it's important to let people know that we're here."

Moving through this uncertain chapter, the friends see opportunities to build a new "normal" — one that is more free and equitable than the spaces the pandemic disrupted.

"When things started to open back up," Bersanetti said, "we saw a creation of a new world, and a lot of intention set to create community that was inclusive for people like ourselves, and for everybody."

The park is a proving ground for that future: a meeting space, a community-building space, a space for artistic creation. "It's cool how a public space can translate in so many different ways and be a tool for so many different things," Bersanetti said.

Where We Are



MOTION

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Wonder View Trail is a hiking trail in Griffith Park that runs from a gate at the eastern end of Wonder View Drive up to the top of Burbank Peak and the Wisdom Tree. The current trailhead forces hikers to walk in the roadway for approximately 1,200 feet on Wonder View Drive from Lake Hollywood Drive to the vehicular and pedestrian gate. This roadway has poor visibility due to frequent curves, which is a pedestrian safety hazard. It also hinders hikers' enjoyment of the natural environment.

Council District 4 (CD4) has engaged the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) about instituting Option A from the Comprehensive Strategies Report, commissioned in 2018 by CD4. Option A calls for an extension of the Wonder View Trail to Lake Hollywood Drive. LADWP and RAP have both spoken favorably of a use agreement for the construction and operation of a trail extension. However, RAP has indicated that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is better suited to manage design and construction of trail extensions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the LADWP, to report back within 120 days, on a project development plan with potential funding sources, for the construction and maintenance of a trail extension for the Wonder View Trail from the current southwestern terminus of the trail to a new trailhead on Lake Hollywood Drive. The new trailhead should also be part of the project along with any new fencing, landscaping, or other attendant improvements.

PRESENTED BY

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY





ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

MOTION

The Los Angeles Waterkeeper (Waterkeeper) recently released a report regarding the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) and its performance in implementing stormwater capture and multi-benefit projects. The SCWP, passed by Los Angeles County voters in 2018, provides approximately \$280 million annually to local municipalities to construct these projects. The Waterkeeper report titled "Changing the Course?" assessed the Program's first three rounds of funding and its efforts in meeting water supply, water quality and community investment objectives.

The report notes that the extremely complex SCWP got off the ground and achieved notable success in less than four years, including earmarking and leveraging more than \$1B in funding for 101 infrastructure projects. At the same time, the Waterkeeper report also found some significant shortcomings in the Program to date. Most notably, the Program has failed to create significant new green space, while community investment benefits aimed at enhancing public health have also lagged, particularly in park poor and overburdened communities.

Another finding of the report is that the number of applications and size of funded infrastructure projects has been decreasing significantly over the past four years, perhaps suggesting early funding went to a backlog of shovel-ready infrastructure projects.

The report recommends, among other things, that as backlogged projects have cleared and fewer applications are forthcoming, the SCWP take a more proactive and strategic approach in devising regional projects which maximize water quality, water supply, and community benefits, especially in those communities most in need. In addition, as noted above, the report recommends that the SCWP pursue greater replacement of hardscape with new green space, particularly in park-poor communities and at schools.

During the first three years of the Program, the City initiated a number of projects funded by the SCWP. The majority of these projects have been on City park space, street corridors and near waterbodies. The projects have been implemented by various City departments and have been designed predominantly to meet defined and localized water quality and water supply goals.

The City's SCWP project planning efforts could benefit from a more strategic approach which develops regional projects in a manner that maximizes water supply, water quality objectives and community benefits. In addition, the City's SCWP project planning could pursue new green space projects by partnering with park-poor communities and local schools to deliver truly multi-benefit projects.

In order to achieve this, the Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Recreation and Parks, should collectively report on past successes and challenges within the program and methods and approaches to partner effectively and produce strategic projects that maximize the objectives of increased water supply, improved water quality and deeper community benefits. In addition, these departments should report on the feasibility of partnering with schools to create more green space. In this manner, the City can more effectively meet the needs of the City's residents and the goals of the SCWP.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Water and Power, in conjunction with the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Recreation and Parks, report to the Council within 60



days on methods and approaches to partner, co-develop, and recommend strategic regional projects for inclusion in the 2024 Watershed Investment Strategic Plan annual update for the Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) that maximize water quality and water supply objectives in a substantial way, including opportunities to leverage additional funding sources; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation and the Department of Water and Power, and the above specified departments, report on the feasibility of initiating partnerships with the Los Angeles Unified School District, and non-governmental organizations, to implement green space projects using SCWP funding and other sources of funding in the schools and communities lacking park space.

PRESENTED BY:

KATY YAROSLÁVSKY Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



Re: Adding more trash cans - or additional trash can plastic bag liners

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 10:21 AM

Cc: RAP PublicInfo <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 9:52 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: Shelley Joan Weiss <

Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 4:10 PM

Subject: Adding more trash cans - or additional trash can plastic bag liners

To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Greetings.

May I suggest that you add several more trash cans to the very popular locations.

