INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

October 19, 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.

From	om Action Taken		
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager	
Aurora Corona Secretary of Pico Union Neighborhood Council comments regarding Alvarado Terrace Park-Donation of Dog Waste Station	#9475	Referred to General Manager	
Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park Graffiti	#9476	Referred to General Manager	
Patty Shenker comments regarding FunBox at Griffith park	#9477	Referred to General Manager	
Tiffany Liu comments regarding Public Park in Jefferson Park	#9478	Referred to General Manager	
5) Ulises Vigo comments regarding Shadow Ranch Park	#9479	Referred to General Manager	
6) Meghan Sharma comments regarding Granada Hills Park	#9480	Referred to General Manager	

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Re: Entertainment without animals

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 3:40 PM

To: Pauline doucet <

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 3:37 PM Pauline doucet <

> wrote:

Do the commissioners,

I am begging you to stay away from any model requiring animals at Griffith Park. Using them for people's entertainment of any kind is wrong and immoral. Animals are inhabitants of this planet with as many right as human beings and count on us to protect us, being so vulnerable, due to the wrong assertion they are there for us to use them any way we please. We have a moral obligation to be their voice and defenders.

Thanks for your attention,

Pauline Doucet

Sent from my iPad

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Re: NonAnimal Model

1 message

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

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 3:17 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, Oct 4, 2023 at 9:02 PM Amanda <

> wrote:

Hello.

I'm reaching out to voice my opinion since calling in or zoom are no longer options.

Early next year, the City Council and also the Recreation and Park will be deciding the future of Griffith park, It is critical to ensure that there are no animals at this park.

The city takes on a huge liability and it just does not make good business sense. Just because something was done for 50 years does NOT mean it was ethical or a good thing.

Children have been injured and dragged by ponies in the past and evidence has been provided of the mistreatment of the animals.

There are several accredited sanctuaries with high standards that the children can experience live animals not under the cities jurisdiction.

Please use the space for a NON-ANIMAL family friendly and affordable space.

A few suggestions are rock, climbing walls, go carts, interactive art facility, a community garden. There are so many other options to use this beautiful space for instead of abusing animals, please make the right decision.

Thank you, Amanda Turner Animals On The Move

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Re: Alvarado Terrace Park - Donation of Dog Waste Station

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Aurora Corona < ></rap.commissioners@lacity.org>	Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 9:39 AM
Cc: "councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org" <councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>, "ivette. <ivette.serna@lacity.org>, "jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org" <jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Louid Wendy Castro <wendy.castro@lacity.org>, "</wendy.castro@lacity.org></jose.a.rodriguez@lacity.org></ivette.serna@lacity.org></councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org>	e Leiva <louie.leiva@lacity.org>, >, Jovita Carrillo Dlacity.org>, Tremell Parker uerta@lacity.org>, Raul Leon guevara@lacity.org>,</louie.leiva@lacity.org>
Good morning,	
Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your Commissioners and staff.	email will be forwarded to the
On Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 5:37 PM Aurora Corona < > wrote:	
Honorable Recreation and Park Commissioners,	
Hope this email finds you well. Attached please find a letter from our President requesting install a Dog Waste Station at Alvarado Terrace Park. Please let us know if you require no about this community improvement project.	
Thank you kindly,	
Aurora Corona	
Secretary	
Chair, Quality of Life & Safety Committee	
Budget Representative	



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October 2, 2023

Honorable Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

RE: Donation Proposal for Dog Waste Station at Alvarado Terrace Park, LA 90015

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council (PUNC) is requesting permission to donate a Dog Waste Station at Alvarado Terrace Park as part of a Community Improvement Project. This historic pocket park is located in a very dense urban area and is the only green space where residents can relax, socialize, stroll, jog and take their pets out for a walk. It is a haven in our community, and especially for the increasing number of pet owners in our district. Providing the dog waste station would be very beneficial to those who forget to bring their own bags or run out, as well as maintaining the park grounds clean for all to enjoy.

PUNC will be responsible for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the station as well as for supplying the biodegradable doggie bags. In keeping with the historical ambience of the park, we have selected the Uline Dog Waste Station. A small plaque will be placed on the stand to notify the public that PUNC is responsible for the donation along with contact information for replenishing the bags and for any questions or concerns from the public. Attached please find photos of the Dog Waste Station and proposed installation.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Jay Park

President

Pico Union Neighborhood Council

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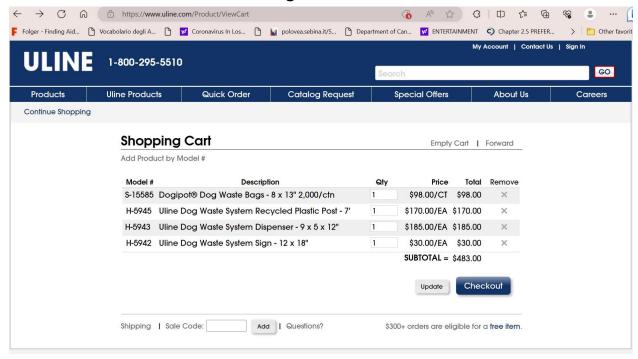
Photo of Dog Waste Station



Note: The trash receptacle will not be included since there are already several bins in the park.



