

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

July 07, 2022

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) Comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9054bva-9054bvf	Referred to General Manager
2) Eric Drachman comment regarding Glen Alla Dog park	#9081b	Referred to General Manager
3) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136b	Referred to General Manager
4) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136c	Referred to General Manager
5) Paula Gerez comments as President on behalf of Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa regarding Westchester Senior Center	#9136d	Referred to General Manager
6) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136e	Referred to General Manager
7) Gonzalo de Juan comments regarding Edible Fruit trees within the City	#9141	Referred to General Manager
8) Dale and Jo Meredith comments regarding Griffith Park Bike Safety	#9142	Referred to General Manager
9) City Council motion regarding playgrounds in the City	#9143	Note and File
10) City Council motion regarding Los Angeles River revitalization project	#9144	Note and File

11) Marcy Valley comments regarding Rancho Golf Course	#9145	Referred to General Manager
12) John Given comments regarding Rancho Golf Course	#9145a	Referred to General Manager
13) Gabriel Khanlian comments regarding Renaming Porter Ridge Park	#9146	Referred to General Manager
14) Linda Martinek as President of Friends of the Venice Library comments regarding Venice Branch Library	#9147	Note and File
15) Jeffery Spitz comments regarding George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon	#9148	Referred to General Manager
16) Brennan Lindner comments regarding Pak concerns	#9149	Referred to General Manager
17) Mike Bravo comments regarding Oakwood Park name change	#9150	Referred to General Manager
18) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park name change	#9150a	Referred to General Manager
19) Gary Pokoik comments regarding Potrero Canyon	#9151	Referred to General Manager
20) Rocky Bowman comments regarding Potrero Canyon	#9151a	Referred to General Manager
21) Jeffrey Hartwick as Secretary on behalf of Studio City Neighborhood Council	#9152	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



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**Please cancel contract for Griffith Park Pony, and ban pony rides!**

1 message

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**ron mcgill** <

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Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 1:14 PM

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, contactcd4@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers, Commissioners, and Michael Shull,

Last weekend a sheep was seen dealing with heat stress, seen here: <https://youtu.be/N6pdEKL3NAI>

and a few weeks before elderly ponies were providing rides in 98 F, seen here: <https://youtu.be/qqT0nS9Tjmg>

The elderly ponies at this park need to be retired, not forced to work in their senior years: <https://youtu.be/mhUjZttu6jk>

Standards and polices don't need to be applied to those who care because they exceed them. Stephen Weeks doesn't fall into this category, and no amount of improvement to this facility can make it right.

I am no longer heartbroken. I am no longer sad. I am angry. We are Angelenos! We are kind. We are compassionate. We are the mecca of animal welfare polices that the rest of the nation follow.

Please shut down this park, replace the park with a non-animal model, send the animals to a sanctuary, and ban pony rides. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone



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## Please ban pony rides!

1 message

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**Cathy Ward** <

Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 2:37 PM

To: "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "contactcd4@lacity.org" <contactcd4@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, "councilmember.kevindoleon@lacity.org" <councilmember.kevindoleon@lacity.org>, "councilmember.lee@lacity.org" <councilmember.lee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.bonin@lacity.org" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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Workers were seen on their phones while children were riding on the backs of the elderly ponies, and workers were on their phones in the petting zoo while children were hand feeding the animals, which can be a huge liability for the city if a child is bitten or is unsupervised while riding on the back of an elderly pony.

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Catherine Ward



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**EARTHNERS FANDDC FOUNDATION** <

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**Roxanne Galbraith**

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Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 6:19 PM

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Roxanne Galbraith  
Mental Health and Addictions Worker



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

**Amrit Shergill** < > Sat, Jun 25, 2022 at 6:01 PM

To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, contactcd4@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org

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Amrit Shergill



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## Ban Pony Rides

1 message

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**Kelly Wood** <kellyelizabethwood@icloud.com>  
To: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org

Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 3:02 PM

Please ban pony rides to end animal cruelty.

Kelly Wood



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Glen Alla large dog park**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 10:06 AM

To: Eric Drachman &lt;com&gt;

Cc: RAP ProjectInfo &lt;rap.projectinfo@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 8:40 AM Eric Drachman <com> wrote:  
Hello -

I have to say that the way our park "repair" was handled so far is very disappointing. We have waited for many months and the "improvement" is that our park is smaller and uglier. It's an unfinished construction site. There is a strong group of taxpayers who use this dog park every day and it has seemingly been abandoned in this current state. The rumor is that you ran out of money. If it had been done in a reasonable amount of time, that likely wouldn't have been an issue. I hope and expect that you will make it a priority for our community and repair our park soon as it is an important resource for all of us.

Please update me on where you are so I don't have to rely on rumors.

Thanks,

Eric

Hello again –

I wanted to check back as you ended the last email with the fact that the plans are not finalized yet...

I see that they have pulled back the turf and it looks like progress has been made on the plumbing.

- Do you think you're still on track to have that first area completed and re-opened in 2-3 weeks? (3 weeks from this email would be April 6th.)

- And then would you be on track to get the turf in on the other side in the following 2-3 weeks?

- And finally, what's the word on the lighting? It is less of an issue right now after the time change and as the days are getting longer, but in the Fall, we will need better lighting again, so just checking in to see where you are on that part of the project.

- One more note. It would be really helpful if you had them work on the functionality of the gates opening and closing before this project is finished. Some don't close all the way. Some open partly and then stop without warning. In fact, I have a friend who got a real bump on her head when the gate stopped suddenly and she had to return home right away to ice it.

Thanks for your help and for finally getting this project moving forward! :)

All the best,

Eric

On Mar 16, 2022, at 3:48 PM, RAP ProjectInfo &lt;rap.projectinfo@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Hi Eric,

The latest update we have is that we are in the process of repairing the sump and piping. We are hoping to get the main area ( Center ) open in the next two / three weeks. ( It depends on what we find in terms of repairs).

We are hoping to then work on replacing the DG with turf at area #1. Perhaps 2-3 weeks additional work is required for this replacement. This could be done with the center area open.

We're looking into getting more info in regards to the future closure of the park, and the timeframe for that, but it appears these plans have not been finalized yet.

Thanks,  
RAP Project Info Staff

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 1:53 PM Eric Drachman &lt;com&gt; wrote:

Hello again RAP Project Info Staff –

It's been over a month and I have not heard back. I was hoping to get an update on the next steps for this project. It seems to be stalled. However, I spoke with someone else at the park recently who told me that they'd heard that the park will eventually be 90% covered with artificial turf and new lighting will be added. That sounds fantastic. They also said that the park will be totally closed for months, leaving many of us without a convenient place to bring our dogs. They also had no idea when the project would start. Can you send me an official update on the plans? Also, I heard that it will be closed for months, but I'm hoping that you can manage this efficiently and complete it all in three weeks. Honestly, we've been waiting so long for it to be done, it would be such a shame if it were closed so we could not enjoy our park for a big chunk of the summer. Or if it is going to be a very long time, perhaps you could work it out so that half of the park was closed and then work on the other side?

