

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

November 16, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager *J/K*
SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Cynthis Su comments regarding Riverside Tennis Courts	#9490	Referred to General Manager
2) Brian Averill as President of Venice Neighborhood Council comments regarding meeting with RAP	#9491	Referred to General Manager
3) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park	#9492	Referred to General Manager
4) City Council Motion regarding Valley LA Riverway	#9493	Note and File
5) Jay Dockendorf comments regarding water fountain atop Mt. Hollywood	#9494	Referred to General Manager
6) Michael Recasner comments regarding Arthur Ashe Tennis Center at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex	#9495	Referred to General Manager
7) City Council Motion regarding economic overview of the City's Park Activity Monitors and Film Monitors	#9496	Note and File
8) Lukas Smith comments regarding Dog Park in South LA	#9497	Referred to General Manager

9) Tiara Knudtson comments regarding Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park	#9498	Referred to General Manager
10) Aleigh Lewis comments regarding Western Gage Median Park naming	#9500	Referred to General Manager
11) David Sands comments regarding City Golf program	#9501	Referred to General Manager
12) Michael Maslin comments regarding Golf Tee Times	#9502	Referred to General Manager
13) Brian lane comments regarding Tennis reservation system	#9503	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Petition in Support of Preserving Riverside Tennis Courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 11:26 AM

To: " " < " >
Cc: Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 11:00 AM Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: **Cynthia Su** < " >
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Petition in Support of Preserving Riverside Tennis Courts
To: <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>, <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, <lori.coleman@lacity.org>

October 31, 2023

To Whom It May Concern at the Department of Recreation & Parks,

We have recently learned of the city's plans to convert tennis courts at Riverside Tennis Court to pickleball courts.

This letter is in support of preserving all of the tennis courts at Riverside Tennis Court. Court 12, especially, is historic and significant to the tennis community for being the only standalone court with stadium seating that can accommodate tournament and/or other exhibition play. Permanently removing the bleachers and converting Court 12 to pickleball courts would be a mistake, and an enormous loss for Los Angeles' many tennis players and enthusiasts.

We are not against pickleball but urge the city not to take over existing tennis courts. Though we acknowledge that pickleball is experiencing a boom in popularity, participation in the sport should not come at the expense of tennis, an already popular sport that draws interest at every skill level, age and background. Preserving Court 12 and others at Riverside ensures that Angelenos of all socioeconomic backgrounds continue to have access to play and compete in a sport that promotes physical and mental health, and that would otherwise be inaccessible without membership to expensive private clubs. During peak hours in the mornings, evenings and on weekends, publicly accessible and affordable tennis courts are already scarcely available. We urge you to find a separate solution for pickleball enthusiasts to avoid displacing tennis players citywide.

Please accept this letter and the attached signatures as formal petition against the City of Los Angeles allowing pickleball courts to permanently replace any existing tennis courts at Riverside Tennis Court/Griffith Park. The 325+ signatures here represent just some of the growing number of stakeholders who are against this conversion. We know that the petition will grow as we raise awareness.


Thank you for you and your office's prompt attention to this matter and petition. We kindly request a response.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Su
Community Stakeholder

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Desiree N. Ramirez, M.P.A. (she/her)
Executive Administrative Assistant III to
Jimmy Kim, General Manager
Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer
City of Los Angeles: Department of Recreation & Parks
Direct: 213-524-9540



 Please consider the Environment before printing this Email.

Out of Office: **November 8-19th, 22-24th**

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Thomas Moece			10/5/23
RICARDO RENOLIF			10/5/23
REY TANA			10/5/23
CARLITO BAGATORO	C. Bagatoro		10-4-23
Paul Kim			10/5/23
Damian Kulash	Damian Kulash		10/5/23
FRANCISCO BOLANOS			10/5/23
Debbie			10/6/23
Ben Goodman			10/6/23
JOHN CHEN			10/6/23
CEZAR POQUINOTO			10-6-23
GLENN W.	Glenn		10/6/23
Don Dwyer	Don Dwyer		10-6-23
Cynthia Su			10/7/2023
Fairlie McCollough			10/7/23
PHILIP LUU	Philip Luu		10/7/23


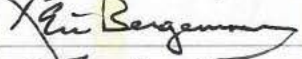






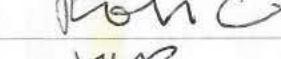
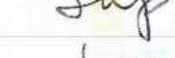

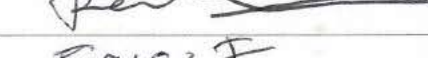
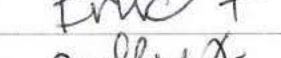
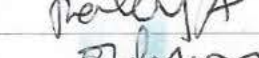


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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Paul Keeley			10-7-23
Evan Manning			27 10-7-23
Clint Bergson			10-17
MARA CEMAU			3
NATASHA KIM			11/10/23
CHRISTINA BARBARA			91325
ROSEL SARDIA			A 90204
FERDINANDO GONZALEZ			199
ANDREW WONTORSKY			90027
Jennifer Knierke			910027
Daniel Gabai			91335
MANTY WOODS			(40)
Tisto Chapman			10007
Dominick Walker			90019
Maria Clark			
Aini Tjauw			

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JOHN THOMAS			10/8/23
ERIC BERGEMAN			10/8/23
LOW WALKER			10/8/23
Nateesat Hopkins			10/8/23
Yoko Moore			10/8/23
GURNIER FREDERIC			10/8/23
Kandy Frost			10/8/23
ENRICO DIMMITI			10/8/23
Roli Clano			10/8/23
Jupiter Vegaspi			10/08/23
Lyneto Dionio			10/09/23
Roy Favier			10/09/23
ERIC FLORIO			10/09/23
Rolly Amuroa			10/09/23
Eduard Capella			10/9/23
Theo F. Welch			10/11/23

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John Andrew Fredrick PhD			10 Oct 2023
GERALD AQUINO			10/10/23
Gerry Mendonza			10/10/23
JESS A. VENTURA			10/10/23
Nelson Parrel			10-23
EVANGELINE GUTIERREZ			10/10/23
GEORGE DEL ROSARIO			10/10/23
Myra Del Roser			10/10/23
GERALD ARRADAZA			10/10/23
CHAD ARRADAZA JR			10/10/23
TONY KO			10/10/23
Lingie Lee			10/10/23
EDUARDO RAMOS			10/10/23
JASON WJ HUMPHRIES			10/10/23
ROGERIO TAPUCAR			10/10/23
MARIO LOPEZ MORGANETA			10/10/23

