

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

November 18, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager 

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#8904k	Referred to General Manager
2) Pae White comments regarding Debs Park	#8937v	Referred to General Manager
3) Sandy Huse comments regarding Debs Park	#8937w	Referred to General Manager
4) Frank Barron comments regarding Debs Park	#8937x	Referred to General Manager
5) Sweet P Vaughn comments regarding Beds Park	#8937y	Referred to General Manager
6) Pong Nimnual comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades	#9003d	Referred to General Manager
7) Alma Pantoja comments regarding Kagel Canyon Park	#9040	Referred to General Manager
8) Play 4 All comments regarding new Youth Recreation COVID guidelines	#9041	Referred to General Manager
9) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#9042	Referred to General Manager
10) Letty comments regarding Commissioner Halper's view regarding Recreation and Parks new logo	#9043	Note and File

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11) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#9044	Referred to General Manager
12) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9045	Referred to General Manager
13) Jeffrey Spitz comments regarding Potrero Canyon	#9046	Referred to General Manager
14) Jason Greenwald comments regarding Old Zoo	#9047	Referred to General Manager
15) Alison Whalen comments regarding new Recreation Center	#9048	Note and File

Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bonin's Street Engagement Strategy

1 message

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

Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 9:18 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 8:36 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners,

I have been informed by RAP that the ballfields at Westchester Park will not be ready for leagues until March. Also, Mike Bonin has announced he will be moving homeless from the park beginning November 1, and within four weeks of that date:

<https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/homelessness/2021/10/28/encampment-to-home--program-launches-monday-in-westchester-park>

I hope RAP plans to close the park for renovation at the end of this four week period. If not, we may never have our park without homeless campers because of Bonin's Street Engagement Strategy, which will become operative soon.

Bonin's Street Engagement Strategy ordinance takes effect soon, but not sure exactly when. It depends on when the Chief Administrative Officer completes his recommendations. When that ordinance takes effect, it will take forever to house people who are homeless because that ordinance will give the power to LAHSA to spend lots and lots of time making multiple offers of housing and homeless people will have to agree it is "suitable" before they have to accept it. Also, that ordinance will limit the involvement of law enforcement. That ordinance is Council File 20-1376, in case you want your legal team to take a look at that whole situation and what it will mean when it takes effect. It's based on Ridley-Thomas's "Right to Housing" ordinance:

Report of the Chief Legislative Analyst:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1376_rpt_cla_8-31-21.pdf

Letter from Office of the City Clerk:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1376_misc_f_8-16-21.pdf

Info from CAO describing the process:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1376_misc_8-12-21.pdf

Report of the CAO:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-1376_rpt_cao_7-28-21.pdf

Ridley-Thomas's website describing "Right to Housing":

<https://markridley-thomas.lacity.org/homelessness-and-systemic-inequality-an-overview-and-policy-brief>

LA will be the first city in the entire nation to have "Right to Housing", and the first to combine it with a "Street Engagement Strategy" that will limit the involvement of law enforcement.

Thank you so much for everything you are doing.

Debra Huston

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City of Los Angeles



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Re: Is it Mr. Bonin's position that it is okay for people to camp overnight in parking lots in the park?

1 message

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

Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 3:49 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 3:44 PM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners:

Please read the email below regarding Mike Bonin's apparent position.

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

From: **Debra Huston** < >
Date: Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 3:38 PM
Subject: Is it Mr. Bonin's position that it is okay for people to camp overnight in parking lots in the park?
To: Hannah Levien <hannah.levien@lacity.org>, Chad Molnar <chad.molnar@lacity.org>
Cc: Paula Gerez < >, Theresa Torrance < >, Chip Mallek < >
< >, Garrett Smith < >, Julie Ross < >, Julie Zaller < >
< >, Klemack, John (NBCUniversal) < >, Sue Pascoe < >
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Ms. Levien and Mr. Molnar,

We need clarification. We saw a post on Nextdoor by Kimberly Fox, who seemed to have inside information and speak on behalf of Mr. Bonin. She said in her post:

***Footnote re folks in cars in the park** It is the City's current policy that living in a car is not a crime. For people in the Westchester Park living in their cars, they will not be transitioned into hotel/motel rooms at this time. These individuals are the focus of a separate case management efforts, given their housing status is different (legally, technically) from those living in tents on public property."