I will look forward to hearing from you and hoping that you can find a way to make this really welcome improvement less of an inconvenience for everyone who depends on it. That includes, of course, those who use the park who are disabled and therefore cannot go to another dog park that does not have an artificial turf surface.

Thanks!

Eric

On Feb 10, 2022, at 10:04 PM, Eric Drachman <[redacted].com> wrote:

Thanks so much for your reply and your help with this. We'll look forward to the next steps! :)

Best,

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 10, 2022, at 3:08 PM, RAP ProjectInfo <rap.projectinfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Eric,

Thanks for your patience and communication in regards to the issues at the dog park. The latest information I have is that park maintenance and contractors have been notified of the issues remaining at the park, specifically the requests from the public to keep the majority of the natural turf area synthetic, and to cover exposed areas of the north side of the park with more synthetic turf. Also, our construction teams have asked maintenance to remove the sump and water fountain in its entirety and replace it, as the sump keeps clogging up, which is causing the drainage issues you mentioned. I will follow up with you when I have updates. In regards to your questions about the low fence and security lighting, I'm still waiting to hear answers about those. I'll let you know when I have info on those issues.

Thanks  
Sincerely,

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On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 3:13 PM Eric Drachman <[redacted].com> wrote:

Hello –

I'm checking back in about the progress of the project at our GlenAlla dog park.

Obviously, the project has been stopped partway through and I can tell you, that it would go a very long way if you could just share with us what your intentions are and when we can expect to see some progress.

I won't repeat all of my notes from below, but I will update you about the status. Right now, the south side of the park has been (I think unofficially) re-opened. The problem is that there is no water on that side and the drainage has not been repaired there. But on the north side, it is still too rough for wheelchairs and it is dangerously dark in the evenings. The dogs have been digging a deep hole next to the water fountain as it is mud and not the turf that would prevent that from happening. I'm concerned that someone will twist their ankle in that hole. It is also too dark on the path from the north side to the entrance on the south side.

You told me before that you thought the plan was to cover the north side with artificial turf. That is what we are all hoping for and then to fix the plumbing issues as well on the south side.

After that, having adequate light is important and to fix the low fences that tempt the dogs to jump over (sometimes injuring themselves) and pooping out of sight of their owners and getting dirty in poop and

mud over there as well.

So many people and dogs use this park. It is a wonderful resource, but has been disappointingly in a state of disrepair for many months.

Please please update us so we know what to expect. At the end of last year, you told just hat you would know more in the beginning of the year. We are already in February.

Thanks so much. I will look forward to hearing back from you!

Best,

Eric Drachman

PS Please let me know who else I should cc on these emails to help generate some forward progress. I have a few ideas and will include them on our next exchange.

Thanks so much for your reply.

One more thought, while you're working on this park...

There is a very low fence along the perimeter that separates the landscaping from the dogs' play area. While that looks nice, it does not keep the dogs out of that area. It's fun to watch them all jump that fence, but it's also problematic. I know multiple dogs who have gotten minor injuries from the fence. My dog got a scratch on her belly from the top of the fence. Besides that, it gets muddy over there and the dogs frequently go there to poop and the owners can easily miss that, so the dogs who go over there end up in the poop and the mud. :-0

Ideally, that very low fence would be replaced with a fence that his high enough to keep the dogs out, but still looks nice. Perhaps a 4 foot fence?

Thanks so much for considering this. Besides the mess and inconvenience, it would be a shame for a dog to get more seriously injured in the park.

Best,

Eric Drachman

On Jan 20, 2022, at 7:55 AM, RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for your comments, questions, and feedback. We'll look into your inquiries and get back to you as soon as we can get an answer.

Thanks  
Sincerely,

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On Sun, Jan 16, 2022 at 9:35 AM Eric Drachman <[eric.drachman@lacity.org](mailto:eric.drachman@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Hello -

I thought I'd check in for an update. I was happy to see that there is forward progress on the park project! Thank you! However, right now, it seems that the park is less usable than it was and many of the people I know there are upset and will avoid the park until it improves. :-/ I'm sure if we knew what the plan was, we would all feel better. I guess right now, the side without the artificial turf (closer to Glencoe - I'll call this the "north side") was re-opened and the other side, closer to the paddle tennis courts (the "south side") that still needs repair, was closed. The problem now is that the north side is extremely muddy and is riddled with gopher holes which is problematic for our dogs and my friend who uses a wheelchair has no access anymore for her and her dog. Also, there are NO lights in that area, which feels unsafe.

Can you let us know what the plan is?

Here's what we are hoping is planned:

- Remove the old broken drain and water pipe from the south side quickly, then patch and replace the artificial turf in that area so we can return
- Cover the north side with artificial turf as the gopher holes are a hazard and the dirt and mud are a deterrent.
- Install several lights to illuminate the path to and from the park as well as giving us enough light at the park after dark.

Is that, in fact, the plan? Please update us and give us a sense of when we can return to enjoy our park again!

Thanks so much!!

Eric Drachman

On Dec 27, 2021, at 7:31 AM, RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Eric,

Thanks for letting us know all of this information. The latest info I have is that construction is delayed due to issues with vendors and contractors. Yes, ultimately the plan is to add turf in that area. Our teams will be meeting in the new year to deal with all these issues. We'll have a better idea of a timeframe for completion then. Sorry for the delay. Once I have an idea of the time frame, I can let you know.

Thanks  
Sincerely,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 4:52 PM Eric Drachman <[eric.drachman@lacity.org](mailto:eric.drachman@lacity.org)> wrote:

Thanks again for the quick reply!

Yeah, there is a water fountain in the open area already that works. It's off to the side - not where that old faucet and overflowing drain are currently. I suspect that maybe they're planning to remove the old faucet and close up that overflowing drain and cover it with artificial turf? That would make sense. It seems that the information you're getting is not consistent with what is or is not happening on the site.

Yes - it would be great if the other area would get finished and opened. There were rumors that it was going to be covered with artificial turf. Right now it's dirt and actually a lot of gopher holes.

It's just that the work has been so infrequent and sporadic that it's dragged on for months. If you could assure us that it's on the schedule for the near future and we could see some activity and progress, that would be encouraging!

Please do update me with any news you might have about the progress.

Thanks!

Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 15, 2021, at 4:33 PM, RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Eric,

Thanks for the pictures and the detailed info. In regards to the open area drain, we are in the process of installing a dog water fountain there. At the moment, there is no estimation on timeframe for that work. If that changes, I can let you know.

In regards to the closed area, the latest info I have is that the closed area will be backfilled, graded and cleaned up as soon as possible. Once that is done, the fencing will be removed and that area can be opened up. I'm looking into getting a timeframe for this part of the project.

Please let us know if you have any questions or experience more issues.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 1:56 PM Eric Drachman <...@...com> wrote:

Thanks for your quick reply.

I think there must be some confusion about which project we're discussing. I'm talking about the large dog park at GlenAlla. I will attach photos below, but half of the park is still closed off, locked and inaccessible.

In the area that remains open, there is an overflowing drain that is covered with a tarp and surrounded by orange cones. It is a mess that the dogs continuously get in and try to drink from the overflowing drain.

In the side that remains closed, there is a very large open trench with a piece of furniture covering one very small section, there is the new water fountain that still sits on raised concrete and it's clearly not finished. There is caution tape and piles of dirt. In short, there can be no doubt that the project is not completed. As I explained before, part of the frustration is that there seems to be very little work completed on an ongoing basis and no communication as to when the park will reopen.

Thanks again for your help with this. I hope this more detailed email and the attached photographs are helpful in understanding its current status.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Best,

Eric Drachman

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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2021, at 4:19 PM, RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

According to our project manager, the dog park project is completed and should be open for use. There are other improvement projects going on at the park. Likely the equipment you're seeing is related to those other projects. Please let us know if you encounter any problems or issues.

Thanks.  
Sincerely,

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On Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 10:54 AM RAP ProjectInfo <[rap.projectinfo@lacity.org](mailto:rap.projectinfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thanks for contacting the project info line. We'll let you know as soon as we have answers to your questions about Glen Alla Park.

Sincerely,

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On Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 12:13 PM Eric Drachman <[eric.drachman@lacity.org](mailto:eric.drachman@lacity.org)>

wrote:  
Hello -

We love this Glen Alla big dog park, but half of it has been closed for so many months! :-0

I see that your sign says it is due to be completed in spring of 2020. That is about a year and eight months ago?

I see that there was some plumbing work done and there's a new water fountain on the closed off side. There is still a big mess with an overflowing faucet on the open side of the park.

It seems that this project will go weeks without any noticeable progress. Can you give me a sense of when to expect its completion and reopening?

Thanks so much for your help,

Eric Drachman

Sent from my iPhone

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## Re: Demand for security at Westchester Park for children and seniors

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 8:42 AM

To: Debra Huston <>>

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, Abby Austin <abby.austin@lacity.org>, Julie Ross <>, Denny Schneider <>, Chip Mallek <>, Garrett Smith <>, Cyndi Hench <>, Debra Huston <>, Julie Zaller <>, Jaana Sherlock <>, " <>, Alexandra Reynolds <>, annie Shrake <>, Lisa Carrington <>, kristin ziebarth <>, Paula Gerez <>, Robert Hansen <>, Jack Hughes <>, Lisa Gaines <>, Beth O'Rourke <>, DeAndre Parks <>, Zach Baird <>, Tracy Thrower Conyers <>, "Frelinger, Amy Nelson" <>, Jamie Paige <>, Sue Pascoe <>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" <>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, tony.royster@lacity.org

Good morning,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Upcoming Westchester July 4 parade: Safe Parking/vehicle dwellings in parking lot/cleanup of parking lot that serves the Senior Center/construction work and fencing at Bonin's office

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 7:41 AM  
 To: Debra Huston < >  
 Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Beth O'Rourke < Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Paula Gerez < >, Alexandra Reynolds < kristin ziebarth < >, Jaana Shellock < >, DeAndre Parks < Cyndi Hench < >, annie Shrake < >, Zach Baird < >, "erik < >, Tom Brewster < >, Garrett Smith < >, Julie < >, Ross <c >, tony.royster@lacity.org, Amy Benson <amy.benson@lacity.org>, Robert Hansen < >, Jack Hughes < >, Jamie Paige < >, Sue < >, Pascoe < s >, Julie Zaller < >, Rory Kaclik < >, Sophia < >, Castaneda <35080@lapd.online>, Ruben Diaz <30093@lapd.online>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" < >

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On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 7:36 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners, Mr. Royster, Mr. Kim, Ms. Aguirre, Ms. Young-Jimenez,

**Safe Parking:** I went to the Juneteenth event at the park yesterday, and it was a wonderful community event. The recreation pool opened recently, and we had many swimmers in the pool. People were playing tennis, skateboarding at the skate park, and playing on the play structure outside the rec center. All three parking lots in the park were completely full and many people had to park on Manchester and elsewhere. We have the Westchester July 4 parade in a couple weeks, and that parade begins at Westchester Park, where parade participants and floats are assembled and organized, and goes up Loyola to Loyola Marymount University. There will be over 7,000 attendees at the parade. We need all parking spots in the park.

The recreation pool offers low cost swimming (\$1 a day) for children, and that pool is heavily used by children from surrounding communities, such as Inglewood, who come to Westchester to beat the heat and enjoy swimming. The lot that serves the pool has 50 parking spots. Between the 25 spots used for Safe Parking, and the vehicle dwellers in another eight or so parking spots, this leaves less than 20 parking spots for pool users. The ballfields will be open, post-renovation, within a few months. Each and every parking spot in the park, including the pool/ballfields parking lot, is needed for park goers.

The Safe Parking permit for the fenced-in 25 spaces of parking by the recreation pool and ballfields will expire on July 4.

-Will RAP have the fence removed the morning of July 4 so there will be parking available for parade participants?

-Will RAP immediately begin enforcement in the parking lot for the vehicle dwellers in that lot who dwell in their vehicles outside the Safe Parking lot? When rangers have asked vehicle dwellers to move from that parking lot after curfew, they have done so. More consistent enforcement of this type is necessary.

-Has there been a request for a permit to extend, expand, or move Safe Parking in the park in any of the parking lots, in the lot behind Mr. Bonin's office, or in the lot south of the lot where Safe Parking is now located (the lot in front of the First Flight Child Care Center)? If so, what does this request include? Has any such request been approved or denied?