You may also want to add additional plastic/recyclable trash can liners near the trash cans to mimize the overflow of trash.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shelley

Department of Recreation and Parks

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Re: Minor Baseball Tournament

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 1:55 PM

To: Daniel Nunez <

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Cc: Rob Dehart <rob.dehart@lacity.org>, Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@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, Jun 21, 2023 at 12:38 PM Daniel Nunez <

> wrote:

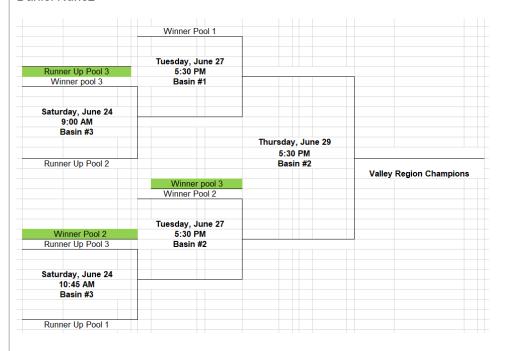
Hello Mr. DeHart and Ms. Stoneham,

The purpose of this email is to reach a reasonable solution by making adjustments to the minor baseball all-star tournament that will be fair for all teams and not have one team have an unfair advantage over all other teams. I understand a team was added to pool #3 after schedules were passed out. Even parents from Branford park recognize that their pool (#2) have an unfair advantage in having just three teams in their pool and the winner gets a second round bye. So just like teams were updated, the tournament bracket/schedule should have also been updated as well. I don't understand Mr. Kraveitz statement "We feel making a change at this time may cause unforeseen challenges to the entire Minor baseball division". It isn't as complicated as it seems to be. All it should take is switching three teams in the tournament bracket/schedule. The fields are reserved, the time is set, and the umpires should also be scheduled. It is definitely not too late to make changes that are deemed fair to everybody. Below is a screenshot of what the updated tournament bracket/schedule can look like with the changes being highlighted. This is a very reasonable solution that is simple.

I look forward to hearing from at least one of you with an understanding of this situation and providing a fair resolution.

Thank you,

Daniel Nuñez



Forwarded Conversation

Subject: Minor Baseball Tournament

From: Daniel Nunez <

Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 12:15 PM To: <richard.kraveitz@lacity.org>

Hello Richard,

It has come to my attention and to the attention of several other parents and park staff from various parks as well on how the baseball minors tournament will take place. Now that pool #3 is updated with four teams, it is really unfair that the winner from pool #2 will avoid playing on Saturday, June 24, for the first round. Pool #2 only has three teams. The winner literally only has to win two games and are automatically playing in the second round on Tuesday, June 27, against a team that has played four games. Not only is it an unfair advantage of just winning two games, but it also gives the unfair advantage of having more practices to prepare for. I know it is not always easy to balance the schedule but in this case, it is extremely unfair, especially to the winners from pool #3. If the winners from pool #3 win the first round and play Tuesday, June 27, they will be competing in their fifth game with less days in between games to rest and practice. Winner from pool #2 on the other hand, will be entering only their third game. This means they will have a lot more days in between to rest and practice leading to an extreme advantage.

Since there is still time and teams advancing have not been determined. A simple solution to make it fair would be to switch places on the tournament bracket/schedule. This means the winner from pool #2 will play on Saturday, June 24, and the winner from pool #3 will not play until Tuesday, June 27, in the second round. To make it more balanced, the winner from pool #2 should face the runner up from either pool #1 or pool #3 so they compete against a team not faced

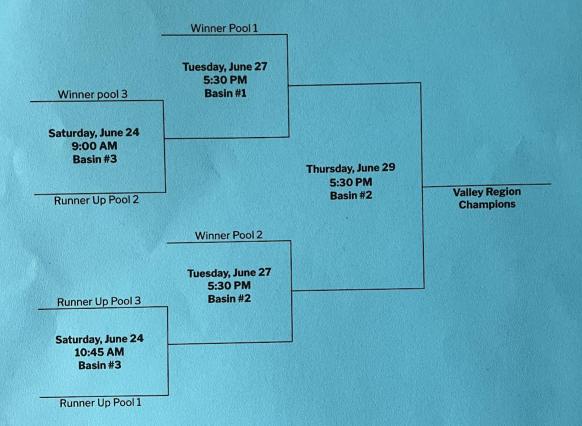
I hope to get a prompt response with a solution that is fair for everybody as we encourage our athletes, parents, and coaches sportsmanship and to pursue victory with honor.

Thank you,

Daniel

Co-Rec Minor Division Baseball

Round Two- Single Elimination Round Schedule Home team is listed on the top of the bracket and will occupy the third base dugout.



Reminder:

It is reccommended that all coaches maintain standings for your team's pool. This will be especially important when the single elimination round begins for your team. NOTE: It is the responsibility of the coach to be aware of their pool's standings, game times, dates, and sites. Information may be obtained at: www.laparks.org/sports/youthtourn/youth-valley-region

PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR

From: Richard Kraveitz < richard.kraveitz@lacity.org >

Date: Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 4:23 PM To: Daniel Nunez <

Hi Daniel,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, but when the pools were created, the winner of pool #2 was granted a second round bye. A team was added after game schedules were distributed to all coaches. Due The last minute change, one team still needed one less game to advance in the tournament. We feel making a change at this time may cause unforeseen challenges to the entire Minor baseball division.

Thank you again and best of luck in the tournament.