Is it Mr. Bonin's interpretation of City ordinance that it is a violation of ordinance to sleep in a tent in the park but not in a car in the park?

Obviously, if this is Mr. Bonin's position, homeless people will remain in the park, and the Encampments to Home program will do no good. The ordinance regarding park closure applies to the parking lots in the park. If homeless people are living in cars right outside the senior center, seniors will still be afraid to go to the park. If homeless are living in cars in the park, youth athletes will be afraid to play in the park.

Please clarify. I hope Ms. Fox has simply made an error and that this is not Mr. Bonin's interpretation.

Debra Huston

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Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
Figueroa Plaza



Re: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

1 message

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To: Pae White >

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I am begging you to take advantage of our willingness to show you these violators. If you continue to reject our offer to show the up close views of the most extreme camps, this will not look good. The camp across from the Senior Home on Griffin has also reestablished itself. If and when that catches on fire, that will also not play out well in the press should elderly people lose their lives. This email can be taken as my notice to your department, CD1 and LAPD that our request to have dangerous camps removed (CAMP A and the one across from Broodview Senior Home) in Los Angeles is seeing back to back 91° days in our future.

Pae

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Have a good weekend.

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Hi Sweet P

Thanks for adding your voice to the mix. There have been 4 murders in Debs Park 2020-2021. They won't tell you this but it's true.

What I want to know is why Venice, Hollywood, Echo Park and Alhambra - (none off which are VHFSZ areas) are able to receive an actual and sustained clean up. In the meantime we pr

I have to blame the officials 100%

On Nov 11, 2021, at 7:53 PM, SWEET P VAUGHN > wrote:

I could not agree more with Pae and Sandy.
I feel for the Park Rangers and Sanitation because they keep cleaning up these areas yet without enforcing the laws the encampments just reappear within a day or two.
I'd like to know what it is going to take to change this insanity.
2 murders and several fires? NO.
Why is illegal behavior being tolerated?
Please answer us.
I assure you this is not happening in Beverly Hills, Culver City, La Canada or La Crescenta .
Why?
This is getting very tiring.
And I've called city council a number of times and attended a meeting with Gil Cedillo. And the problem is just getting worse.
I voted for Gil Cedillo and regret it.
Can we get a real plan of action in writing from city council?

Sweet P Vaughn

Sent from my iPhone

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Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>; ralph.terrazas@lacity.org; joe.losorelli@lacity.org;
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From: Pae White

Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:08 AM

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Re: Another case for a more robust fence at Debs

1 message

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

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 7:53 PM SWEET P VAUGHN < > wrote:
I could not agree more with Pae and Sandy.
I feel for the Park Rangers and Sanitation because they keep cleaning up these areas yet without enforcing the laws the encampments just reappear within a day or two.
I'd like to know what it is going to take to change this insanity.
2 murders and several fires? NO.
Why is illegal behavior being tolerated?
Please answer us.
I assure you this is not happening in Beverly Hills, Culver City, La Canada or La Crescenta .
Why?
This is getting very tiring.
And I've called city council a number of times and attended a meeting with Gil Cedillo. And the problem is just getting worse.
I voted for Gil Cedillo and regret it.
Can we get a real plan of action in writing from city council?

Sweet P Vaughn

On Nov 11, 2021, at 4:42 PM, Pae White < > wrote:

Hi Frank

Yes, and what about the ones in the hills that the service requests don't address? If you are in an SUV with dusty windows, you won't see them.

I am begging you to take advantage of our willingness to show you these violators. If you continue to reject our offer to show the up close views of the most extreme camps, this will i
The camp across from the Senior Home on Griffin has also reestablished itself. If and when that catches on fire, that will also not play out well in the press should elderly people lose
This email can be taken as my notice to your department, CD1 and LAPD that our request to have dangerous camps removed (CAMP A and the one across from Broodview Senior I
I'm seeing back to back 91° days in our future.