**Cleaning and clearing of parking lot that serves the Senior Center, the Library, and the Council Office:**

Yesterday, during the Juneteenth event, this parking lot had probably 10 vehicles used as dwellings. The man who lives in his dwelling in the handicapped parking spots in front of the Senior Center placed large buckets on either side of his van so no one could use the handicapped parking spots next to the handicapped parking spots the man was using for his van and his belongings, which are strewn around his van. This man uses two to five handicapped parking spots, depending on how much trash he has around his van at the time. A tent dweller in the parking lot and his tent look frightening, so no one parked near his area. Other vehicle dwellers in the parking lot were sitting in office chairs surrounded by belongings of various types, taking up parking spots. The parking lot smells like urine, and there trash strewn around the parking lot. Weeds are growing up through the asphalt in the parking lot.

We spoke with a number of attendees of the Juneteenth event yesterday, and many said they were shocked to see the state of the parking lot and were frightened to park there. We have also heard this from people who use the Senior Center and the County Library, which are also served by that lot.

-Will RAP and GSD get this parking sanitized and all trash surrounding vehicles removed prior to the July 4 parade?

-Will RAP and GSD schedule weekly cleanings going forward?

We understand Mr. Bonin is opposed to removing the vehicle dwellers from that parking lot. However, even Mr. Bonin's staff stated after the park was cleared of tents last November that trash around vehicles, tents, and camping outside of vehicles would not be allowed in the parking lot. The trash and tents create an unsanitary situation and trip hazards, and the trash and tents use parking spots that are needed by park goers.

**Construction/fencing near Bonin's office:** While at the park yesterday for the Juneteenth event, I noticed the attached notice posted on the back door to the Council Office. The notice has a space for a description of the work, but no description is included. What work is being done? We have received documents in response to Public Records Act requests to the City General Services Division that show Mr. Bonin's office obtained five bids for various projects, two of which included fencing the lot that serves Bonin's office, the Senior Center, and the Library. The GSD provided an email that said work should be done in consultation with RAP because of the facilities other than Bonin's office (e.g., County Library, Senior Center, basketball court, picnic areas) that are served by this parking lot. I am attaching the documents provided by GSD.

-What work is planned/being done? (The description of the work being done should have been provided in the notice, but it was not.)

-Will GSD post a notice that describes the work?

-Has RAP been included in this process? If so, what have RAP recommendations been?

Thank you for all the work you do to make the park safe and accessible for members of the Westchester and surrounding communities. We all look forward to the Westchester July 4 parade. We look forward to hearing from you in response to the above questions.

Debra Huston

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**Westchester Muni center**

4 messages

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**Amy Benson** <amy.benson@lacity.org>  
To: Eric Robles <eric.robles@lacity.org>  
Cc: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 11:05 AM

Hi Eric,  
Tristen Marler from CD 11 called to find out who could give permission to put fencing/gates around the parking area in the Westchester Muni parking lot. She advised that she is working with you on security issues and was going to talk to you about this.  
GSD has control of the parking area but we would coord with RAP and Library since the lot serves their facilities as well.  
Do you have any info on this?  
Thanks,  
Amy

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**E. Amy Benson****Director, Real Estate Services Division  
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**Eric Robles** <eric.robles@lacity.org>  
To: Amy Benson <amy.benson@lacity.org>  
Cc: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 12:06 PM

Hi Amy, the only scope and estimate we have currently is for the constituent office and surrounding perimeter. Tristen did mention possibly looking into a fence but our division has not initiated anything.

**Tristen**, did you already initiate a fence request or estimate for the parking area or did you want to move to submit a request to obtain a cost estimate?

Thanks

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Eric Robles

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**Tristen Marler** <tristen.marler@lacity.org>  
To: Abby Austin <abby.austin@lacity.org>, Eric Robles <eric.robles@lacity.org>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 1:46 PM

Cc: Amy Benson <amy.benson@lacity.org>

Abby has the quotes, including her now.

Thank you eric and Amy!

Best,  
Tristen

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**Tristen J. Marler**  
*District Director*  
Councilmember Mike Bonin  
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**Abby Austin** <abby.austin@lacity.org>  
To: Tristen Marler <tristen.marler@lacity.org>  
Cc: Eric Robles <eric.robles@lacity.org>, Amy Benson <amy.benson@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 9:41 AM

Hi all,

The options are attached! We are leaning toward swing gates since it's the most affordable option.

Best,  
Abby

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**Abby Austin**

*Field Deputy - Westchester, Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, Ladera*

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**5 attachments**

-  **H234010E OPT2 CNC CD 11 WESTCHESTER - IRON FENCE sent to client 01-20-2022.pdf**  
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-  **H234010E OPT1A CNC CD 11 WESTCHESTER - MANUAL GATES CHAIN LINK FENCE sent to client 01-20-2022.pdf**  
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-  **H234010E OPT3 CNC CD 11 WESTCHESTER - BARRIER SWING GATES sent to client 01-20-2022.pdf**  
701K
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Safe Access for Our Senior Center**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 8:04 AM  
To: Paula Gerez < >  
Cc: Jamie Paige < >, Sue Pascoe < com>, Sophia Castaneda < >  
<35080@lapd.online>, Ruben Diaz <30093@lapd.online>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" < >

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On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 1:55 PM Paula Gerez < > wrote:

Greetings,  
The NCWP has requested that the City provide safe access to our Senior Center.  
Thank you kindly, Paula

**Paula Gerez**  
President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa  
Block Captain, Neighborhood Watch

*Disclaimer and Privacy Statement: While I am a member of the Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa, the foregoing may not represent the ratified position or views of the NCWP.*

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June 20, 2022

Hon. Mike Bonin Councilmember, 11th District  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Dear Councilman Bonin,

RE: Parking lot for Westchester Senior Center

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

The senior community has been severely impacted by the pandemic and inflation, and is quickly becoming one of the larger demographics in our homeless population. Many of these people are isolated with very little opportunity to connect with their peers. The Westchester Senior Center is an invaluable resource for social connections as well as for obtaining information about the various city and other services available to them through city employees at the center, and their peers.

The NCWP's Community Services Committee held a meeting on May 12th with a focus on our senior community, and we heard from some seniors in our public audience during the meeting expressing their frustration that they do not feel safe attending the Senior Center due to the vehicle encampments that still persists in the parking lot.

The NCWP therefore requests that (temporary) housing be offered to those living in their vehicles in the parking lot, if it hasn't already been offered, and have sanitation clean up the parking lot so it is clean and available for parking so that our seniors feel safe going to the Senior Center. If the vehicle dwellers do not want to accept housing, we ask that you enforce the no overnight parking in the Senior Center parking lot.

We understand these are sensitive matters on many levels, but the moratorium on the no overnight parking has been lifted. It is time to ensure our seniors have safe access to our only senior center serving our area.

We ask this as compassionate elected stakeholders for the whole community and authorize the President to take the appropriate action to promote this position. We appreciate your review and look forward to your timely response.