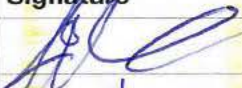













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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
HERMINIGILDO URRUTIA JR.			10-10-23
Kem Poston			10-11-23
HOWE WATANABE			10-11-23
JOE MENDIOVA			10-11-23
CARTER BIRD			10-11-23
Louie Oiler			10-11-23
GABE MOFFAT			10-11-23
Zach Fishbain			10-11-23
GABRIEL SWEET			10-11-23
Kenneth Yap			10-11-23
ceulia Navaris			10-11-23
Adam Goodley			10-11-23
Maggie Huh			10-11-23
max a. mosesman			10-11-23
Elen Hunanyan			10-11-23
			10/11/23

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Jupiter Legaspi			10-11
Mary Ramos			10-11
Dino Herrmann			10/4/23
Sofia Ramos			10-11
Joel Breedlove			10/11
Heather McClure			10/4
Kyle Wallace			10/11
Jon GAN			10/11
Jeff Israel			10/11
Thomas Williams			10/11
Dwayne Johnson-Cochran			10/11
Jesse Furman			10/11
Sung Chol			10/11
C.D. Valdez			10/11

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
ALEXIS ROSS			10/12/23
NILS-ERIK HILLIARD			10/12/23
YASMINE ROSS			10/13/23
JUSTIN YU			10/14/23
Dominic Vallejo			CA 10/14/23
Robert Simon			CA 90091
Tyler Ladin			91504
Michael Lau			10/16/23
Min Park			91203 10/16/23
JAS Sham			10/16/23
Ralph Ruggola			10/16/23
Surya Sabikhi			10/10/23
Anthony Lee			CS 91391
Tricia Kim			
Victor Contin			
Juhil Abshowsky			91381

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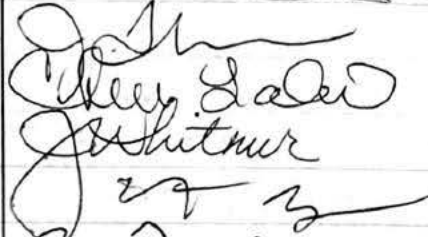
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Dorothy Chung
Shannon Koeppen



10/15/23

Jo Ann Thraurn
Cherie Lakin
Julie Whitmer



-10/15/23

Albert Yee
ZACH FANNIN



10/15/23

10/15/23

10/18/23

Sarah Forrest



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Andrew Campbell



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Shireen Kachia



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Pedro Rosset



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Shakeen Seth



Sam Kweston



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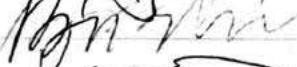
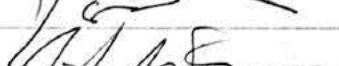







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Neil Wyzanowski			10/18/2023
Jon Quinard			10/19/2023
Arcan Katin			10/19/23
Tao Kuo			10/19/23
Masako Naito			10/19/23
Yvonne Brossus-Fisher			10-19-23
Dennis Dembeck			10/19/23
Max Buller			10/19/23
Jon MOBERG			10/19/23
Rick Memige			90065-10/22
KAREN TODD			90068
Fousta P. Escobar		Fousta P. Escobar	CA 90004
John Bennett			90026
Max Pitt			10/22/2023
ERIC DAVENPORT			10/22/2023
GARY WOLF			10-22-23

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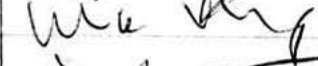
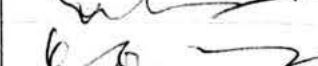
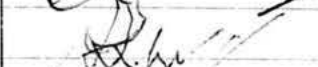
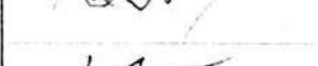

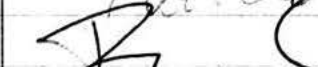






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Sung Ho Kim			10-20-23
JOSHI FUNG			10-20-23
Geoff Gee			10/20/23
Peter Canavaro			10/20/23
Virginia Lee			10/20/23
OSCAR			10/20/23
Kenny Chang			10/20/23
Riley Jais <small>Ridley</small>			10/20/23
BIN ZHAO			10/20/23
you			10/20/23
MIKE WONG			10/20/23
Patrick Ding			10/20/23
Kevin Song			10/20/23
SUNGA CHANG			10/20/23
David Lim			10/20/23
Christine Kwon-Chang			10/20/23

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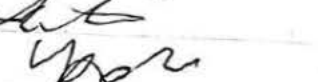







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Ricardo Ocon			10-21-23
Ronald Young			10-21-23
Bill Woxley			10-21-23
Max Huang			10-21-23
Lisa Du			10-21-23
Kevin Chung			10-21-23
Angela			10-21-23
Angela			10-21-23
David Lui			10-21-23
Diana Th...			10/21/23
ROBERTO Ornela			10/21/23
John Wong			10/21/23
J. Bruner			10/21/23
William Tom			10/21/23
HENRY SANTI			10-21-23

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VARUZHAN J. TOMBAKIAN			10/18/23
HABIN LEE			10/22/23
Chason Cole			10/24/23
MIKE WESTACKEFF			10/24/23
MIKE MARIO			10/24/23
DAN JEONG			10/24/23
PAT TAYLOR			10/24/23
Sam Johnson			10/24/23
GIACOMO BICCESSI			10/24/23
Aaron Adams			10/24/23
Rachel Chow			10/24/23
Lexi Luong			10/24/23
Christine Wan			10/24/23
Alonna Meras			10/24/23
Carthney Davison			10/24/23
Conner Stouie			10/24/23
Eddy Pereda			10/24/23
PHILLIP RODRIGUEZ			10/24/23

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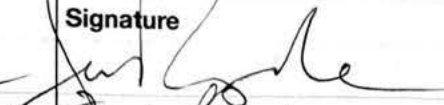