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On Nov 11, 2021, at 3:45 PM, Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Permanent Pickleball Courts in Pacific Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 9:05 AM

To: pong nim <

Cc: " " <j >," " < >,"
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Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 3:57 PM pong nim < > wrote:

Hi everyone,

If this segment from the Today Show isn't enough to convince everyone here that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America right now then I don't know what else will. Thanks and enjoy!

<https://www.today.com/news/sports/pickleball-popularity-soaring-see-today-show-team-play-rca4421?fbclid=IwAR34etf9GSmAzmv98Urh3TsHsPGpeLTJCNjZic57-xeZGKd4jqYTILFjKbM>

Vora **PONG** Nimnual

On Thursday, October 7, 2021, 07:41:31 AM PDT, Joan Blanchard <

> wrote:

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: info@pacpalicc.org

Subject: Re: Pickleball Courts

Date: October 7, 2021 at 7:39:51 AM PDT

To: Joan Blanchard <j >

Cc: , noah.fleishman@lacity.org

Thanks for your inquiry, Joan. I'm cc'ing PPCC Chair Dave Card and CD 11 (our City Councilmember Mike Bonin) Palisades Deputy Noah Fleishman.

They may be able to provide some ideas/assistance. Of course the Recreation Center is operated by the City Dept. of Recreation and Parks, which would have to be involved in any discussions and decisions regarding pickle ball courts in the Palisades.

Speaking solely for myself, I know about pickle ball and think it would be great to have a pickle ball court in the Palisades!

Best regards,

Chris Spitz
Secretary
Pacific Palisades Community Council

From: Joan Blanchard < >
To: < >
Sent: 10/6/2021 8:52 PM
Subject: Pickleball Courts

Dear Council Members: There is a growing group of local residents who have started playing pickleball at the Palisades Recreation Center. Currently, we are playing in the empty area between the 2 gyms. Every Wednesday and Saturday, volunteers bring nets, racquets and balls and set up 2-4 courts for play. Our court boundaries are chalk lines. Our goal is to have a designated space for pickleball. This could be on one of the tennis courts (one tennis court could become 4 pickleball courts) or another suitable area. We would like to have someplace to play that has a smooth surface, painted lines and nets already in place. Please let me know how you would advise us to proceed with this venture. Below please find additional information about the benefits of Pickleball. I thank you for your response. Joan Blanchard

Why play Pickleball? You asked. Playing pickleball allows you to work on your balance, agility, reflexes, and hand-eye coordination without putting excessive strains on your body. Pickleball is a wonderful alternative for older players who used to play tennis, but have physical limitations such as hip, shoulder, knee, or other joint problems.

Over the last few years, pickleball has been rising in popularity. In fact, pickleball is considered one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States. According to the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA), there are over eight MILLION players, and that number is quickly growing. Due to the soaring popularity of this decades-old game, many parks and recreation departments are now adding pickleball to their sports programming.

Click on the following links to see more of why Pickleball is so popular:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/better/lifestyle/pickleball-fastest-growing-sport-you-ve-never-heard-ncna992106>

<https://www.sportsimports.com/blog/why-is-pickleball-so-popular/>

<https://pickleballkitchen.com/top-8-reasons-play-pickleball/>



Re: Upgrade of Kagel Canyon Park located at 11435 Kagel Canyon St Lake View Terrace, CA

1 message

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

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 28, 2021 at 9:25 PM Alma Barrera < > wrote:

To: Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department Office of Board of Commissioner

I am a resident of Lake View Terrace, and on behalf of the residents of the area I am requesting the renovation of the child's playground at Kagel Canyon Park. As a new parent, I recently v to find out the playground is outdated, is in poor conditions and has several safety hazards for the children who play there.

To begin with, the toddler swing is missing a safety buckle, the support beams in the playground are rusted, the rubber coating on the platforms are deteriorating, and there is no form of sh in the playground.

During the summer, temperatures in the valley exceed 90 degrees and local residents depend on our local parks to cool down. Furthermore, due to the current pandemic, citizens spend mc such as our local parks to prevent being exposed to Covid-19.