Kind regards,

DocuSigned by:  
*Paula Gerez*  
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Paula Gerez

President, Neighborhood Council of Westchester / Playa

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Abby Austin, Field Deputy Council District 11 / [abby.austin@lacity.org](mailto:abby.austin@lacity.org)  
Sonya Young Jimenez, Superintendent of Venice Beach and West Region / [sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org](mailto:sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org)



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## Re: Demand for security at Westchester Park for children and seniors

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 11:20 AM

To: Debra Huston &gt;

Cc: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org, Abby Austin <abby.austin@lacity.org>, Julie Ross <>, Denny Schneider <>, Chip Mallek <>, Garrett Smith <>, Cyndi Hench <>, Julie Zaller <>, Jaana Shellock <>, "erik laykin.com" <>, Alexandra Reynolds <>, annie Shrake <>, Lisa Carrington <>, kristin ziebarth <>, Paula Gerez <>, Robert Hansen <>, Jack Hughes <>, Lisa Gaines <>, Beth O'Rourke <>, DeAndre Parks <>, Tracy Thrower Conyers <>, "Frelinger, Amy Nelson" <>, Jamie Paige <>, Sue Pascoe <>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" <>, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, tony.royster@lacity.org, Sophia Castaneda <35080@lapd.online>, Ruben Diaz <30093@lapd.online>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 10:43 AM Debra Huston <> wrote:  
Council Member Bonin,

We have not received a response to the email to which I am replying. Just this week, we have had two more incidents in Westchester Park involving a dangerous homeless man approaching children.

A tennis patron informed me on Tuesday that a homeless man with a blanket wrapped around him walked onto the tennis court at Westchester Park that day while a female tennis pro was giving lessons to four 12-year-old girls, and he started "talking about sexual things." He said "[A]ll these young girls want me to f\*ck them. I keep telling them I'm homeless and I have nothing to offer and they want to f\*ck me." He continued talking like that while the tennis pro worked to get him off the court and get rid of him for the safety of the girls. The incident occurred at about 10:30 in the morning. The man left after being confronted by the female tennis pro (former military), who basically backed him off the court. Reportedly, no call was made to police because, reportedly, when incidents like this have happened before, by the time police arrive the perpetrator has left and nothing happens.

The man was described as being about 6'4", with a full beard. He is caucasian with some Arabic descent, perhaps. He is about 30 years of age. A witness said she had seen the same man in Santa Monica in the past, and he confronted her there.

On Tuesday, the very next day, a similar incident happened at about 4 p.m. It appears, based on description, that it involved the same man. This time he jumped over the fence (the short fence between the walkway and the tennis court) onto the court of a female tennis pro giving lessons to girls, saying he wanted to do something with one of the girls. The tennis pro called LAPD, and they responded quickly. However, by the time they arrived, he had run out the back entrance and was gone.

Just a couple weeks ago, a homeless woman confronted the woman who manages the tennis courts, who is 70+ years of age and who uses a walker. The homeless woman screamed and yelled at the older woman for some time, and grabbed the older woman's clipboard. A female tennis pro who is former military ran the aid of the older woman, and confronted the homeless woman and made her leave after a long confrontation. The homeless woman was found sleeping near the courts at about 7 a.m. a day or two later when the older woman went to work early.

Parents of children who play at the tennis courts are alarmed and frightened, as are members of our community. LAPD is taking this very seriously, but they do not have the sworn staff to post officers at the tennis courts during the hours the courts are open.

**Once again, we demand security at the tennis courts, and at the other facilities at the park as well.** There have been well over 100 incidents, and possibly several hundred incidents, involving homeless people exposing themselves to children, following children, harassing children, yelling at children, attacking children in the restrooms, injecting drugs in the presence of children, urinating on the tennis courts while children are on the courts, claiming that children at the park are their own and demanding that parents turn them over to the homeless person, and more. **It amounts to reckless endangerment of the lives and safety of children for you to refuse to provide security for children's activities at the park, while it is completely within your power and discretion to do so. These children are being left without defense and are being subjected to danger.**

**Our community is outraged by the fact that you have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to hire full-time security for your office in the park and to fortify your office in the park with tall fences and cameras while ignoring the hundreds of requests for security for the children, and also for the seniors.**

Here are two recent news pieces describing the measures you have recently taken to protect yourself and your staff from people who are homeless. Your security guard told me in person that the reason security is there is "because of the homeless":

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**We, as a community, demand that you provide the same security for the tennis courts, the children's playground, the recreation pool, the ballfields, and the senior center. We demand that this security be commenced immediately.**

Debra Huston

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**Re: EDIBLE FRUIT TREES within the City**

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 8:06 AM

To: gonzalo de juan >

Cc: gonzalo de juan

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 3:58 AM gonzalo de juan < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

First of all, I apologize for disturbing you and I thank you for your Amazing work.

Could I ask that among the trees to be planted, there could be edible fruit trees, please?

Thanks for the understanding and again my apologies for the intrusion.

BIG Hugs.

Gonzalo de Juan

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**Re: Griffith Park bike safety**

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 13, 2022 at 7:54 AM

To: Dale Meredith

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Good morning,

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On Sat, Jun 11, 2022 at 6:34 AM Dale Meredith < > wrote:

Hello

Please add my wife and I to the long list of bicyclists who enjoy Griffith Park and want you to make it safer.

We need dedicated bike lanes with reflective markers.

We need speed bumps to slow cars down.

You and the traffic safety engineers know what is needed.

Please make it happen before more cyclists die.

Thank you.

Dale and Jo Meredith

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## MOTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic impact on how Angelenos live their daily lives. Due to schools and daycares being closed, parents were often desperate to find safe activities for their children. The need to "mask-up" and minimize indoor activities caused many parents to take their children to city parks to use playgrounds and other recreational amenities. This has turned a spotlight on the need for high quality outdoor recreational facilities.

Despite the public's desire for high quality recreational space, city parks have not seen the regular investment needed in order to keep them in good condition. The city's playgrounds are emblematic of this state of disrepair. Many playgrounds still have sand play pits, inadequate shade, and no equipment for people with disabilities.

Due to the sheer volume of playgrounds that need to be upgraded or replaced, a piecemeal approach, where neighborhoods have to wait for scarce Quimby or Measure A allocations in order to see park improvements, has been used by the city which only allows for a few playgrounds to be replaced a year. This is not sustainable or in the best interest of Angelenos - a comprehensive plan is needed to upgrade all of the playgrounds in the city so that they are safe and accessible for all children.