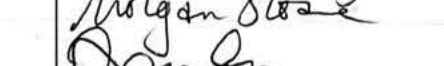







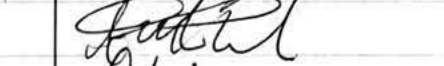
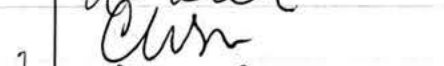
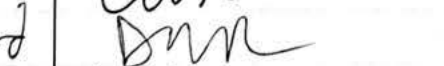
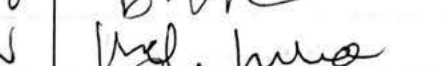
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PETER YOMBALAN			10/22/23
SERYOZHA MAHOBYAN			10/22/23
HRACH V			10/22/23
HAROUT HARIMO			10-22-23
Sedrak MANEKYAN			10-22-23
Danny Martinez			10-22-23
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GAMIE DENNIG			10/22/23
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JILL Rogosheske			10/22/23
JAMIE SMITH			10/22/23
DAN DULIN			10/22/23
Morgan Sloane			10/22/23
Kari Levine			10/22/23
Kevin Castech			10/22/23
MATT OLIVER			22-23
OSCAR LAAGRESA			10/22/23
Luci Laagresa			10/22/23
Carla Gardini			10/22/23
ZAC GREENBAUM			"
Alexandra Kevach			10/22/23
CRISTINA PADRON			10/22/23
STANA ROCHARD			10/22/23
Vicki Weinstein			10/22/23
BRADY RACE			10/22/23

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Alfonso Sng			10/22/23
JOSE DIAS			10/22/23
J.R. Mall			10/22/23
ART PAGO			10/21/23
Victor Casas			
TODD ANDERSON			
Kate Novak			10/27/23
PETER OWEN			10/27/23
MIGUEL MURILLO			91331 10/27
SARAI SOSA			10/27
LUNG LAM			10-27-23
Adam Briggs			10/27/2023
CHRIS HANKS			10/27/2023
STEVEN HANKS			10/27/2023
FRANK YOSHIKANE			92708 10/27/23
Jeff Price			10/27/2023

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DONNIE A PONTE			10-27-23
Dave Bullen			10-27-23
Matthew Lyons			10-27-23
KIRK FILLEY			10-27-23
Pete Foley			10/27/23
CHRISTINA BLACKALLER			10/24/23
Sean Graham			10/24/23
Guido Kojima			10/24/23
Will Slanger-Grant			10/29/2023
James Redmond			10/27/2023
CAUGUS BOPE			10/27/23
Jared Ehrlich			10/27/23
BROOKS JACKSON			10/27/23
Monica Sanchez			10/28/23
Brandyn Fox			
Doug Armstrong			

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Kirk Williams			10/28/23
Stephen Bock			10/28/23
Andy TCO			10/28/23
Jimmy Zhang			10/28/23
BAO CE			10/28/23
Jonathan Quach			10/28/23
John Pham			10-28-23
Mark Yu			10/28/23
Richard Freeman			10/28/23
Ross RINSBURT			10/28/23
Amanda Ng			10/28/23
Jessica Melm			10/28/23
Maggie Daniels			10/28/23
Maria Telada			10/28/23
JONATHAN BLESER			10/28/23
CHRIS DAVIS			10/28/23

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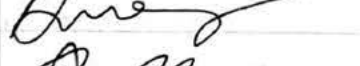



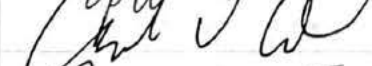

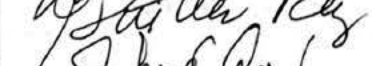




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HAROLD HADFIELD			22nd Oct
Rebecca Carpenter			10-22-23
Sophia Maguire			10-22-23
Alexandria Rugel			10-22-23
JAKE SCHREIER			10.22.23
Joshua Turek			10-22-23
Ramsey Fong			10/22/23
BLAINE WILLIAMS			16/22/23
DAVID BEARLEY			16/22/23
Alex Kern			10/21/23
Jim Towne			10/21/23
John Niebauer			10-21-23
Tony Wise			213-503-0148
JAYSON MEKALA			10-22-23
Jeremy Forsyth			10-22-23
Benny Walden			10-22-23

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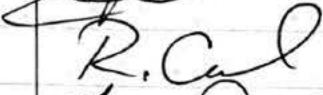
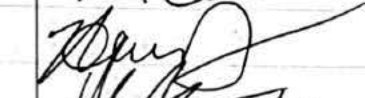

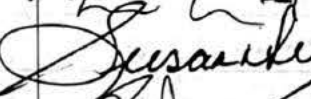


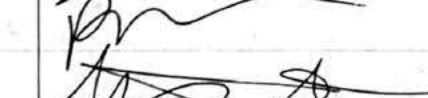







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Ryan Miorelli			10/28/23
Daniel Abbott			10/28/23
John Placencia			10/28/23
PAUL RIVERA			
Anthony Cady			
Tony Bay			10/29/2023
JAMES BERTOLINI			10/29/2023
Charlie Chen			10/29/2023
Emma Zhao			10/29/2023
ANDY COTTA			10/29/2023
Jocelyn Sherman			10/29/23
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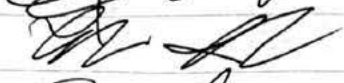



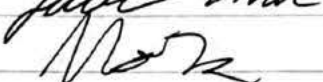
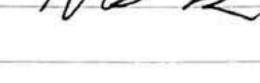
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Amanda Darouie			10/28/23
Ron Missetich			10/28/23
Mike Wahl			10/28/23
Susan Pab Alvarer			10/28/23
SUSAN DEAR			10/28/23
Jorge Sanchez			10/28/23
Delaney Forrey			10/28/23
James Redmond			10/28/23
Petsy Marshall			10/28/23
ANDREW ROGERS			10/28/23
Ameerah Anderson			10/28/23
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Denon Kane			10/29
Luka Stojcic			10/29
Scotty Cadenhead			10/29
Oswaldo Rocha			10/29
Daniel Denny			10/29
Javier Nava			10/29/23
Matt Baird			10/29



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Venice Parks

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:31 PM

To: Brian Averill < >

Cc: "Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org" <Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org>, "Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org" <Cathie.SantoDomingo@lacity.org>, Preserving Public Places Committee >, Tima Bell >

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 12:34 PM Brian Averill <

> wrote:

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Venice Neighborhood Council

PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294
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Mr. Kim, Ms. Santo Domingo and Esteemed Commissioners,

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

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

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

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

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

Brian Averill
President
Venice Neighborhood Council



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: CD1 SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI AND HOMELESS ISSUE

1 message

Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 1:17 PM

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

Cc: Garcia Incareal <i>, Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

The job order has been submitted 23-433062JO# for the graffiti as for the homeless encampment. He needs to call 411. The location is not served by recreation and parks. Please see attached file.