Kagel Canyon Park is a nice park, but the playground is not up to standard. As a police officer and a former parks and recreation employee, I value the safety of the community. Therefore, I playground to be upgraded so that the kids and adults can safely enjoy the playground again.

Attach you will find photographs referencing the problems in the playground

Respectfully,

Officer Alma Pantoja







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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Youth recreation discrimination

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 10:19 AM

To: AA ZZ <

>

Cc: "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "nury.martinez@lacity.org" <nury.martinez@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Sat, Oct 30, 2021 at 2:19 PM AA ZZ <

> wrote:

I never thought the day would come that my job would mandate us to discriminate and segregate against kids.

I work for the City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks. We coordinate youth sports leagues and cultural classes for tens of thousands of kids in LA. We just got word this week that children ages 12 and over without the covid vaccine would not be allowed to participate in publicly funded low cost indoor recreation programming, such as Basketball or Afterschool Programs. Then it was added that this will apply to ages 5-11 as well. This is scheduled to begin Nov. 29th, even though both age groups vaccines are not fully approved. Many of the families that are not choosing to vaccinate their kids, for whatever reason, are lower income and minorities. The solution to this is to offer separate outdoor activities for the unvaccinated. Discrimination and Segregation.

I am already disappointed and saddened that the City of LA is mandating the covid vaccine for all workers including myself. It puts people in the situation where they have to decide between providing for their family and personal bodily freedoms. I have many years doing this and have always stepped up when needed, but now I face losing my job. I just want to continue providing quality of life programs for all kids, not a select few. I could go on and on about the benefits of recreation and sports, and how much I love this job. How can we exclude some of the most vulnerable in the City? I know our priority is Safety. But what about Recreation? The weekly test result was a good compromise for the Fall season. We shouldn't be making the criteria harder when the Covid cases are dropping? We will see a mass exodus of families go to other organizations, private leagues, or just staying home.

I am writing this anonymously because I have never done this before and don't know if there will be retaliation. There is already retaliation going on for those who are not vaccinated. The morale of the Department is the lowest I've ever seen. Worse than when the childcare staff were laid off in 2010. Our Directors are being told to pick who can play and who cannot. It goes against everything we believe and against the Rec. & Parks mission statement. I truly hope these guidelines will be rescinded.

Thank you for your time.

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SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com>

Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:04 AM

To:

yovonte.robinson@lacity.org

rap.commissioners@lacity.org,

NOVEMBER 1-21

Council member Gill Cedillo

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:21 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <i

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Cc:

Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>,

Good morning,

The job order has been submitted.

Thank you

On Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 10:07 AM Garcia Incareal

> wrote:

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Fwd: Confidential Message to Commissioner Halper

1 message

Jessica Carlin <jessica.carlin@lacity.org>
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 2:35 PM

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

From: **Jessica Carlin** <jessica.carlin@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 10:37 AM
Subject: Confidential Message to Commissioner Halper
To: Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Hi Takisha,

Here is the message for Commissioner Halper from :

She is the _____ and an employee of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. She greatly appreciates Commissioner Joe Halper's views and how he has been the voice of reason in regards to the new Recreation and Park logo which she has expressed doesn't represent our department well.

_____ would like Commissioner Halper to call her if possible and has asked to keep her message confidential.

Thank you,
Jessica Martinez
Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office
213-202-2640



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 2:28 PM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Cc: Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 9:03 AM Garcia Incareal

> wrote:

NOVEMBER 8

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There is Gan graffiti on Sycamore Grove Park.

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And when are you getting the Trash on the dirt road cleaned up next to 137 So Ave 137 LA 90065.

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Re: "Safe Parking" permit should not be renewed at Westchester Park

1 message

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

Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 2:24 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Sun, Nov 7, 2021 at 8:01 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners and Mr. Shull,

As you are aware, there is a "Safe Parking" area consisting of 25 spaces in the Rec Pool/Ballfields parking lot at Westchester Park.

Since that permit was last renewed in late June or early July 2021, the City Council amended LAMC 41.18 to provide that overnight camping is prohibited within 500 feet of parks and schools. The reason for this amendment is based on the recognition that it is not safe to have people who are homeless camping near children.