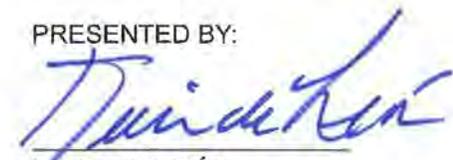
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to report back in 30 days on the condition of all playgrounds in the city.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include the year the playground was installed, whether or not it has resilient surfacing, if there is existing shade over the playground, and if the playground has already secured funding for repair or replacement.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks, report back on the funding needed to ensure every playground is modernized and has resilient surfacing and shade.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report should include recommendations for creating a multi-year capital program to upgrade all playgrounds identified as deficient by the department.

PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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## MOTION

The Los Angeles River's most significant revitalization project in the City of Los Angeles is underway at the 42-acre Taylor Yard G2 property, which sits amidst Glassell Park, Cypress Park, and Elysian Valley. Including adjacent State-owned parcels, habitat and open space investments have been made and more are planned that, together with Taylor Yard G2, total 100 acres. During City-led engagement on concept development for the Taylor Yard G2 site, community members raised concerns about potential residential and business displacement side effects from the open space investments; they have spotlighted existing community needs that include affordable housing, housing security, youth programs, infrastructure improvements and other social justice issues. A successful project must address these issues in an inclusive, thoughtful, and proactive manner.

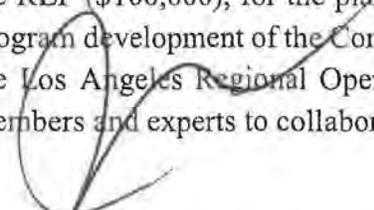
The Community Taylor Yard Equity Strategy (TYES) will augment the efforts to add much-needed open space and public access at the Taylor Yard G2 site and the larger 100-Acre Partnership area along the Los Angeles River to, at every stage, protect the stability and cultural richness of surrounding communities and reflect the aspirations and concerns of their residents regarding the range of ways in which this public investment will affect their neighborhoods.

The Community TYES will address issues such as housing affordability and anti-displacement; small business retention and growth; youth enrichment; education; safety; health; City services and infrastructure; workforce, income, and wealth development.

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE), working with other City Departments, the Mayor's Office and the City Council, is prepared to begin development of an Equity Strategy document, and implement its policy and program recommendations. Community TYES will assess impacts to the surrounding communities and their vulnerable populations that could result from the open space investments, and it will recommend plans and actions to mitigate those impacts. Engagement with key stakeholders and the public will inform the development of the Equity Strategy and foster partnerships for future implementation of prioritized actions.

Members of the Los Angeles Regional Open Space and Affordable Housing (LA ROSAH) collaborative of organizations and the Resources Legacy Fund (RLF) have stepped forward to be external partners on the Community TYES project. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has already contributed foundational technical work to the City to support the launch of the project. The project has a total budget of \$290,000 and the RLF has offered to contribute \$100,000 in funding. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has made \$190,000 available to the BOE for the project through an existing agreement with the BOE, held within the Engineering Special Services Fund 682-50 and account entitled "LA River Revitalization Master Plan," to continue advancing the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan implementation efforts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer, or his designee, be authorized to negotiate and execute a \$290,000 agreement with the Resources Legacy Fund (RLF), funded by both the City (\$190,000) and the RLF (\$100,000), for the planning, analysis, research, and community outreach associated with the program development of the Community Taylor Yard Equity Strategy (TYES), and further, to work with the Los Angeles Regional Open Space and Affordable Housing organizations and other community members and experts to collaboratively develop the TYES.



I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) be authorized to make payments up to \$190,000 from the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682-50, LA River Revitalization Master Plan Account No. 50SVEL, to the RLF for costs associated with the above agreement.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOE, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, be instructed to identify potential funding sources in the amount of \$500,000 to support the program development and implementation of the TYES and to report within 30 days.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOE, with the assistance of the Economic Workforce Development Department, the Housing Department, the Department of City Planning and any other department as needed, be instructed to provide research, policy development, and guidance to effectuate the successful completion of the TYES project and its implementation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOE shall make technical corrections and additions to the information herein, as needed to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:   
MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Letter for 6/16 RAP Board Meeting**

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 7:13 AM

To: Marcy Valley &lt;

Cc: Rachel Ramos &lt;rachel.ramos@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 9:51 AM Marcy Valley &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Please distribute the attached letter (also copied below) to the RAP Board of Commissioners and the Concessions Task Force.

Thanks,

Marcy Valley

Rancho Park Golf Course Representative

LA City Golf Advisory Committee

To

The RAP Board of Commissioners and

The Concessions Task Force

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We urge the RAP board to do everything in its power so that progress on the remodel can resume within a few weeks. The concessionaire signed a contract to remodel the clubhouse, not to restore it. The Rancho clubhouse is a historically significant building, and an important part of the reason Rancho Park Golf Course has been considered the crown jewel of LA's public golf courses. Let's not lose that jewel due to inaction.

The Golf Division makes a profit, and they give about 80% (more than \$8M per year) of it to RAP to use on other projects. Rancho Park is the most profitable of the city courses. The \$8M does not include the money the concessionaires pay for the right to run the concessions.

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Sincerely,

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**Re: Rancho Park Golf Clubhouse**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 11:41 AM

To: John Given &lt;

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Cc: matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, rachel.ramos@lacity.org, rap.golf@lacity.org, Rick Reinschmidt &lt;rick.reinschmidt@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 9:47 AM John Given &lt; &gt; wrote:

I want to commend Commissioners Bain and Chase on their response to public comments at the Concessions Task Force today, June 16. The report that the parties are attempting to remobilize is a glimmer of hope that remains vague as to essential details. It lacks transparency into the scope of the issues encountered and, more importantly, as to how the commitments of the City and TRP have been reorganized to get the job done. The RAP Board of Commissioners and the Concessions Task Force should request a more robust update and discussion at its next meeting.

The opportunity to make a long term restorative investment in Rancho Park should not be lost. Nor should the vision of vibrant public serving clubhouse be diminished. This project will be greatly supported by the public golf community and the community at large. It will be an ongoing model of revenue to the Golf Division and the RAP system from public and private investment.

The RAP Commissioners and the public should expect nothing less.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

John Given

On Apr 30, 2022, at 11:41 AM, John Given &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Mr. Rudnick,

I am a daily user of golf facilities at Rancho Park. Rancho is one of the busiest facilities in the City's golf division, let alone the entire rec & park system. Yet it's clubhouse facilities have been ragged for years, decades in fact, and now they have been closed for over two years. I learned this week that disputes between the City and the restaurant development team have completely broken down and the parties have withdrawn. As a retired developer of comparable facilities I was pleased and impressed when this new arrangement first rolled out. I was then patient and now I am very frustrated and worried about what is to come. There was so much potential and there still is.