Best Regards

On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:39 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 1:19 PM Garcia Incareal <i> > wrote:

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Over the past 20 years, the City and region have taken many steps to reintegrate the Los Angeles River into the urban fabric of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles River lies at the heart of Los Angeles, but for many years we treated it as no more than a drainage liability. Among efforts including ecological restoration and the creation of new open space, one crucial piece of this reintegration is the completion of the LARiverWay, a continuous off-street multi-use active transportation path along the banks of the Los Angeles River from the headwaters in Canoga Park, through Downtown Los Angeles, and beyond to existing pathways outside of the City of Los Angeles. The completion of this continuous bikeway is a goal for the City due to the safety and quality of life benefits, but also the decarbonization benefits of reducing car trips and Greenhouse Gas emissions.

The City has established the importance of the LARiverWay in various ways, from the adoption of the 2007 Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (Revitalization Master Plan) and the Mobility Plan 2035 Circulation Element of the General Plan, to the assignment of dedicated staff to working on LARiverWay projects, and active participation in regional efforts and planning. In the San Fernando Valley, the completion of the LARiverWay has been actively pursued by the Bureau of Engineering, organized through the 2017 Los Angeles Valley River Bikeways and Greenways Feasibility Study Design Report and the LARiverWay - San Fernando Valley Completion Project. The Completion Project identifies sections 1-9 in the San Fernando Valley in Council Districts 3, 6, 4, and 2, from Vanalden Avenue to Forest Lawn/Zoo Drive, hereto referred as the "Valley LARiverWay."

That investment of staff and time has paid off with a number of successful outside grant applications and funding secured in. A total of approximately \$126M has been secured so far for completing the Valley LARiverWay, including Measure M (2016) funding administered by Metro. Yet a funding gap of approximately \$100M still exists to complete the Valley LARiverWay. The City Council approved a resolution in support of State funding to close the funding gap in 2022 (CF 22-0002-S18), but the State failed to allocate funding for this gap.

To close the remaining funding gap and ensure the design and construction phases of the remaining gaps, and given the importance of the LARiverWay to the City and to the region, the City should explore methods to leverage existing funding and alternative financing and project delivery models to complete the Valley LARiverWay. The intention of this motion is that the City use 2028 and 2038, respectively, as goals for completing "essential connectivity" and "full build out" of the Valley LARiverWay.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Water and Power, and any other relevant departments to report back, within 60 days, with recommendations for how to best proceed with identifying funding and completing project delivery in an accelerated manner for the Valley LARiverWay, including:

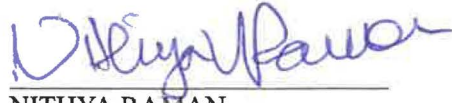
- A summary of all secured funding to date for the completion of the Valley LARiverWay, specifically sections 1-9 between Vanalden Avenue and Forest Lawn/Zoo Drive as identified in the LARiverWay - San Fernando Valley Completion Project;
- An updated estimate of the funding gaps which remain for completing essential connectivity and the full build out for the Valley LARiverWay;
- Overall staff resources needed to implement the full completion of the Valley LARiverWay;
- A catalog of grant opportunities and the anticipated necessary resources required to perform grant writing over the next several fiscal years in pursuit of those opportunities;
- An overview of alternative delivery models that may be employed to accelerate the Valley LARiverWay project delivery including any that may be used to fund both planning/design/construction and operations and maintenance;
- Engaging relevant external agency stakeholders including Los Angeles County, Caltrans, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Metro to discuss the potential of using various funding sources in a pooled approach in pursuit of an accelerated delivery model;
- A description of potential implementation and funding partnerships via City, county, federal, private, foundation, and nonprofit entities, and;

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- Details regarding the potential financial benefits and cost savings of accelerating the Valley LARiverWay project delivery with proposed resources to hire consultant support to perform the analysis.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify up to \$500,000 in current fiscal year funding for consultant services or City resources that could be made available to effectuate the intent of this motion.


PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District



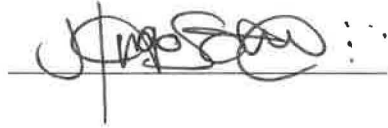
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District



IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

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SECONDED BY:





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Water fountain atop Mt Hollywood

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 10:29 AM

To: Jay Dockendorf <

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Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 9:14 AM Jay Dockendorf <

> wrote:

Dear Parks Commissioner,

I'm a regular user of the Griffith Park trail system, and I'm writing to express my hope that you and the parts department will fix the water fountain next to Dante's Garden at the top of Griffith Park. This is a highly trafficked trail and offers arguably the best view of downtown Los Angeles in the city. It would be a shame if the many hikers, runners, and tourist who take this trail continue to find themselves disappointed at the very height of their exercise and tourism by the lack of available water. Other water fountains in the park work. I'm hopeful that you can make this one work again soon too. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jay Dockendorf
Los Feliz resident.

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Re: Tennis Courts Maintenances

1 message

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

Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 11:12 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 11:09 AM Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org> wrote:

Please see below

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

From: **MARS MARS** < >
Date: Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 10:04 AM
Subject: Fwd: Tennis Courts Maintenances
To: desiree.ramirez@lacity.org <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

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From: **MARS MARS** < >
Date: Fri, 3 Nov 2023 at 10:00
Subject: Tennis Courts Maintenances
To: <kamani.black@lacity.org>, <jonathan.mitchell@lacity.org>, jimmy.kim@lacity.org <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org>, cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, deanne.dedmon@lacity.org <deanne.dedmon@lacity.org>, jimmy.newsom@lacity.org <jimmy.newsom@lacity.org>, mike.harrison@lacity.org <mike.harrison@lacity.org>, <rudnick@lacity.org>, Ramon Barajas <ramon.barajas@lacity.org>, leo.floyd@lacity.org <leo.floyd@lacity.org>, Phillip Wiley <phillip.wiley@lacity.org>
Cc: Freddie Williams < >, Richard Williams < >, Brigitte Champion < >, Phyllis Taylor < >, Geri Tennis Brantley < >, Gerald Blankson < >, < >, < >, La Tonya Bautista < >, Norman Jones < >, MARS MARS < >

To whom it may concern:

I didn't know who to address this to directly, so I sent it to everyone in hopes that SOMEONE will listen to OUR concerns before it gets out of hand.

The newly surfaced tennis courts in the Arthur Ashe Tennis Center at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex are being NEGLECTED. Who amongst you would buy a new car and not ever wash it? That is exactly what's going on with the tennis courts.

I can't comprehend how the city would spend the amount of money that it did to resurface the tennis courts but not maintain their upkeep. The courts were completed around June/July 2023 and to this date have NEVER been cleaned/washed by the city.