Children use parks, and they use the ball fields and the swimming pool near the "Safe Parking" area of Westchester Park. Children use park facilities early in the morning and until late in the evening. Children involved in winter youth athletics are especially affected, as they play games and tournaments on dark winter evenings until close to the 10:30 closing time of the park. People using the Safe Parking at the park (and there aren't many) arrive well before safe parking is open and wait in the parking lot until the gates for Safe Parking are open.

The enactment of LAMC 41.18 is a change in circumstances, as the City Council has now made clear its position regarding the need for the safety of children, and the inconsistency of having vehicles occupied by homeless people in or near parks and schools. In light of this, we believe the permit for "Safe Parking" in Westchester Park must not be renewed.

Also, the Safe Parking uses 25 parking spots of the 50 parking spots in the parking lot adjacent to the ballfields and the Rec pool. Youth athletic leagues using the four fields need far more parking spots than this. These players and their families park in the Rec Center parking lot and the senior center parking lot as overflow, and will continue to need to use that parking lot as well.

We note that there are many other city-owned parking lots, or parking lots the city could rent, in order to provide safe parking that is not in or near parks, and not near schools.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Enforcement of Anti-Camping Ordinances in Parking Lots of Parks, including Westchester Park

1 message

Debra Huston < > Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 7:44 AM
To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Dear RAP Commissioners:

I have been inquiring of RAP as to whether the anti-camping provisions of LAMC 63.44 will be enforced in parking lots in Westchester Park. Just today, we received information from Brenda Aguirre of RAP, as follows:

"We cannot tow any vehicle with evidence of people dwelling in it per the moratorium, this has been in effect Citywide. Anti-camping ordinances do not apply to vehicles. We will be cleaning the park and surrounding areas of Westchester by 11/20/21. I understand this response is not what you want to hear but it is the current situation and we don't have a remedy in place for vehicle dwellers."

As you are aware, our senior citizens cannot park in the parking lots and cannot use the senior center in the park because it is unsafe because of the homeless campers. Our youth athletes cannot play youth athletics in the park because of the homeless campers.

We have searched online for this moratorium to which Ms. Aguirre refers, and we can't find it. We did, however, find a Venice Current news piece about the Ballona Wetlands which stated that the moratorium was lifted as to enforcement of vehicles over 7 feet high or 22 feet long pursuant to LAMC 80.69.4.

How can we go about getting this moratorium on enforcement lifted as to parking lots in sensitive locations, such as parks (as defined in LAMC 41.18).

It is clear that the City Council and the Mayor, in the passage and signing of LAMC 41.18, intended that sensitive locations be protected. We believe the Mayor would be willing to lift the moratorium prohibiting enforcement in parks pursuant to LAMC 63.44, just as the Mayor lifted the moratorium as to enforcement pursuant to LAMC 80.69.4. Parks are not the only place people dwelling in their vehicles can reside. There are thousands of other locations in which to park that are not "sensitive" locations, such as parks.

Members of the public are being deprived of use of the park while Mr. Bonin tries to solve the entire homelessness problem. That problem, like many problems in our society, has been in existence for centuries and will never be solved. We ask for enforcement in our parks so they can be used by the public while Mr. Bonin pursues his agenda.

A personal story: A neighbor in Westchester (whom I know) posted on Nextdoor about the recent passing of his 93-year-old dad, who was unable to go to the senior center at the park to see his friends before he died. The homeless crisis in our parks affects our entire community. There are thousands of personal stories.

How can we go about getting the moratorium lifted as to parks and schools and other sensitive locations?

Thank you for your work to ensure the mission of parks is fulfilled.

Debra Huston

Jeffrey Spitz

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JEFFREY SPITZ

November 9, 2021

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Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commissioners
Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer & General Manager
Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering

michael.a.shull@lacity.org
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gary.l.moore@lacity.org

Re: Potrero Canyon Construction (the “Project”)/George Wolfberg Memorial Park (the “Park”) – Friends Street Construction

Dear Mr. Shull, Mr. Moore and Commissioners,

I am a 30+ year resident of Friends Street in Pacific Palisades and live across the street from the Project. I am writing as a private citizen on behalf of myself and many of my neighbors with regard to ongoing construction activity on the Project adjacent to Friends Street.