Richard Kraveitz City of L.A. Dept. of Recreation and Parks **District Supervisor** Valley Region-Mid Valley District 6335 Woodley Avenue Van Nuys, Ca 91406 (Office) 818-756-8188

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Re: Minor Baseball Tournament

1 message

Rob De Hart <rob.dehart@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 3:04 PM

To: Daniel Nunez <

Cc: chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Mr. Nunez,

Thank you for your e-mail and your thoughts regarding the Valley Region All-Star Tournament.

Your e-mail has been received by me and Chinyere Stoneham, the Valley Region Superintendent. Your e-mail has also been received by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners office, who have already forwarded the issue back to Superintendent Stoneham and the Valley Region to respond. Mrs. Stoneham and I, along with the chair of the Valley Region Tournament, Mr. Richard Kraveitz have discussed your e-mail and this issue.

While we completely see the rationale you state, the selection of which pool received "byes" and which pool received the added team were both done at random. As it turned out, the pool with one less team also received the "bye". But this was done by two, separate random draws so no team or pool could be perceived as being singled out.

Moreover, it is our experience as recreation professionals to strive to NOT have two different schedules distributed (the second superseding the first). The likelihood of a player, multiple players, or even a team not getting the word out sufficiently of a schedule change is too great. And this has a much greater chance of causing issues.

Therefore, no changes to the single-elimination brackets will be made.

Good luck in the tournament!

Rob De Hart Principal Recreation Supervisor II, Valley Region City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks

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Mail Stop # 641; Rob.DeHart@lacity.org



On Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 12:38 PM Daniel Nunez <

> wrote:

Hello Mr. DeHart and Ms. Stoneham,

The purpose of this email is to reach a reasonable solution by making adjustments to the minor baseball all-star tournament that will be fair for all teams and not have one team have an unfair advantage over all other teams. I understand a team was added to pool #3 after schedules were passed out. Even parents from Branford park recognize that their pool (#2) have an unfair advantage in having just three teams in their pool and the winner gets a second round bye. So just like teams were updated, the tournament bracket/schedule should have also been updated as well. I don't understand Mr. Kraveitz statement "We feel making a change at this time may cause unforeseen challenges to the entire Minor baseball division". It isn't as complicated as it seems to be. All it should take is switching three teams in the tournament bracket/schedule. The fields are reserved, the time is set, and the umpires should also be scheduled. It is definitely not too late to make changes that are deemed fair to everybody. Below is a screenshot of what the updated tournament bracket/schedule can look like with the changes being highlighted. This is a very reasonable solution that is

I look forward to hearing from at least one of you with an understanding of this situation and providing a fair resolution.

Thank you,



Re: HHA to GPAB June 22, 2023 meeting item

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 7:48 AM Cc: "rap-gpab@lacity.org" <rap-gpab@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>, Emma Taylor <emma.taylor@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, Josef Siroky <josef.siroky@lacity.org>, Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Geoff Thompson <geoff.thompson@lacity.org>, Christine OBrien < >, Linda Doe < >, John Dotto >, Jeff Swofford < >, Michelle Botts < O'Brien < >, jeremiah christopher < >, Farrell Bernard >, Crosby Doe <

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 6:14 PM > wrote: Griffith Park Advisory Board Meeting, June 22 2023, Item 5--Sheila Irani Presentation

Dear Griffith Park Advisory Board,

Please make this part of the public record.

The Hollywoodland Homeowners Association is against anything that will change the character of this neighborhood pocket park at Canyon Lake Drive. We keep hoping sanity, common sense, and concern for public safety will return and that this magnet will be dismantled. We oppose anything that further establishes this location for tourism as it is totally inappropriate and dangerous in numerous ways. It cannot be made safe, and the surrounding substandard infrastructure cannot be made safe as a conduit for all of this traffic to and from this area. We are skeptical that piecemeal approaches will achieve true public safety. You cannot force a square peg into round hole.

We do realize that certain limited measures can temporarily improve the situation, though, (such as fencing, no pedestrian signs, MORE ENFORCEMENT, CLOSURES -like Bronson Caves--)until a truly comprehensive solution--getting rid of this tourist magnet--can be instituted.

Every fire sensitive area that is used by the public has a capacity limit. It involves what numbers can be safely accommodated and what numbers can be safely evacuated. We have constantly been asking what is the safe number of people/vehicles that this location can handle. There is no infrastructure for tourism, yet other areas of GP that were designed for wider public use and have infrastructure are closed down when they are over capacity. This area with nothing, surrounded by a residential neighborhood with narrow streets--each parked car prevents two way traffic--is never shut down.

Our research indicates Canyon Lake Drive is a park road. When it was approved the roadway went through tract 6450 (also known as tract 10781). As you know and do, park roads can be shut down when over capacity and unsafe conditions occur. If legal over site and process had been employed in the first place when establishing this magnet, it never would have passed safeguards and never would have been established. That is the sad truth of why this process

was illegally avoided. It's way past the time for this to be rectified as the number of visitors grows and grows with the accompanying disaster becoming more and more inevitable.

Again, any changes to this location must be done with the input and cooperation of the HHA whose residents are so directly and dangerously impacted by the vehicular and pedestrian traffic traveling to and from this location and by the activity at this magnet itself. Before adding bandages to attempt to remedy situations, facts must be considered and applied.