All the tennis courts but specifically courts 9, 10, 11 and 12 are getting extremely dirty due to the lack of maintenance and the vacant dirt lot that has not been dealt with. If the city isn't ready to move forward with this project the community has suggested that gravel, artificial grass, rubber bark or something be done in the meantime to reduce the amount of dust in the air when cars are driving on the dirt to park. Doing something temporarily is better than doing nothing at all. Not only is the dust/dirt affecting the courts but it is also a health hazard to anyone who is near the tennis courts breathing in all that dust.

In June 2023 I sent an email addressing these same concerns. It is November 2023 and NOTHING has been done. Here is a part of that email...
Second concern: Upkeep of the tennis courts. The newly surfaced tennis courts are already becoming dirty from the adjacent vacant dirt lot. We requested adding wind screens to the lower fencing (still waiting) which will help out somewhat. I don't know if the city is still following a water shortage guideline, but these newly surfaced courts won't last long if the courts are not washed and maintained on a regular basis. Most tennis courts are washed weekly but every 2 weeks would be a great start to maintain the new surface. Cleaning and trimming of the trees and bushes around the tennis courts will also be helpful in keeping the tennis courts looking new for years to come.

I've heard that the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex is supposed to be the city's premier park. It's crazy that it isn't treated as such. The lack of full time staffing/maintenance is ridiculous for a park this size.

As the President of the R.C.T.C - Rancho Cienega Tennis Club and a member of the P.A.B - Park Advisory Board, I get approached and receive emails constantly inquiring about the status of the tennis courts and what's going on in the park. I am speaking up for all R.C.T.C members and the community at large. The R.C.T.C has over 500 current and former members in our email data base, this is just not my concern but everyone's.

I'm hopeful that this issue can be resolved expeditiously.
Sincerely,

Michael Recasner
Rancho Cienega Tennis Club
Park Advisory Board

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The City of Los Angeles is known around the globe for film and television. Viewed as the movie studio to the world, its beautiful parks and green landscapes have been used as prime locations for production. Currently, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) manages 415 parks and 175 recreation centers in the City. As each site is unique and presents specific locational advantages and challenges to filming, there is a standard, iterative process followed for filming or photography activities.

RAP's Park Film Office is located in Griffith Park and handles all information, reservations, approvals and permits for film related activities at parks and recreation centers for the entire City. As a one-stop shop for all information ranging from issuing permits with FilmLA, to instructing personnel to meet and confer with location managers on guidelines for individual permits, it is the clearinghouse for authorizing any filming activity and use of these locations.

RAP's Park Services Division team of Park Activity Monitors and Film Monitors have been impacted by a series of economic and programmatic challenges happening within the industry. Due to the nature of the ongoing actors strike, as well as associated industry labor strikes, there is growing concern that these activities have created negative outcomes for the City's related park filming activities. Finding a balance between maintaining consistent work and levels of employment, and advocating for and sustaining a livable wage for workers, is at the crux of ensuring that the City and FilmLA meet current economic industry standards.

Filming and film production remains key to the City's economic growth. It is crucial that we continue to provide, and appropriately assess, the necessary resources for the industry to function and operate. Given the recent impacts of the industry's activities on RAP staff and resources, the City should investigate if a guaranteed level of work and competitive wages and benefits for departmental personnel exists.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer and the Department of Recreation and Parks to report within 45 days with an economic overview of comparable wages and benefits for the City's Park Activity Monitors and Film Monitors personnel when compared to the film industry as a whole.

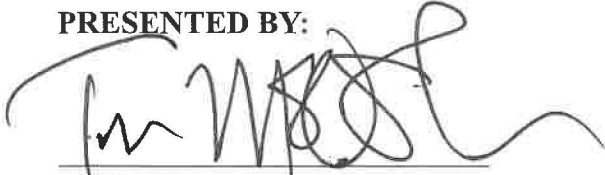
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer and the Department of Recreation and Parks to report within 45 days with a targeted analysis of:

1. The number of permits issued to FilmLA in the last calendar year, with specific attention to the recent industry strikes and any changes in trends or forecasting that the Department can predict;

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2. The number of filming activities that have occurred at City parks and recreation centers in the last calendar year; and
3. The distribution of the total fees (inclusive of location fees) required of the production companies and all involved parties for filming and its related activities at these sites.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District



NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

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SECONDED BY:



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Request for Dog Park in South LA

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 11:07 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 2:28 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Lukas Smith** < >
Date: Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 8:27 PM
Subject: Request for Dog Park in South LA
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Good day,

Referring to the online directory for dog parks, there is nothing close to the South LA residents who have a very high numbers of pets.

Is there a formal way to request a new location to be established? Thank you

All the best,

Lukas Smith

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Re: DOROTHY & BENJAMIN SMITH PARK 7020 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 11:32 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 2:31 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Tiara Knudtson** < >
Date: Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 6:55 PM
Subject: DOROTHY & BENJAMIN SMITH PARK 7020 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Dear LA Parks-

I am writing to present an exciting proposal for Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park that I believe will bring significant benefits to our community. I would like to propose the transformation of this park into a dog-friendly space, complete with a securely fenced-in area. This proposal aims to enhance the park's utility, foster community bonds, and address concerns related to loitering.

Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park is a cherished part of our community, and its potential as a dog park with a securely fenced-in section is undeniable. By converting this park into a dog-friendly environment, we can create a space that promotes outdoor activities for residents of all ages and their four-legged companions. Here are some compelling reasons to consider this proposal:

Meeting Community Needs: The demand for dog-friendly spaces in Los Angeles has been steadily increasing as more residents adopt dogs as companions. Transforming Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park into a dog park with a securely fenced-in area would fulfill this growing need. I also believe having a dog park in the area will reduce animal waste on the surrounding residential streets.

Promoting Physical Activity: A securely fenced-in dog park would encourage residents to engage in regular physical activity by providing a safe and enjoyable space for dog owners to exercise and play with their pets.

Enhancing Social Interaction: Dog parks naturally serve as community gathering places, fostering social interactions, and strengthening neighborhood bonds. This can create a tighter-knit community while simultaneously reducing the likelihood of loitering.

Improving Park Maintenance: Dog parks often come with responsible pet ownership requirements, including waste disposal regulations, which can lead to a cleaner and better-maintained park. This would benefit all park users and contribute to discouraging loitering.

Safety and Security: A securely fenced-in dog park would enhance overall safety and security within the park, discouraging unwanted activities such as loitering and ensuring that dogs remain in a controlled environment.

I acknowledge that concerns may exist regarding potential issues associated with loitering. However, I firmly believe that a securely fenced-in dog park can effectively address these concerns. By creating a designated and well-maintained space for dogs and their owners, we can discourage undesirable activities in the park while simultaneously providing a valuable resource for our community.