Specifically, we are informed and can observe that the City and its contractors are engaged in the process of building a pathway into the Park and a proposed entrance from Friends Street. However, we do not believe that any adequate notice nor opportunity to be heard was ever provided to the area residents about this proposed entrance. Indeed, to the contrary, all of the relevant communications I and other residents received over the years was that no entrance was planned at Friends Street. This was confirmed to area residents by, among others, Norman Kulla, as a senior deputy for CD11 Councilmember Bonin.

Indeed, it is clear that the Final, Approved EIR for the Project *did not include any mention of, nor contemplate in any way, an entrance to the Park from Friends Street*. Rather, the EIR contemplates two Park entrances; one at the Palisades Recreation Center, at the top of the canyon, and another at Pacific Coast Highway, at the bottom of the canyon. Indeed, in January 2019, at the formal “groundbreaking” for the landscaping phase of the Project, Councilmember Bonin not only displayed a map (*see, <https://11thdistrict.com/news/potrero-canyon-park-breaks-ground/>*) of the Park that clearly shows neither a pathway nor an entrance on Friends Street, but, rather, a trail from the “beautiful” Frontera Street gate through the riparian habitat to PCH at Temescal Canyon. Nor are we aware that the City has obtained a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission to build a pathway or Friends Street entrance. Accordingly, I and other residents are requesting that the City immediately **cease and desist** from any further work on the Friends Street entrance or pathway until (i) proper permits are obtained, if ever; and (ii) we have had an opportunity to meet with the City and fully address the many issues the entrance raises and the concerns of the area residents.

To be clear, we have **no issue with the Park or the Project beyond the potential Friends Street adjacent work** and are not asking for any other aspect of the Project to be limited or curtailed in any way.

I and many (if not most) of my neighbors, with whom I have met, and who are receiving a copy of this correspondence, strongly oppose a Friends Street entrance to the Park for a variety of reasons, including issues of fire and traffic safety. Notably, the area of Friends Street adjacent to the proposed entrance sits between very narrow roadways (including Swarthmore Avenue and Friends Street between Swarthmore and Lombard) which are frequently single lane accessible and Via de las Olas, a street essentially closed to through traffic and which sits on the geologically unstable Via de las Olas bluff (where a massive landslide in 1957 buried a Caltrans worker). While the EIR addresses traffic issues regarding people accessing the Park from Temescal Canyon, Chautauqua Blvd. and Sunset Blvd., it does not address at all access via Friends Street. This is undoubtedly because no Friends Street access was then planned or even contemplated. Further, the entire area is in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (*i.e.*, at the top of the scale for fire danger). In this regard, our then local Fire Captain opined in 2013 that a Friends Street entrance would not be advisable from a fire safety perspective.

Based on the foregoing (and many other facts too numerous to list here) we were all quite shocked to recently observe the current work being performed. We immediately reached out to CD 11 and had a meeting with Councilmember Bonin's deputy for the area, Noah Fleischman, on November 8. At that meeting, among other things, Mr. Fleischman was very clear that he did not have the authority to stop the work being performed, notwithstanding his being informed of the issues discussed above. Accordingly, while we are waiting to hear back from Mr. Fleischman, which we were told could take almost two weeks, we are writing to you as supervisors and managers of the Project to ensure that you are aware of these issues.

Our purpose in writing now is at least three-fold; first and foremost, to request an immediate stop to the work, which, we believe, is likely improper, if not illegal, in the absence of an EIR or Coastal Permit; second, to request a meeting with the community to discuss and address these issues and our very real and genuine concerns for public safety; and third, to go on record with these issues and thereby avoid any argument from the City down the road that it was not aware of these issues and since it has already done the work, the proposed pathway and entrance should go forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. This letter is not intended to convey to you all of the facts and issues surrounding this matter and should not be taken as such.