Sarajane Schwartz Safety Chair Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Re: HHA to GPAB June 22, 2023 meeting item

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 7:49 AM

To: Linda Doe <

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 21, 2023 at 6:43 PM Linda Doe <

> wrote:

Dear Advisory Board

Please take into consideration Mrs. Schwartz's accurate observations on these very dangerous situations.

Sincerely,

Linda Sollima Doe, Secretary Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

On Wed, Jun 21, 2023, 6:10 PM

> wrote:

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Re: Alert: Encouraging Smoking By The Hollywood Sign

1 message

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

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 4:11 PM

> wrote: I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD

Dear City Officials,

I sent this email to you, various City officials and departments, and I have heard nothing back. This is about protecting

public City property (and its probable negative impact on private residential property), lives, and wildlife, yet no one

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At the very least can you please give me an explanation as to why you are not responding. Is it you do not care?

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I and our homeowners are awaiting a response.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz

On Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 02:22:04 PM PDT,

Dear City officials,

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> wrote:

This of course is illegal and subject to fines up to \$1000. But the impact if a fire were started could be catastrophic in terms of lives and property lost. Hollywoodland, with substandard 100 year old infrastructure and over 500 homes, and located directly under the Hollywood Sign, sits as a bottleneck into Griffith Park, 80% surrounded by dry brush. (This is almost literally like pouring gasoline on a fire.) There is also the possible impairment of judgement that makes this even worse than regular smoking.

What can YOU do about this? Does this jeopardize any kind of licensing they might have? You have a responsibility and duty to maintain public safety on your park lands.

At the very least these posts should be removed.

(This is even worse than yelling fire in a crowded movie theatre with potentially greater negative impacts.)

The fire season is here.

We need your help.

We, in Hollywoodland, are awaiting your response.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz Safety Chair Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

https://kushfly.com/blog/the-10-best-places-to-smoke-weed-in-los-angeles/ https://getgoodtree.com/best-places-to-smoke-weed-in-los-angeles/

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1 message

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On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 6:01 PM Linda Doe <

> wrote:

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Linda Sollima Doe, Secretary

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Re: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

1 message

| Rap Commissioners | s <rap.commissioners@lacity.org></rap.commissioners@lacity.org> | Mon, Jui | n 26, 2023 at 7:07 AM | | |
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Good morning,

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On Fri, Jun 23, 2023 at 1:52 PM > wrote:

Dear CD4,

The 4th of July and the extended holiday period is quickly approaching and ,of course, is a particularly problematic time for Hollywoodland. We want to know if you have started your planning. There are three things that we think will make this process more effective.

1 Please involve the HHA in your planning. No one knows this area better than the unfortunate, impacted residents.

Good communication is essential.

2 Please be prepared to shut off access to tourists (allowing only residents) as was done in the past, and continues

to be done all over the City on numerous occasions like in areas near the Hollywood Bowl and even in Griffith Park, when the magnets or the streets and areas near them become congested, overrun, or beyond safe capacity.

3 Supervision needs to be extended into much later hours than usual.

As we all know this is a particularly dangerous time of year--perhaps the worst--in our already threatened neighborhood.

We look forward to hearing back from you and working together to insure public safety in Hollywoodland.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz Safety Chair Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



Re: Letter From the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council - Park Concessions

1 message

| Rap Commissioners < To: Jon Deutsch < | rap.commissioners@lacity.c | org> | Mon, Jun | 26, 2023 at 7:08 AM |
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| On Fri, Jun 23, 2023 Dear Mr. Kim, | at 3:23 PM Jon Deutsch < | | > wrote: | |
| Attached please fin | d a letter from the Los Feliz | NC regarding | park concessions. | |
| Best, | | | | |
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June 20, 2023

Jimmy Kim Manager, Recreation and Parks City of Los Angeles -VIA EMAIL-

Re: Review and Accountability for Park Concessions

Dear Mr. Kim,

Ten years ago, Council File 13-0692 was adopted to award a Concessions contract to LA Tennis, Inc. The Concession Agreement was for the operations, programming, and maintenance of Griffith Riverside Tennis Complex and Vermont Canyon Tennis Complex. The renewal will expire in 2026 and we feel it's incumbent upon the City Attorney and the CAO to review portions of the contract which are not being upheld.

The concession agreement states that it would "enhance the recreational experience at the Griffith-Riverside tennis courts and Vermont Canyon tennis courts by providing lessons, facility improvements, and ensuring adequate rent is paid to the LA Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)." These lightly defined requirements of the concessionaire as well as their requirement to do community outreach are not being upheld.

We are asking for a transparent and community-oriented process for LA RAP that not only includes proper communication between the City, Councilmembers, the Board of Commissioners, the PAB (Park Advisory Board), RAP, and neighborhood stakeholders, but also the following:

• Revenue accounting (last available public reports are from 2010-11)

- A more equitable pay structure for one-on-one lessons (currently ranging from \$80-\$120/hour) of which instructors report only receiving a 60% cut. These high prices are more in line with private tennis clubs, not public courts.
- Accountability for staffing and maintenance of the pro-shop and upholding responsibilities for loaning ping pong paddles and balls for the tables that LFNC and LFIA donated in 2021

We feel there is a great opportunity for dialogue between the community, the Council District, and the City of Los Angeles, particularly for a sport often seen as being elitist. As it is, many Los Angeles tax payers are seeking lesson opportunities in nearby municipalities like Glendale and Burbank to meet their needs.