I am enthusiastic about actively contributing to the success of this proposal. Whether through volunteer efforts, community fundraising, or advocating for responsible pet ownership and park usage, I am committed to making this transformation a positive and beneficial addition to our community.

I kindly request that the Los Angeles Park Service consider this proposal, including the addition of a securely fenced-in area, as a forward-thinking opportunity to enhance Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park and our community as a whole. I look forward to engaging in further discussions on this proposal and working collaboratively to make our community's recreational opportunities and safety even better.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. I eagerly anticipate the potential to explore this idea further.

Sincerely,
Tiara Knudtson

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 10:38 AM

To: Michael Maslin <

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Cc: RAP Golf <rap.golf@lacity.org>, "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

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Looking forward to hearing back.

Best regards,

Michael

Michael Maslin

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Western Gage Median Park name

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 7, 2023 at 1:39 PM

To: Aleigh Lewis < >

Cc: Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Roberto Perez <roberto.perez@lacity.org>, "joanne.kim@lacity.org" <joanne.kim@lacity.org>, Anna <anna@lani.org>

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Nov 6, 2023 at 4:43 PM Aleigh Lewis < > wrote:

Dear Board Secretary,

My name is Aleigh Lewis, a program manager at the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative. I am managing a park project that will be built in the traffic median at Western Ave and Gage Ave in the summer of 2024. 100% construction drawings are currently being reviewed by RAP.

The default name for this park is Western Gage Median Park but I am writing to submit two names for consideration after an extensive community outreach process. The Council Office wanted to make sure that the name of the park reflected the values and spirit of the neighborhood. We held three steering committee meetings and attended a Neighborhood Empowerment Council meeting to generate a list of names for a survey for which we gathered 119 responses.

The winning name is **Western Gage Community Park**. Part of the reason that I feel that this name won was because the name is easily translatable between Spanish and English and many Spanish-speaking residents chose Western Gage Community Park when filling out the survey.

If for some reason, the commissioners deem that this name cannot be used, we would like to submit Claude Liggins Park for consideration. Claude Liggins was a local civil rights leader. Western Gage Median Park only received 1 vote.

Please let us know if there is any other information that you need from us.

Thank you for your time,

Aleigh

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Aleigh Lewis (she/her)

Pronounced "Alley"

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: CITY GOLF PROGRAM

1 message

Rick Reinschmidt <rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 8:22 AM

To:

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

| | | Hello David

Thank you for your emails and concerns/suggestions regarding tees and the Play it Forward concept. This program has been around for as long as I've been in golf. Over 20 years. Many different versions of this program have been tested and tried. We've even added "family" tees at one course. This program was a big topic back when pace of play was a major issue when our tee time intervals were 6 minutes and 8 minutes (pre COVID). Now that they are 10 minutes, pace of play is pretty much a thing of the past. Even on busy courses. Even on weekends. I understand playing from the correct set of tees makes the round of golf more enjoyable. And our "yellow" tees that we've installed at all courses seem to be adequate enough for our golfers. That said, we are still looking into the feasibility of possibly adding a few new tees to make a "combo tee" between the yellow and whatever the new color tee will be. To do it right, it is very time consuming and very expensive. But I'll keep you informed on any progress we make.

Thank you

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From: **David Sands** <

Date: Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Re: CITY GOLF PROGRAM

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

Thank you for getting back to me, Carolyn. However, key elements of my communication were not assimilated. I think it would be helpful if we spoke to fill-in-the-gaps. Might you or another give me a call this afternoon?

David Sands
818.438.6845

On Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 11:06 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see response from staff:

I have spoken to my maintenance staff regarding the (1) need for these extra tees, and (2) feasibility of building these tees. There is a lot more involved than it seems. We already have four sets of tees for multiple abilities of golfers. For 80 years there were only three sets of tees. We've added a fourth set of tees and even a fifth at one location over the last several years. Adding another set of tees is not off the table but with much larger projects in our queue, massive staff shortages, and the rising cost of materials, this is not something that we can accomplish in the near future.

As far as the "play it forward" concept, we have been working with the United States Golf Association (USGA) at multiple golf courses on a pilot program on this subject. We are using their recommendations on informing the general public on which tees they should be playing from to get the most enjoyment out of their round of golf.

Hope this helps. Thank you.

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 12:40 PM David Sands <dbsandsave47@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you for your response.

On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 11:26 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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On Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 10:45 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **David Sands** <dbsandsave47@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 20, 2023 at 10:20 AM

Subject: CITY GOLF PROGRAM

To: <RAP.publicinfo@lacity.org>

I know that I speak for many others when saying that the City Golf program is in need of Management that is more strategic in its thinking. The City Golf web site's strategic plan has not been updated since 2020, and while some elements stated still apply, it should be updated

AND contain a **commitment to the tenets of the play-it-forward concept**. Attempts to promote this concept with current Management have not been sufficiently responded to by me and at least one Men's Club President.

The attached score card from the Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill, California exemplifies the approach that should be implemented at each of the City's 18 hole golf courses. Each of six yardages depicted is separately "rated" for mens and womens play. (The application for our City courses need not include as many six teeing grounds but should provide for more than the four and with *generally shorter yardages.*)

Having a similar variety of teeing grounds with shorter yardages for each of the City courses would provide a more enjoyable golfing experience for all as well as creasing the speed of play that not only would enhance enjoyment for players but increase revenues by increasing the number of golf rounds per day played.

Of course, I would be pleased to elaborate on this proposal should someone wish to phone me, pose questions in a reply, or arrange a personal visit.

David Sands

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Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 9:20 AM

Thank you for the response.

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

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

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

Michael Maslin
Phone:
Email:

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

| Hello Michael

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

We thank you for your concerns and your patronage.

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From: **Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Re: Golf Tee Times - Bots
To: Michael Maslin < >
Cc: RAP Golf <rap.golf@lacity.org>, jimmy.kim@lacity.org <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

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Re: HELP! - RAP Tennis Reservation System is faulty and non responsive

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 1:38 PM

To: Sean Hinton <sean.hinton@lacity.org>

Cc: Joseph Cortez <joseph.cortez@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Anthony Gallo <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

Received, thank you!

On Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 12:33 PM Sean Hinton <sean.hinton@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you Joseph for following up.

Sean

On Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 12:31 PM Joseph Cortez <joseph.cortez@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

We have recently had some updates to our tennis reservation system over the last month but have since had the issues of guests getting timed out resolved. I will reach out to Mr. Brian Lane and discuss the matter further with him. If you have any other questions please let me know.

On Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 11:49 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Please see email received below and advise. Thank you.

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

Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 11:09 AM

Subject: Re: HELP! - RAP Tennis Reservation System is faulty and non responsive

To: Brian Lane < >

Good morning,

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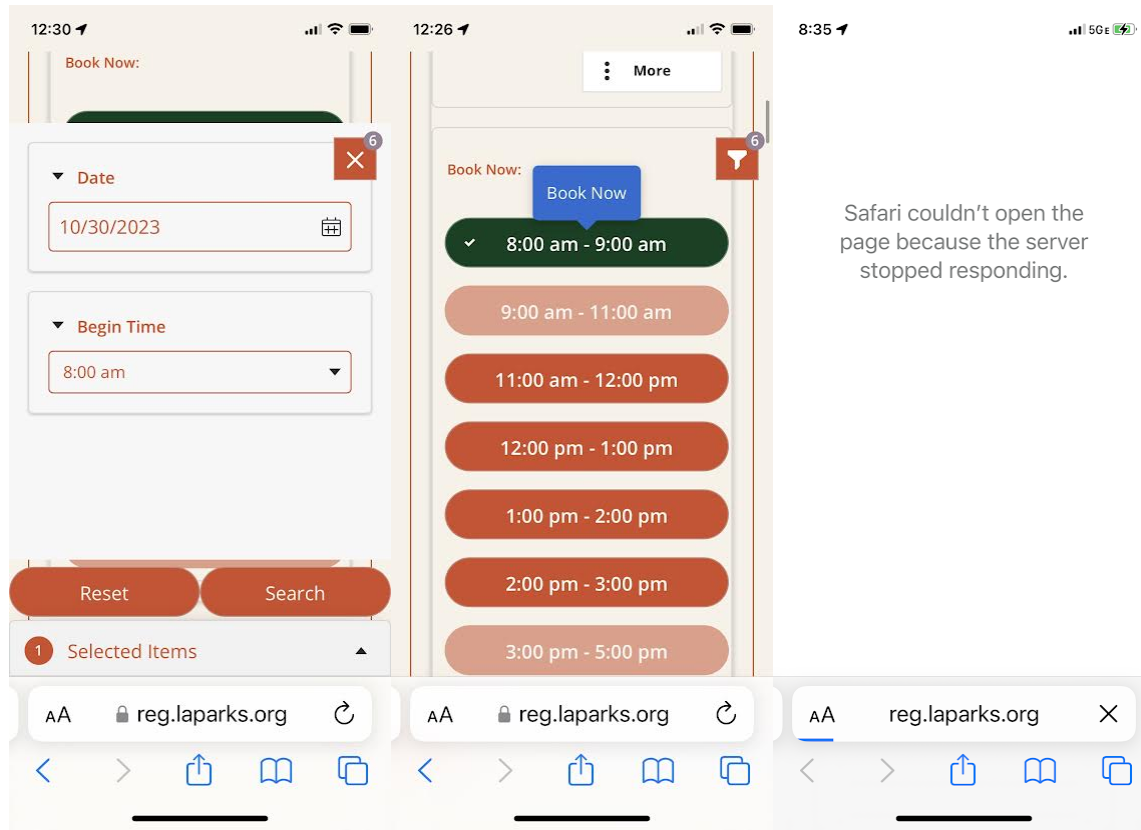
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From: **Brian Lane** <k >
Date: Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 2:48 PM
Subject: Re: HELP! - RAP Tennis Reservation System is faulty and non responsive
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

If the images in my previous email don't show up they can also be found here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/kvadop4r534gqg8bg3hhu/h?rlkey=ff6abbbp182lwpm6qecjxhniiz&dl=0>

and attached:





Safari couldn't open the page because the server stopped responding.

Brian Lane

On Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 2:43 PM Brian Lane
10/27/2023

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern, (RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org) (213) 202-2700

I've been playing tennis at Vermont Canyon for over 10 years. Since the implementation of the web-based system, making reservations has become exceedingly difficult, sometimes it takes over an hour after many system crashes.

In the grand scheme of things, there are bigger problems in the world...like creating homes for those who don't have any. However, my interest is in clarifying the problem and finding a path to fixing/improving things while doing it efficiently and making it easier for City staff, paying customers, and residents/taxpayers to simply rent a tennis court on the weekend.

I log on every Friday morning at 8am to make a reservation for the following Saturday. I use an iPhone 12 and sometimes will log in from my desktop computer. Both interfaces become nonresponsive (very long wait times (page loading) followed by no response or a crash.

I come in through this site: <https://www.laparks.org/sports/tennis/facility/vermont-canyon>

When I hit "Reserve Now" It seems like the system cannot handle traffic due to many people logging on at the same time. But it doesn't make sense that a modern computer system would respond so slowly. And worse - crash forcing users to start the process over, while also losing a place in the cue, and the ability to even get a courtif any retailer's site operated this way they'd surely be out of business.

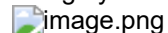
At each step it will pause for 3-6 minutes, sometimes it times out/crashes and gives various errors like:

1) DESKTOP Computer: "WebSpeed error from Messenger process (6019)



2) iPhone: "Server not responding" or "504 Gateway Time-out" note: I have good network connectivity when this comes up, so it seems like RAP/City servers are the issue/

3) Additionally, the iPhone interface is faulty. Once you are able to book a court, "select items" will not show unless you touch the filter again...even though you're done filtering!



Then "Select items" sometimes shows a little, or you have to scroll it with your finger to make it appear, then be able to click. Only at this point are you into the "payment system" which by the way works much better than the front end of this process.



I've tried other locations like Riverside (on both the iPhone and Desktop) both had similar problems.

Have the people who run or design this site ever tried to use it a peak hours in order to experience the (non) functionality?

Please review and let me know what the next steps to correct/improve these issues might be.

Call or email me if I can provide any further information or clarification of the issues.

I very much appreciate your help.

Brian

Brian Lane

ps: please forward this email (ideally copying me) to others if this is not the best route for inquiry.

HISTORY

RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

(213) 202-2700

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

On 9/22/23 (at 8:40am called 213 202 2700 Per Juan Carlos (very helpful). Juan said they used to not get as many calls....which is telling He took my phone number and said someone from "Web Track" would call within the hour.

At 11:30 am Bianca called. She was not able to address any of the issues (she only helps reset passwords etc). I asked if I could speak with whoever she reports to, just to get the issue moved up the chain. She said she didn't have a boss and had to go to the bathroom...then put me on hold. A gentleman named "Khri" picked up. He was a helpful listener but didn't ultimately have any ability to further my inquiry. Said I could also call "Pay Tennis" at 323 644 3536, but didn't feel they could help on this issue.