Cost of Dog Waste Station





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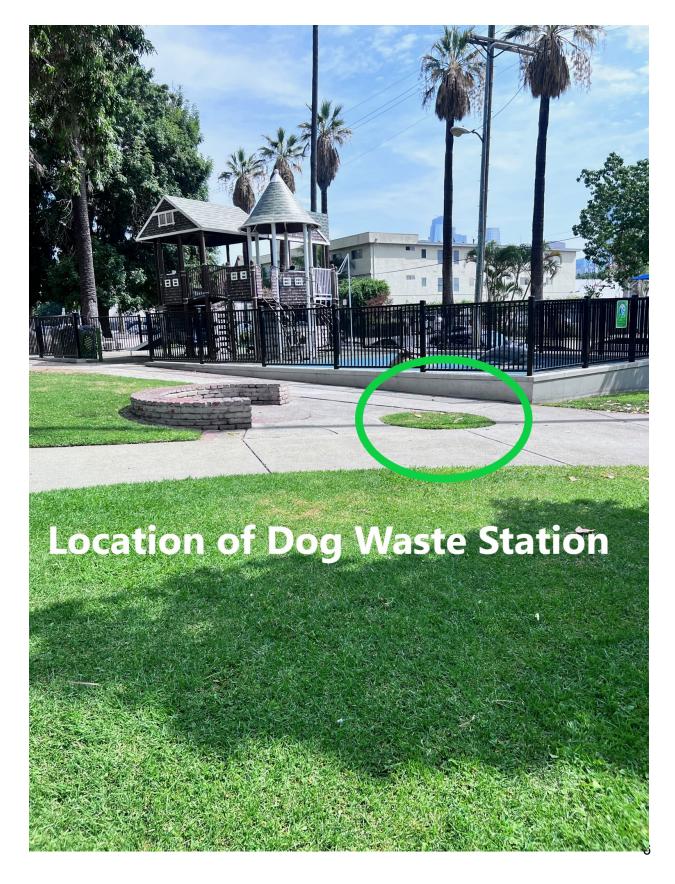




GROUND VIEWS WITH PROPOSED LOCATION FOR DOG WASTE STATION









Re: CD1 SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 12:06 PM

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. Please note you may place a service request @ MyLA311 by:

- 1. Visiting https://myla311.lacity.org
- 2. Using the mobile app from Google Play or the Apple Store
- 3. Contacting the 3-1-1 Call Center

Email : 311@lacity.org Telephone : (213) 473-3231 TTY : (213) 473-5990 Toll-Free : (800) 367-2562

3-1-1 Call Center is open M-F 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sat-Sun 8:00 am to 4:45 pm.

On Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 10:47 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

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Council member Eunisses Hernandez The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti Attach pictures of locations Mauro Garcia

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Re: FunBox at Griffith Park

1 message

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

Tue, Oct 3, 2023 at 2:49 PM

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 3, 2023 at 2:17 PM Patty Shenker <

> wrote:

Dear Commisssioners-

I have attended many zoom meetings and made it in person recently. I have also written you two different emails and I've yet to get a response.

I just learned that there will be a presentation with an animal model this Thursday and I find this very disconcerting. We, who are adamantly against another animal model, deserve the same time and treatment.

I have been suggesting FunBox at every meeting I have attended and I finally heard from Antonio Nieves, the founder. He is very interested in having FunBox at Griffith Park so I am kindly asking you to allow Antonio or his co-worker to also give a presentation, if not this Thursday, perhaps at the meeting on the 19th.

Mr. Nieves, the founder, is a "visionary entrepreneur, who combines the physical and digital worlds to craft immersive experiences that captivate and inspire. Drawing inspiration from his personal journey growing up with nine younger siblings in the foster care system, FunBox is committed to supporting a small,

localized community charity dedicated to advocating for children in foster care." FunBox is a bounce park that appeals to kids of all ages and doesn't entail animal suffering. It also gets kids to exercise. The 9000 foot maze has obstacle courses, dodgeball, a Ninja wall, slides and much more.

So I really hope to FINALLY hear from you and hope to hear from Mr. Nieves at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Patty Shenker

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Re: Public Park in Jefferson Park

1 message

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

Fri, Oct 6, 2023 at 9:03 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM Tiffany Liu <

> wrote:

Hello.