Sincerely

Jon Deutsch, President

Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

By: Siobhan Burke
District E Representative

cc: Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners Hon. Kenneth Meija, Controller Hon. Heidi Feldstien Soto, City Attorney

Matthew W. Szabo, CAO



Re: Fw: Concerns....to be addressed.....2 nd email with pics

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: "Jageck(Toni)" <

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:51 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 27, 2023 at 11:33 PM Jageck(Toni) <

> wrote:

1st email

2 nd email will have pictures attached

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 11:30 PM, Jageck(Toni) <

> wrote:

I would like to address bicycle issues on the Griffith Park Horse bridle trails... I have had many issues while riding my horse with arrogant bikers on our horse trails, that feel this is a combined trail. It is NOT....City needs to enforce this....please start writing tickets!!!! They always claim they were not aware of this, but see the same riders all the time.

There will be a serious accident happen with a horse and rider. Only a matter of

I had 3 bikes ride right up to me a week ago, and hit an air horn while I was on my horse. Lucky we didn't go into the river....Crazy....They are not to be on the horsepedestrain trails.

They have cut holes in the fences to come thru, spray painted all of the NO Bike signs...

Crazy what you are letting them get away with.....

On this past Sunday I was coming down SkyLine trail and a bike was coming down at a fast speed behind me down the mountain.....I told him no bikes on trails.....of course he just continued past, no regard.....

Horse riders should not have to deal with this added danger.

City is going to be sued big time when a accident happens and we can all show it has not been enforced, at all.

We see them there every every day....If fines were written word would get out...

Fix the signs.....Fix the fences.....Moniter patrol the area.....

Please do this now.....

Toni Osseck

concerned owner of property/and horse owner/rider-hiker in Griffith Park

Tonight while riding---The actual swinging bridge at the end of Mariposa street has some board issues that need immediate care---causing unsafe issues for horses walking across the bridge.....- traveling across the swinging bridge, and turning immediately to the left seen ALL signs for NO BIKES have been spray painted over, have included pictures.....Also another new homeless encampment along that area.....and a gate that was busted open--seen bikes coming in thru there....attatching pictures I took tonight 6/27/2023....

Needs to be all taken care of asap......

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Re: Vandalism, Harassment, and Injury

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 2:12 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 1:16 PM Nicole Bohn <

> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

Recently there has been a number of encounters with vandalism of signs posted for no bicycles on trails, men harassing horses with riders causing horse to buck and rear in small tunnels, and causing injury to riders and horses. No one has done anything to aid in these situations since no one was hospitalized. Just injuries we and my friends have had to take care because vet bills are expensive. I recently had a baby and been back to riding. I now have worry now if I run into one of these guys and gonna die because these guys who don't care and purposely spook horses. Why do we have to wait for me or my friends to die or put into a coma to create action.

Feel free to call me as I'd LOVE to show you what happens personally and take you out for a ride when these things occur.

Nicole Strasser

C:

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: GPAB Zoo EIR Letter

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:52 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 8:17 AM Alex Crow <

wrote:

Please find the Griffith Park Advisory Board's letter concerning the Zoo EIR attached. Thank you.

Alex Crow

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June 23, 2023

Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Chair Hon. John S. Lee Hon. Heather Hutt Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee Los Angeles City Council

Re: LA Zoo Vision Plan RFEIR - Council File # 21-0828

Dear Council Members:

For more than two years, this board has closely followed the Zoo's extensive EIR process, knowing that any future development plans will significantly impact Griffith Park and its visitors. From the start, we have focused on the transportation impacts of hundreds of thousands of additional Zoo visitors on existing park users. Our key question has always been whether the Zoo is committing to adequately mitigating the *significant and unavoidable* transportation impacts of its development.

With the latest revision, Zoo officials have made significant strides in recognizing and tackling issues raised by our board and other stakeholders. We appreciate these changes, which significantly improve the project. Thanks to leadership from Council District 4, Zoo officials have agreed to additional accountability measures related to Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) monitoring, reporting and reduction, beyond those already contained in the EIR. The Zoo will work with LADOT on development of this VMT program. As a result, we are pleased to offer our support for the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan Revised Final Environmental Impact Report (RFEIR).

As our previous letters have stated, it is important to allow the Zoo to fulfill its vision of modernizing to become a world-class destination. At the same time, given our board's purview and mandate, our focus has been on how the Zoo must adequately tackle the transportation impacts resulting from its project. Doing so is especially crucial as policy-makers grapple with the question of how best to move Griffith Park toward a shared vision of fewer cars and more transit options, particularly when faced with upcoming international events such as the FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic Games. This challenge will require strong commitments from every relevant city department – the Zoo, Recreation & Parks, Transportation – and regional agencies such as Metro.