While there must be a lot of fingers to point, what matters most is how the City is going to go about resolving issues that led to dispute, select a new lessee (with comparable or better qualifications), and remobilize. As we look to what could be months or years until construction is again mobilized, I hope the Administration can provide some transparency to the public and golfers in particular. Here are some questions:

- 1) Have arrangements been made for a new temporary food and beverage service?
- 2) How will the site be secured and maintained until construction commences again? We should be concerned about safety, convenience and protecting the structures from vandalism. As an aside,

- 3) Bathroom facilities are too few and abysmal. The two replacement bathrooms installed prior to the pandemic do not have any ventilation. With everything we know about health and ventilation, that this continues is shocking.
- 4) What steps is the City taking to select a new lessee?

I would appreciate if you could provide me with publicly available management reports on this matter to advisory committees, the Park and Rec Commission, and City Council. Perhaps there are websites and search links where the reports are available.

I trust there is great urgency to get this situation turned around and the case for expediting good solutions is being made.

Sincerely,

John Given

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**Re: 6/16/2022 Porter Ridge Park Renaming Comment to RAP Item 2B**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 7:26 AM

To: Gabriel Khanlian - PRNC &lt;

Cc: Myrka Martinez &lt;myrka.martinez@lacity.org&gt;, RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 4:28 AM Gabriel Khanlian - PRNC &lt;

&gt; wrote:

ATT:

Lynn Alvarez, Joseph Halper, Michael A. Shull, Cathie Santo Domingo, Darryl Ford And CD12;

June 16, 2022 Public comment on Agenda Item 2B

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Thank you,

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Gabriel Khanlian

President

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

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Gabriel Khanlian  
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council  
President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you for helping the Venice Branch Library

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 3:43 PM

To: Friends of Venice Library <...>
Cc: 30993@lapd.online, 38228@lapd.online, Ap.diaz@lacity.org, armando.hogan@lacity.org, Barbara.romero@lacity.org, brenda.aguirre@lacity.org, Councilmember.Bonin@lacity.org, Diana.zaratebarbosa@lacity.org, Domingo.orosco@lacity.org, Howard.wong@lacity.org, info@karenbass.com, Isabella.dennis@lacity.org, Joe.losorelli@lacity.org, kforemansr@bh.lacounty.gov, Liliana.Pond@sen.ca.gov, melody.Valenzuela@lacity.org, Monika.leisring@lacity.org, Renee.shackleford@lacity.org, Robert.Buenrostro@lacity.org, Salvador.rosales@lacity.org, sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org, tristen.marler@lacity.org, Vishesh.anand@lacity.org, Zgaidzik@bos.lacounty.gov, jcooper@lapl.org, kpickard@lapl.org, John Szabo <jszabo@lapl.org>, Laura Barnes <lbarnes@lapl.org>, Donna Lasman <...>, Venice Neighborhood Council <...>, Argonaut News <...>, sandra clark <...>

Good morning,

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On Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 1:46 PM Friends of Venice Library <...> wrote:

Dear City Officials,

Thank you so much for removing the unhoused encampments alongside and next to the Venice Branch Library on Venice Blvd. We are looking forward to once again having programs and book sales without fearing for the safety of our staff, patrons, community, and even our building itself. We appreciate the time and effort you've dedicated to resolving this crisis and if you need anything from us going forward, please do not hesitate to reach out.

All the Best,

Linda Martinek
President, Friends of the Venice Library (FoVL)



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 2:42 PM

To: Jeffrey Spitz < >

Cc: Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Kristen Ly <kristen.ly@lacity.org>, Norman Mundy <norman.mundy@lacity.org>, Chris Spitz < >

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 12:53 PM Jeffrey Spitz < > wrote:

Commissioners,

Please see attached correspondence regarding the above captioned project.

Thank you.

SPITZLAWGROUP

Jeffrey Spitz

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## Jeffrey & Christina Spitz

June 17, 2022

Board of Recreation & Parks (RAP) Commissioners

[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Re: George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (Project)

Dear Commissioners:

At the June 16, 2022 meeting of the RAP Commission Facilities Repair & Maintenance Task Force, the public was invited to submit additional comments in writing because time limitations prevented more extensive comment during the meeting. Accordingly, we are providing the following information to clarify and correct certain inaccurate statements concerning the Project.

### 1) Community Outreach/Support

The “Task Force Briefing Report” attached to the meeting agenda claims that “regular meetings” were held with the “committee” (the Potrero Canyon Community Task Force, also known as the Advisory Committee) “throughout the design process” – suggesting that community outreach has been extensive. In fact, the Advisory Committee (a **Brown-Acted** Committee) last met in 2008, when it issued its report with recommendations to the City.<sup>1</sup> It has held *no public meetings since that time* and has taken no positions other than as set forth in its Report.<sup>2</sup> Many of its members have either moved or sadly passed away, and the Committee is recognized as being “inactive” by the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) (public documents on the PPCC website, approved by current and former PPCC Chairs, including David Card, George Wolfberg and Ms. Spitz).<sup>3</sup>

Moreover, City officials have conducted minimal community outreach since 2008, with only a few meetings over the years at the PP-PAB and one meeting six years ago at PPCC when BOE officials were present. More recently, PPCC requested that RAP and BOE officials attend a PPCC meeting to answer questions about the Project’s status, but PPCC was advised by a representative of CD 11 that neither RAP nor BOE would attend a meeting to answer PPCC’s questions; PPCC also requested written answers to questions from RAP and BOE, but that request has likewise been ignored.

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<sup>1</sup> Ms. Spitz was a member of the Advisory Committee. She is aware that there have been no public meetings of the Committee nor any properly noticed meetings of any kind since 2008, and that the Committee has taken no positions other than as stated in the Report, nor could it in the absence of a properly noticed meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Report entitled “Potrero Canyon Trails: City of Los Angeles Greenspace and Pathways Connecting Palisades Village to the Beach,” provided to City officials and recognized by CD11 (in public statements at PPCC meetings) as being the “blueprint” for the Park’s design (the Report).

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Wolfberg in fact advised in 2013 that he did “not foresee the Committee ever officially meeting again” (email from G. Wolfberg to C. Spitz, Mr. Card and City officials, 10/24/13). Indeed, Mr. Card has publicly acknowledged that the Advisory Committee’s “formal responsibility concluded” when the Report was issued in 2008. Nevertheless, as Mr. Card has also acknowledged, he, another Committee member (Gil Dembo) and RAP Commissioner Joe Halper continued to hold meetings regarding the Project (Pacific Palisades Park Advisory Board (PP-PAB) meeting minutes, 1/29/20). Documents we have obtained from the City also evidence that Mr. Card purported to represent the Committee in numerous private meetings with City officials, including with Commissioner Halper, at which decisions were made about the plans for the Project and in particular about an accessway on Friends St. Whatever discussions were had at these meetings did not and could not have reflected the position of the Committee (and certainly not of the community), since these meetings were not public and were not properly noticed in accordance with the Brown Act.