Thank you for your consideration of the foregoing and continuing professional dedication and service to our community. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with you at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Spitz

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Friends of Friends Street (area residents)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Old Zoo Safety Recommendations -- GPAB

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 12:32 PM

To: Jason Greenwald < >

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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 Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 12:24 PM Jason Greenwald <

> wrote:

Hello Commissioners and RAP Executives,

The Griffith Park Advisory Board has prepared the attached recommendations, after consulting with Park Rangers and RAP staff, in order to improve safety conditions at and around the Griffith Park Old Zoo.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to your prompt attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

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November 10, 2021

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

Despite being closed for more than 50 years, the Griffith Park Old Zoo has recently become an increasingly visited park location, furthered by proliferating social media popularity. Unfortunately, in addition to traditional park visitors, the site has also attracted increased illicit activity, particularly after dark and when the park is closed to the public. Park rangers have filed more than 165 incident reports at the Old Zoo in the past 6 months alone, far more than at any other Griffith Park location. Particularly concerning activities recorded include: extensive and often graphic graffiti; possession of guns, blades and incendiary devices; and evidence of a high volume of smoking and fire rings.

In light of this situation, the Griffith Park Advisory Board assigned our ad hoc public safety committee to investigate and make recommendations. These recommendations, detailed below, follow site visits, extensive deliberation and discussion with RAP staff and Park Rangers.

For context, the Old Zoo consists of animal cages and caverns abandoned in 1966, when the LA Zoo relocated to its current location. The Old Zoo site and its adjacent picnic area are west of Shane's Inspiration Playground, Park Central and the Griffith Merry-Go-Round. The area is a remote section of the park, abutted by steep elevations that transition to sensitive wilderness, in a very high-risk fire zone. These risks are not the only cause for concern. The cages and caverns themselves are unsafe, even for people who might be familiar with them; dark, narrow stairwells often lead to sudden, steep drops from a considerable height. This situation poses an additional safety issue both to the people who are currently drawn to the site, as well as to the Rangers who respond to reported security incidents.

Additionally, adjacent construction at the new Griffith Park Performing Arts outdoor stage is experiencing repetitive theft and sabotage, hindering progress and presenting a long-term threat to its operation. Finally, clean up and graffiti abatement are draining limited park maintenance resources.

In light of these conditions, our recommendations are the following:

- Replacement of the existing upper area chain link fence, previously installed to preclude access, with a more substantial fencing product. The chain link fence has deteriorated and has been breached in numerous areas, rendering it essentially useless as a deterrent. The city historian has indicated that the area's historic status is not an impediment to improving existing fencing.

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- Implementation of vehicle towing after park closure, in lots 1, 2 and the small Old Zoo parking lot. There is no reason that cars should be in these areas after the park closes. Adequate signage and consistent towing of violators will no doubt be a deterrent to the rampant after-hours visitation.
- The addition of a Park Ranger graveyard shift. Surprisingly, there is currently no ranger coverage from 10pm-6am in the 4,000+ acre park.
- Regular LAPD after-hour drive-throughs. Ranger reports substantiate that there is significant illegal and criminal activity taking place at this site overnight. Coordination with Council District 4 may be helpful in obtaining LAPD agreement for this idea.

For all the reasons detailed above, we consider the conditions at the Griffith Park Old Zoo to be an imminent public safety hazard and an acute wildfire risk. As a result, we would urge RAP to review and implement these recommendations in as timely a manner as possible.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, or to discuss how best to expedite these action-items.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Greenwald', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Greenwald
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Mike Shull
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Re: Thank you from Board President of Heart of Los Angeles, Alison Whalen

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: HOLA Board President <boardpresident@heartofla.org>

Fri, Nov 12, 2021 at 10:30 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, Nov 11, 2021 at 5:08 PM HOLA Board President <boardpresident@heartofla.org> wrote:

Dear Friends of Heart of Los Angeles,

I'd like to personally extend my deepest thanks to those of you who were able to attend yesterday's event and to all of you who have supported us throughout the construction of our brand new Arts and Recreation Center. Yesterday's lovely reception and luncheon, generously co-hosted by our dear friends Jerry and Terri Kohl and The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, was the perfect setting to showcase our beautiful new home in LaFayette Park and to highlight our music programming through our students' wonderful live and recorded performances. I hope you all were able to see the profound impact your contributions have had - and will continue to have - on our children's future, a future in which they are finally afforded access to the resources and opportunities they deserve.