In considering the latest EIR document, we have examined the Zoo's plans through the lens of six principles outlined in <u>our letter</u> of September 20, 2022. As City Council members consider the merits of the project, we offer the following comments:

Principle #1: Multi-modal commitments

Given the Zoo's projection of adding 750,000 visitors per year, the question of transit options – buses, shuttles, connections to rail, active transportation – has been among the most salient. In this area we are deeply encouraged by the Zoo's actions to date. Already, under leadership from Council District 4 and the Mayor's Office, plans are underway to resume the Parkline Shuttle with a direct link from the Metro B (Red) Line to the Zoo as a pilot Transit-to-Parks service. These plans feature strong cooperation among Zoo officials, LADOT and Recreation & Parks – precisely the sort of inter-agency coordination that will be essential in devising and building out transit infrastructure.

Further, we see plenty of substantive revisions to the RFEIR, including a big push in the area of active transportation: better bicycle facilities, a raised cycle track around the Zoo perimeter, and better integration with RAP's plans for surrounding roadways. Further, the RFEIR highlights the importance of buses and shuttles – including the prospect of direct service to/from Union Station, Burbank and/or Glendale. We fully endorse such regional strategies.

Principle #2: VMT target reduction

From the start of this process, our board <u>has pointed out</u> the importance of firm commitments for Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), which is the primary state-wide metric to assess development projects' transportation impacts. The initial EIR featured a Multi-Modal Transportation Alternative, known as Alternative 2, which set a minimum VMT reduction of 15 percent for both employees and visitors. While this standard is in line with goals set for other major projects, it would still mean a large increase from present, since the "reduction" is based on otherwise-anticipated increases due to the large uptick in overall attendance¹. Our board has <u>advocated</u> for this 15 percent standard as a means to drive sufficient change in how hundreds of thousands of additional Zoo visitors will arrive.

In response to previously expressed concerns about the lack of sufficient VMT commitments, the RFEIR states a VMT reduction goal of "ideally" 15 percent by 2040. We trust that Zoo officials are serious in stating this goal, and we appreciate the spirit behind it. At the same time, a goal is not the same as a requirement. In fact, the RFEIR states on both 3-15 70 – 71 and 9-71 that the Zoo would be held to a very different standard: a 10 percent VMT reduction for employees, and no specific numeric requirement ("maximum extent feasible") for visitors. This language is unchanged from the initial EIR.

While we recognize the analysis by the Zoo and Bureau of Engineering regarding challenges in meeting the 15 percent VMT reduction standard, we believe it is essential for this project to have specific mitigation targets with benchmarks along the way. We are therefore pleased that Council District 4 has received commitments from Zoo and LADOT leadership to create a VMT

¹ Without mitigation, VMT would increase 61 percent by 2030 and 71 percent by 2040, according to RFEIR 3.15-60



monitoring, reporting and reduction plan as an outgrowth of the EIR approval process. Such a plan will ensure that the good-faith efforts of the Zoo's leadership team are translated into tangible results and accountability measures with appropriate benchmarks along the way.

Principle #3: Car capacity limits and PVMP details

Given the Vision Plan's reliance on an online reservation and parking system, known as Peak Visitation Management Program (PVMP), we had suggested a limit to the number of cars that would be allowed – per day or per year – under this program. While the latest revision does not include such limits, we see other positive revisions to the PVMP program that give us much greater confidence in its role as a useful tool to manage Zoo visitation – particularly the new interplay between the Transportation Demand Management program (TDM) and PVMP. We would, however, point out once again that a program specifically designed to maximize visitation (4-103) and efficient use of the parking supply (9-40) requires close monitoring as part of a transit mitigation strategy.

Principle #4: Oversight from LADOT for both TDM and PVMP

One of our biggest issues with the prior EIR draft was a lack of clarity or accountability regarding the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, as well as PVMP. Given that TDM is the driving force in managing how visitors arrive at the Zoo, the new draft is much better in ensuring that these two key programs work together, particularly with oversight and support from LADOT, as outlined above. We are especially pleased by the commitment on 4-146 to "adaptively manage" TDM and "better integrate" the two programs. The latest draft also contains important revisions regarding baseline VMT measurement; the inclusion of nighttime events; and tracking peak hours/days to inform PVMP. Again, we recognize that the success of the TDM program will be in taking robust user data and finding smart, creative ways to enable and encourage visitors to arrive at the Zoo via means other than private vehicles. Doing so is in line with both the Zoo's Vision Plan and the City of LA's Vision for Griffith Park.

Principle #5: Response to ecological concerns

Although our board has focused primarily on transportation, we have acknowledged the concerns raised by numerous organizations regarding the ecological impacts of this project. Without re-stating those concerns here, we recognize that there will continue to be differing points of view on the level of ecological mitigation required of the Zoo for its Vision Plan. Given that this board's explicit purview and mandate is Griffith Park, we have to balance the reality that the Zoo's land and internal footprint is distinct and separate from that, while understanding that changes on Zoo grounds will have potential implications and ramifications on the surrounding park as a whole. Our greatest hope is that policy-makers recognize the manner in which changes to one part of the Griffith Park ecosystem impact others, and act accordingly. As

such, we are pleased to see that the RFEIR explicitly states that Recreation & Parks – and therefore its urban ecologist – will have a meaningful role in solving questions of how best to mitigate ecological impacts resulting from the Zoo's development. Our board will continue to keep watch on how the Zoo's Vision Plan is implemented from an ecological point of view.