Nice to meet you. Please redirect this email to the appropriate department.

We recently moved into the up-and-coming neighborhood of Jefferson Park where new businesses are starting to open, including a coffee shop and yoga studio. Where the businesses are located, there are several abandoned and demolished buildings (that have yet to be cleaned up), and would be a great location for a public park or area for people to walk their dogs. The location is at Cimarron St. and Jefferson Blvd.

If this isn't what your department specializes in, could you recommend where I can go to 1) At least remove the demolitioned building parts and clean the area 2) Potentially have the city come and build a public park or community garden? I believe by cleaning up this area, you will encourage more revenue-generating businesses to this street and allow more foot traffic to the area.

I appreciate your time in reading this.

Thanks, Tiffany

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Re: Shadow Ranch Park- San Fernando Valley

1 message

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

Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 2:40 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. You may also visit the MyLA311 website to create a service request at: https://lacity.gov/myla311

On Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 5:21 PM Ulises Vigo <

> wrote:

Hi there:

I'm still waiting for a solution to my claim.

The park is still not fixed; grass has not been planted in the center of the field. Also, I have observed that there is a hole covered with a little grass. Please let children play there, and they can get injured, so I ask you to make the necessary arrangements and avoid harming our children.

In addition, I will take a photo of the hole and send it to us. Please, We need a solution

Thank you in advance.

My best regards

Ulises Vigo Lira

Cell.

El mié, 2 ago 2023 a la(s) 09:31, Rap Commissioners (rap.commissioners@lacity.org) escribió: Good morning,

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

On Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 4:22 PM Ulises Vigo <

> wrote:

Hi there,

I would like to tell you that our son and his friends from 10 to 12 years old, who are part of the soccer team called Manchester, play every Sunday at Shadow Ranch Park. However, this park does not have any kind of maintenance

Firstly, the grass is grown and is not cut. Secondly, it has some parts where there is no grass and there are holes, so children who play may suffer an injury.

Finally, we ask you to give it adequate maintenance.

Thank you in advance for your soon answer.

My best,

Ulises Vigo Lira



Fwd: Granada Hills Park supposed to close at 9 pm

1 message

Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org>
Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 1:21 PM

Hi

Please see the below

Thank you

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

From: Meghan Sharma <

Date: Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 5:17 PM

Subject: Re: Granada Hills Park supposed to close at 9 pm

To: Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org>

Cc: <Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, <Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org>,

<Desiree.Ramirez@lacity.org>

Ms. Martinez,

Thank you for taking the time to respond. The park and all connected sports facilities have closed at nine pm for many years. I've lived here quite awhile and that has always been the case. I'm hoping the park employee you spoke to is mistaken. Please speak with someone at the department of parks and recreation. We are all being kept awake by the noise of shouting tennis and pickle ball players until 10:30 pm. The lights are very bright. We have the right to peace and quiet at night too. I know it seems like people playing tennis is not a big deal, but to have the dark and quiet of night taken from us is a big deal to us. My elderly neighbors and the children of the neighborhood are unable to sleep until much too late recently and now that it's cooled enough to open our windows, it's much worse.



Thanks, Ms. Sharma

On Oct 10, 2023, at 3:30 PM, Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Meghan,

My name is Myrka Martinez and I am the liaison to the Department of Recreation and Parks for Councilmember John Lee. He asked me to respond to your email.

I recently connected with Park staff and they made me aware that the tennis/pickleball courts close at 10pm. I will need to get clarity on whether the Rec Center closes at 10 as well or if that is what closes at 9pm like advertised in the website.

Nonetheless, thank you for bringing this to my attention and thank you for including the park email addresses. I will connect with them about this matter.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Myrka Martinez

On Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 12:24 PM Councilmember Lee <councilmember.lee@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: **Meghan Sharma** <

Date: Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 9:20 PM

Subject: Granada Hills Park supposed to close at 9 pm

To: <Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>

Cc: <GRANADAHILLS.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org>, <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Hello Councilman Lee.

I live across the street from Granada Hills Recreation Center/ PetitPark. We love the park! Specially since you successfully worked to get the homeless encampments out! Me and my neighbors have been having a problem lately. The park has always closed at 9 pm and I checked the website, it still is supposed to close at 9 pm. But the lights have been staying on until 10:30 for four or five months now and people have been taking advantage and playing tennis noisily and boisterously until late at night. It is extremely noisy and keeps my young children awake when they should be sleeping to prepare for school. I know other children in the neighborhood have complained about the noise. My elderly neighbors have been complaining that it has impacted their quality of life too. The repetitive pop pop of the tennis balls is mind numbing. Can we get the lights back to shutting off at 9 pm like they're supposed to?

Thanks, Meghan Sharma

Myrka Martinez

Deputy District Director
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Jimmy Kim, General Manager

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