On behalf of our youth and their families, Board of Directors, staff, partners and community, thank you for your enduring commitment to leveling the playing field and ensuring that each of our children has an equal chance at success.

Please [click here](#) for a photo and video presentation from yesterday's event, including snapshots of HOLA's great programs and services. The program from yesterday's luncheon is also attached.

With gratitude,

Alison Whalen
Board President of Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)

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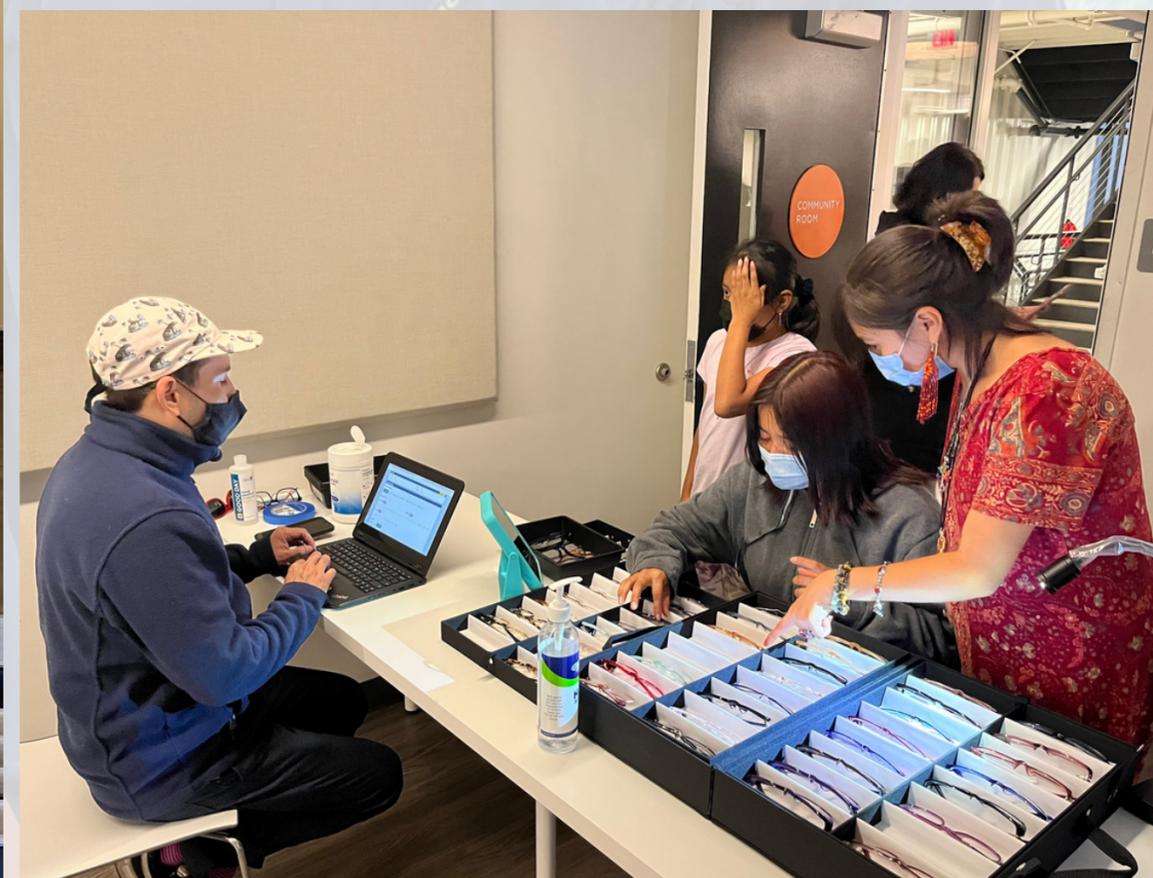


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