Principle #6: Overall accountability for transportation

We are pleased to say that the FREIR is more robust and specific in outlining the ways in which the Zoo will be held accountable for its transportation commitments. The language on annual reporting requirements, in particular, is a welcome revision.

Conclusion

After more than two years of deep analysis, as well as numerous substantive conversations with Zoo executives and members of the project team, we greatly appreciate the revisions that have made this project significantly better than at the start of the process and the work that has been done to address our concerns. With specific VMT commitments, to be developed as part of the multi-agency program outlined above, our board has voted to offer our support of the LA Zoo Vision Plan RFEIR.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to City Councilmember Nithya Raman and her staff for their leadership in addressing transportation and other key issues, and we remain committed to working with Zoo officials, other City of LA agencies and stakeholders to ensure that the LA Zoo Vision Plan implementation is carried out as responsibly as possible.

Sincerely,

Michelle Crames

Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Hon. Nithya Raman and staff
Recreation and Parks Commissioners
Jimmy Kim, Matthew Rudnick, Brenda Aguirre, Stefanie Smith – RAP
Randall Winston, Jacqueline Hamilton, Dan Rodman – Mayor's Office
Matt Szabo, City Administrative Officer
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Carol Armstrong, LA Zoo



Re: Fw: Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 11:02 AM

To: r cdila1 < >, Belinda Jackson <BELINDA.JACKSON@lacity.org>, Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>, Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 10:02 AM r cdila1 <cdila1@yahoo.com> wrote:

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From: r cdila1 <

To: Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org> Cc: Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 at 01:14:36 PM PDT

Subject: Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request

Hello Ms. Jackson:

I made a PRA request recently regarding the names of newly appointed Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board members that Anita Meacham claimed during the April 10, 2023 telephone conference you attended, that Pan Pacific Advisory Board members had been "newly appointed", and a board meeting was going to be held as soon as their fingerprints were processed. This contradicts the enclosed June 26, 2023 PRA response I received which states, "Currently there are not any newly appointed Pan Pacific Board members, as the director is still in the process of interviewing prospective applicants." Further, it also contradicts the enclosed April 19, 2023 email I received from Anita Meacham which stated, "... Thus that PAB has been disbanded and a new PAB is being introduced as we speak. Why would Anita Meacham claim that a new PAB is being introduced over two months ago when the unsigned response to my PRA request states that Director Calhoun is still interviewing prospective candidates, which has been going on for the last year? As we discussed during our April 10, 2023 telephone conversation, Anita Meacham claimed that she was unaware of who was approving the Pan Pacific Recreation Center Revocable Right-Of-Entry Permit For Provision of Fireworks shows for the adjacently located Grove Mall, to promote the start of their Christmas sales season, when it is a violation of the Los Angeles Municipal for fireworks to be discharged at any city park. I asked Anita Meacham to explain why she allegedly repeatedly misinformed me that she didn't know who was approving the annual Grove Mall fireworks permits, when it turned out after making a PRA request, that the signature on the permit in question was none other than Anita Meacham! Is this the kind of alleged dishonesty I should expect from a high-ranking member of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks? Do you condone this kind of behavior, and if not, why haven't I seen any changes in any of the matters we discussed on April 10, 2023? The Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board bylaws require a minimum of four public meetings a year. The last meeting was August 2021! The alleged mismanagement of Pan Pacific Park is appalling!

I would like very much to schedule another meeting with you.

Best,

Robert Cherno enclosures:

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To:r cdila1

Mon, Jun 26 at 10:28 AM

Good morning,

Please see information attached deemed responsive to your CPRA No. 1178 request for:

"-Names of newly appointed Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board members, any personal association to any Pan Pacific Park staff and distance they reside from the park in question.

response:

Currently there are not any newly appointed Pan Pacific Board members, as the director is still in the process of interviewing prospective applicants.

-Scheduling date of Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board public meeting, one of which has not been held since August 2021". response:

There is not a date for the next Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board Meeting at this time. A meeting will be posted to the Recreation and Parks website 72 hours prior to the date. The posted Information will indicate the time, place and agenda for the meeting.

We greatly appreciate your courtesy and patience in this matter. Thank you.

Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>

To:cdila1

Cc:Kenya Wiley, Belinda Jackson, Kimberly Simonet, Juan Guzman, Rap Commissioners and 1 more...

Wed, Apr 19 at 12:04 PM

Hello Robert,

As always, I have tried to be extremely responsive to your requests. The PAB issues at Pan Pacific existed many years before I was assigned and I did everything in my power to correct the situation, but it does take time when something is so rooted and engrained in the operation. Thus that PAB has been disbanded and a new PAB is being introduced as we speak.

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MOTION

I MOVE that \$44,233 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302-89, Account No. 89814M-ER, for supplemental services provided during the period April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022 at Echo Park Lake in Council District 13.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Recreation and Parks Department be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilman, 13th District





MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS

Mulholland Highway is a scenic road in the Hollywood Hills that is the primary means of ingress and egress for many residents. In portions of this road, the Hollywood Sign is visible from the road itself. The segment of Mulholland Highway from Canyon Lake Drive to Durand Driveis a two-lane road with no stopping lanes, but tourists visiting this area frequently stop in the travel lanes along this road segment to photograph the Hollywood sign in locations where it is visible. This segment has no turnout and many curves, and drivers stopping or driving distracted to take photos create a hazard to their own safety and the safety of other drivers.

