

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Mar Vista Recreation Center (MVRC)

Park Advisory Board Meeting (PAB)

7:00 pm Tuesday, January 17, 2023

(Meeting conducted by Zoom)

Minutes

1. Introductions

- The meeting was called to order by Jerry Hornof at 7:07 pm. In attendance were Albert Olson, Bruce Dembo, Jerry Hornof, Andrew Marton, Keith Rice (MVRC)

2. Minutes

- Minutes for the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved. (Albert 1st, Andrew 2nd, Approved unanimously).

3. Current Business

- Facilities and Sports Fields, and Off-leash dog update

- Keith reported that the sports fields are in good shape and in full use. He did note that the grills in the picnic areas need replacement and submitted a request. The drinking fountains throughout the park have been addressed as follows: 1) the fountain near Woodbine Ave has been removed; 2) the fountains by the soccer field now support water bottle filling; and 3) Jerry requested a water bottle filling option for the fountain near the hockey rink.
- Off-leash dog issues continue to be an issue. Evenings generally attract 30-40 participants. There continues to be no consistent enforcement.
- Some of the exercise equipment along McLaughlin Blvd. is broken and in need repair. Parts are on backorder and is delaying the repair action.
- The rain events resulted in erosion of the running path along the soccer field. A repair request has been submitted.
- The parking lot along Woodbine Ave is still in need of repair. The potholes pose a safety risk. A repair request has been submitted.
- Keith noted that there has been some graffiti issues but in all cases the graffiti is removed quickly.
- The batting cage is near completion. There was a delay due to the rain. The netting for the cage has been appropriated. There is still the need for a protective screen for the pitcher or pitching machine.
- Keith reported that Windward School was considering paying to resurface the tennis courts but the cost estimate came in above their donation amount. Jerry inquired whether the city could supplement Windward's donation to complete the resurfacing. Keith noted that he is been informed that LARAP has very limited funds (LARAP and other sources Quimby Funds (are fees that developers must pay to cities, such as Los Angeles, that can be used to purchase and develop land and/or

recreational facilities. The bill was passed in the State Assembly in 1975)) at this time.

- Keith is also looking at resurfacing the indoor basketball court.

- Discussion continued on stripping one of the tennis courts to create 2-4 pickle ball courts. Bruce sent pictures:



- The PAB did have a concern for “where is the money?” There are a lot of identified projects (resurfacing tennis and basketball courts, need for additional restrooms, and shade for the children’s play area) and funding would be helpful. Need an accounting of our Quimby Funds and their allocation.

- Park Encampment update

Keith reported that the recent rain has resulted in the homeless moving from the park. The locking of the parking lot gates is sporadic. There are attempts to have more consistent coverage of gate closures. Park staff monitor to ensure encampments do not return to MVRC.

- Park staffing and finance update

- Keith reported that the MVRC Winter Camp was featured on LA CityView35 (Channel 35 the Los Angeles' municipal government channel bringing you the latest information on everything that matters to you including city services, resources, politics, news, culture, entertainment, and more.) The feature looked at the success of the Winter Camp program.

- Staffing is going well. The drum instructor is in place and students are learning on a full drum set. The park is looking for additional instructors for dance (hip-hop), drama, and youth hockey.

- The finances look positive.

- Park programming status update (include current COVID-19 protocols)

- Facilities rentals (ex. Picnic areas) are going very well.

- The current session programs are almost completely full. There is very large participation in volleyball, football, and soccer. Tennis is very popular with over 90 participants at various levels in the program. Winter basketball, art, drumming, piano, and guitar are all full with waiting lists. There is a girls' tennis program on Saturdays and also a girls' basketball league now in place. The only limitation in programming is available staffing.
- The COVID-19 protocols at MVRC mirror the citywide requirements. The October 3rd Release requirements continue in place.

Masking

Masking is no longer required but strongly recommended on public transportation or in city buildings. However, masking will be required

- When a participant becomes symptomatic
- When serving buffet style meals
- For all food handling in senior centers

Physical Distancing

Overcrowding must be prevented

- Cohorts are no longer required
- Class and clinics no longer have a limit and can resume standard ratios

Senior Citizens

Indoor capacity has increased from 50% to 80%

Vaccination

THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE STILL REQUIRES PROOF OF VACCINATION AS A CONDITION OF ENTRY TO ALL INDOOR CITY FACILITIES (INCLUDING GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY AND CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM). FOR THOSE UNABLE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION, ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING IS AVAILABLE. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING CAN BE FOUND HERE [HTTPS://BIT.LY/RAPALT](https://bit.ly/rapalt)

4. Old & New Business

- Keith talked about meetings between city officials, CD11 representatives, LAPD, Park rangers, and park staff when he was at Oakwood Recreation Center. Those were very helpful in maintaining communication between departments. Andrew was going to follow-up to see if meetings like that can become a regular event for MVRC.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM (Albert 1st, Bruce 2nd, Approved unanimously).
Next meeting to be held February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Prepared by: Jerry Hornof