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Re: FYI District 4 Statement GP Pony Rides - Posted 1 day ago Next Door vebatim

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 30, 2023 at 7:32 AM

To: Lisa Baca <>
 Cc: Liz Radley <>, A Kelly <>, Gina Keil Cruz <>, Pony CJ baily <>, Joe
 Salaires <joe.salaires@lacity.org>, Sabrina Silver <>, Stephanie Saporito <>, Stefanie Smith
 <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Karen Thornton <>, Gerry Hans <>, RAP
 PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Lisa Baca <>


Good morning,

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

On Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 4:39 PM Lisa Baca <>

> wrote:

Good Afternoon All

 Councilmember Nithya Raman • 1 day ago

I am sharing with you the social media post from Council District 4 on Next Door RE: the Griffith Park Pony Rides.

The information posted by C4 is factually incorrect, misleading to the public and clearly demonstrates a bias by CD4 AGAINST the return of live ponies to the Griffith Park Pony Rides, a 75 year legacy business in Griffith Park.

With consideration of:

1. PUBLIC DOLLARS are being spent for an impartial consultant

(PLACE WORKS) to prepare a public unbiased report for reimagining the future of the Griffith Park Pony Rides;

2. GM Jimmy Kim has made it clear at **multiple** RAP Commission meetings on the record that at no time, did the City cancel the Steve Weeks contract for any neglect or improper care of the ponies; and

3. Clearly Council Member Rhaman is taking credit from her council motion to close the Pony Rides, which **DEMONSTRATES A CLEAR BIAS AGAINST** the return of any future live pony ride. By her own social media statement, her CD4 office has already tainted any open fair and transparent process going forward.

REQUEST: Because of the CD 4 Next Door public statement demonstration of bias by Council Member **AGAINST LIVE** ponies, any further input - recommendation or involvement by Council Member Rahman, the CD 4 staff and the CD 4 recommended organizations participating in the Place Works interview for the final report, should be recused and removed from any future public process. It should also be stricken from the

final Place Works report regarding the future of the site.

The Griffith Park Pony Ride Reimagining PUBLIC PROCESS report being done by Place Works MUST remain open, transparent, unbiased. This includes especially any Council District 4 office political influence or public pressure or as a political candidate running for re-election pandering to animal rights organizations for campaign support.

The City is spending over \$200,000 of public tax dollars to do the Place Works final report. It will take over one year to prepare and finalize. Thus depriving PRO-EQUESTRIAN pre-school and toddler children their right to ride live ponies in Griffith Park.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Equestrian Coalition, I am requesting the Recreation and Parks Commission engage and ensure that the current RAP Commission's approved public process does not continue to be tainted by CD 4's bias against the live ponies in social media statements.

Thank you,
Lisa Baca
Los Angeles Equestrian Coalition
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GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES UPDATE For 75 years the Griffith Park Pony Rides were a cornerstone of the neighborhood, offering children a unique opportunity to engage with horses. The rides did not put a strain on wallets, allowing children from all income levels to participate in this low-cost family activity. However, at the end of last year, following a motion my office introduced to inspect the safety of the Pony Ride site which determined the ponies were not being properly cared for, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) elected not to continue the concession agreement with the contractor long in charge of overseeing the pony rides. The City is now in the process of re-imagining the future uses of the Griffith Park Pony Ride site. This is an exciting opportunity to think about how we provide meaningful experiences for children to interact with and learn about animals, and do so in a way that centers equity and accessibility! RAP has hired the consulting firm PlaceWorks to conduct extensive public engagement and perform other related tasks to provide the RAP Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners and the City Council with information for decision making on the potential future uses. These include consideration of recreational, cultural and educational activities that may include animal experiences and non-animal activities. Working together, our office and RAP have identified several characteristics as key considerations to serve as guidelines for any future use of the site. Our top priority is to ensure that the Pony Ride site offers activities that are: - Youth and Family-oriented - Affordable and Accessible (for all ages and abilities) - Educational - And, most importantly, fun! *Get Involved! Help Shape the Future of Griffith Park Pony Rides* The public engagement process will include a public survey, focus group meetings, an opinion poll of a random sampling of Los Angeles residents, pop up engagement events and community workshops. At the end of the public input process, a final report will be shared with the public, the RAP Board and City Council, compiling all community feedback, research, and options for consideration. The first public workshop is expected to be held in November and we will update this post with the exact date as soon as it's available! For more information on the community engagement process, the plan to reimagine the Griffith Park Pony Ride site and how you can provide input, click [HERE](#). Our office firmly believes that Griffith Park is in need of affordable amenities that let families connect with nature in a way that is safe and healthy for both children and animals. Together, we will work to bring this space back to life with a fun, family-friendly, accessible, and educational site, centering engagement with animals for young Angelenos from across the city.

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Re: Griffith Park pony ride

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 7:30 AM

To: Carolyn Seeman < >

Cc: "rap-reimaginingtheponyride@lacity.org" <rap-reimaginingtheponyride@lacity.org>, Los Angeles Alliance for Animals < >

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 4:55 PM Carolyn Seeman < >

wrote:

Dear Commissioners and consultants:

Please transition the pony ride to a non-animal model. Kids need to be active! We need an attraction that gets kids moving and keeps them active.

We don't need live animals for this and we should leave the ponies at their sanctuary, where they are protected from the heat and over-work. Los Angeles should remain a leader in animal protection.

Carolyn Seeman

resident and homeowner in Los Angeles

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To: Amanda <

Good morning,

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On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 3:31 PM Amanda <

> wrote:

Please choose a non-animal model to replace the ponies It's the wisest choice for the city in regard to liability issues. Children and ponies alike were harmed while it was in BUSINESS not for the children but for profit.

Rodeos are being outlawed in California and just like the pony rides, because something existed for fifty years doesn't mean it was a good practice; it's animal abuse.

Thank you for your time,
Amanda Turner
Animals On The Move

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To: Leslie Randall < >

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On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 7:33 PM Leslie Randall < > wrote:

Hello and Good Evening,

My name is Leslie Randall and I am writing to you this evening to please encourage you to NOT return any live animals for human entertainment to Griffith Park.

Instead, my grandchildren and I would love to have climbing walls, go- carts, inflatable obstacle courses, food booths, a miniature golf course, and in-ground trampolines in place of any pony rides or petting zoo activities.

Please let the animals be animals and not vessels for human exploitation.

Thank you.
Leslie Randall

Sent from my iPhone

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