The Department of Recreation and Parks has installed temporary fencing along this segment of Mulholland Highway to deter visitors from stopping; however, this generates an ongoing cost for the Department and the temporary fencing is not weatherized for long-term deployment.

In order to ensure residents have safe access to their neighborhoods and for continued deterrence of drivers stopping along this segment, the City should install permanent fencing or panels that will discourage drivers from stopping along this stretch of road.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report within 60 days with recommendations to replace the temporary fencing on Mulholland Highway, beginning at Canyon Lake Drive and running along a portion of the Lake Hollywood Park perimeter east to Durand Drive, with a permanent option to deter vehicles from stopping along this two-lane segment, to initiate a capital improvement project, and to identify funding for the fencing replacement.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:





MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

Lake Hollywood Park is a popular scenic area with unobstructed views of the Hollywood Sign and access to the Innsdale Trail and Mulholland Highway Trail. Social media and navigation apps have made the Hollywood Sign one of the most visited tourist sites in Los Angeles. There is no transit service to the location and public parking available is limited and uncontrolled. Traffic congestion, due to "cruising" and waiting for on-street parking spaces, creates public safety issues and neighbrohood-wide parking problems.

Parking meters can better manage curb space, especially in a constrained area like this one. The Department of Transportation (LADOT) operates and maintains eighty-three Parking Meter Zones (PMZ) and manages 35,000+ metered parking spaces within the PMZs. Variable, demand-based pricing, can help manage available curb space and reduce cruising and waiting for parking spaces by people driving. In this particular area there are also residential areas within a two block radius of public recreational facilities, which, if a Preferential Parking District (PPD) were created, would necessitate a 4 Hour time limit, which, if not managed by price, could offset the positive impacts of using pricing to manage curb usage.

The Griffith Observatory paid parking program from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) successfully uses price as a tool to better manage a popular tourist destination with similar public safety concerns as Lake Hollywood Park. That program has directed revenues to off-setting the negative impacts of tourism by providing programmatic and infrastructure funds for Griffith Park.

The City of Los Angeles has no dedicated funding source to help mitigate the negative impacts of Hollywood Sign tourism and efforts to mitigate negative impacts from tourism have been confined to line item or ad hoc overtime payments to LADOT Special Events or to the Los Angeles Police Department for holidays. Council District 4 is undertaking a multifaceted approach to tourism management for the Hollywood Sign, initiating motions for needed capital improvements, staffing, and operations and maintenance. Some portion of funds generated from a new PMZ at Lake Hollywood Park could help offset the negative impacts of massive tourism for the Hollywood Sign so that City General Funds can be spent elsewhere.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back, within 90 days, on:

- Steps necessary to establish a PMZ with meters, kiosks, or other payment method, for paid parking on Canyon Lake Drive between Arrowhead Drive and Mulholland Highway adjacent to Lake Hollywood Park. The report should include advice about utilizing Express Park or other demand-based pricing method;
- The ability to overlay a PMZ over a Preferential Parking District (PPD), to balance access and curb usage
 for Canyon Lake Drive from Arrowhead Drive to Innsdale Drive and other residential streets within two
 blocks of recreational facilities at Lake Hollywood Park and Innsdale Trail;

Creation of a special fund where future PMZ Lake Hollywood Park parking revenue could be retained to
pay for staffing, operations and maintenance, and capital improvements to mitigate tourism impact
associated with Lake Hollywood Park.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

MHD



Re: RAP Commission meeting in Pacific Palisades - new Potrero Canyon Park

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| Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: president < ></rap.commissioners@lacity.org> | Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 11:04 AM |
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| Date: Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 8:42 AM Subject: RAP Commission meeting in Pacific Palisades - new Potrero Canyor To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org></jimmy.kim@lacity.org> | n Park |
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| Dear GM Kim, | |
| We, in Pacific Palisades, would like to ask that The Board of Recreation and I a meeting in Pacific Palisades, at our new George Wolfberg Park at Potrero C Recreation Center where we have two gymnasiums and space to accommod | Canyon (adjacent to the Palisades |
| Potrero Canyon is an important new Park which has been more than two decepartnership unlike any other in the City of LA. The unique canyon park is hon infused with indigenous plantings that are native to the area. It is a passive particular pathway to the shoreline, with coastal access either though a trail of | ne to a riparian habitat that is delicate and ark with great trails and ocean vistas, and |
| Potrero Canyon Park is a great example of a creative use open space and when City. We would welcome an opportunity to host a Commission meeting here in Commissioners this new, impressive, city park. | |
| Please let us know how we can help make this happen. I have cc'd the Counc | cil Office for their assistance as well. |
| Best, Maryam. | |
| Desiree N. Ramirez, M.P.A. (she/her) Executive Administrative Assistant to Jimmy Kim, General Manager City of Los Angeles: Department of Recreation & Parks Direct: 010, 504, 0540 | |
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