As to the issue of a Friends St. pathway/entrance (Friends St. Trail), the Report specifically stated that there were to be **no new easements for west rim public access; that the status quo was to remain; and that there may be possible consideration of the issue only much later, “if there is public support”** (Report, Sec. 13c).

In 2008, west rim access was (and is today) *overwhelmingly opposed by local residents* (as recognized by former BOE Project Manager Rob Hancock in internal BOE documents obtained in response to Public Records Act requests). In the 14 years since the Report was issued, public opposition has not changed and there have been *no efforts by the City to obtain current community input or to ascertain whether public sentiment has changed*. The statement made by the inactive Committee’s “Vice-Chair” during public comment at the June 16 hearing, that “the Advisory Committee fully supports the Friends St. Trail,” is contradicted by the Report itself and is demonstrably inaccurate – again, since there have been no public meetings of the Committee *in over 14 years*, the conclusion in the Report has not changed, and there is no showing at this time of “public support” for a Friends St. Trail; in fact, the opposite is true (over 44 west rim property owners have submitted letters voicing their opposition).

## **2) Friends St. “Kiosk”**

A media presentation attached to the June 16 meeting agenda (showing proposed park signage) depicted, on p. 13, a map with a noticeable boxed marker entitled “Friends St. Kiosk” pointing to a spot where the proposed Friends St. Trail is sited. RAP officials noted at the meeting that the park signage had been approved, but did not indicate whether the Friends St. kiosk specifically had been approved, nor was anything said about the purpose of this kiosk or its design or dimensions.

As Mr. Spitz noted during public comment, this was the first “public” indication that a kiosk of any kind was planned for the Friends St. Trail. *There was no advance community outreach about the kiosk or park signage*; the fact that any park signage had already been approved was not known until the meeting and raises important questions: When was the signage approved, and by whom and by what process? When, if ever, was any notice given about the proposed park signage, and to whom? Was the Friends St. kiosk specifically approved? Why weren’t west rim residents told anything about a planned kiosk for Friends St.? What is the purpose, size and design of the planned structure? Has the California Coastal Commission (CCC) been apprised of the plans for a Friends St. kiosk, and if not, why not? Does the City intend to request CCC permission (which is clearly required) for the Friends St. kiosk?

Clearly, the City plans a *prominent entrance with a kiosk on Friends St.* – a posted “Not a through street” in a quiet residential neighborhood with limited means of ingress & egress and no direct access to the coast – while at the same time closing off the long-planned south entrance at the mouth of the Canyon above PCH.<sup>4</sup> Records received from RAP and BOE demonstrate that two years ago, the City had already developed plans (never submitted to or approved by the CCC) which depict the planned closure of the south entrance (and no Lateral Trail). We and other west rim residents were never apprised in advance of these plans. We strongly object to the Friends St. Trail, entrance and kiosk.

## **3) LAFD Emergency Use**

An assertion was made during public comment on June 16 that the Los Angeles Fire Dept. (LAFD) supposedly requires the Friends St. Trail – in addition to a gate at that location – for emergency purposes. This claim is unsupported and contrary to fact.

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<sup>4</sup> The closure is a result of the City’s own decisions and inaction, specifically its inexplicable failure for more than seven years to obtain permission from Caltrans or to begin construction of the Lateral Trail to Temescal Canyon Blvd. – *required by the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to provide coastal access.*

As we have previously explained – and as described in detail in CCC staff reports related to the CDP for this project – the original CDP in **1991** provided for an accessway to the west rim at Friends St. & DePauw St. (variously described as a “fire road,” “fire lane,” “fire truck access” or “emergency access trail”) that could accommodate LAFD vehicles. It was believed at the time that this accessway was needed because 1) LAFD required a 20 ft. wide road to accommodate emergency vehicles, and 2) such a road could not be sited to cross a dam in the riparian zone running through the center of the Canyon. After community opposition to a west rim accessway arose, City officials met with LAFD and CCC staff and determined that a 12 ft. wide road, wide enough to accommodate emergency vehicles, could be rerouted through the riparian zone, making a west rim accessway unnecessary.

As a result, the prior accessway was “abandoned” and removed from the amended CDP in **1993**; it has not been included in the CDP nor in any plans submitted to or approved by the CCC ever since. As explained in the 1993 CCC staff report:

“The previous plan had a fire truck access to the park at DePauw/Friends Street, a residential street. The current plan does not exit at Friends Street. This rerouting saves additional area of existing coastal sage scrub, and also eliminates a potential off-road vehicle entry that had been the subject of opposition from adjacent lot owners. Currently access will be from the Pacific Coast Highway and from the community park, which has provision for parking and supervision.”

We have reviewed hundreds of pages of documents pertaining to this Project, including many documents produced by the City in response to Public Records Act requests, and have never seen any documents reflecting an LAFD position to the effect that a Friends St. Trail is needed for emergency purposes. The current partially-built trail is not wide enough to accommodate LAFD vehicles, unlike the 12 ft. wide road which was designed and sited for use by LAFD in emergencies. Nor, as was claimed during the June 16 meeting, will the currently-proposed Friends St. Trail or gate be of use to LAFD. Indeed, it is clear that for fire prevention and LAFD access to the Canyon, a throughway via the 12 ft. road from the Recreation Center to an *open entrance at the south/PCH end is essential*.

The fact that a gate was approved on Friends St. is also not dispositive: The plans approved by the CCC in 2016 depict only a gate, not a pathway or trail to Friends St., and records that we have obtained show that City officials were aware that the gate shown on the 2016 plans was intended for *maintenance only*, not for public access or emergency purposes.

Moreover, as the CCC recognized in 1993, there is no provision for “parking and supervision” on Friends St., as there is at the Recreation Center (where the 12 ft. wide road, designed to accommodate LAFD trucks, begins). There is simply no basis for a claim that LAFD now requires the Friends St. Trail for emergency access.

We submit the foregoing so that you will have accurate information on which you can rely as this Project moves forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey and Christina Spitz*

cc (via email):

Daryll Ford, Planning Supervisor, RAP; Norman Mundy, Environmental Supervisor, BOE; Kristen Ly, Project Manager, BOE; California Coastal Commission



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: New \$2MM Park already getting destroyed**

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 8:03 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 9:11 AM Brennan Lindner &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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**Re: New \$2MM Park already getting destroyed**

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 9:48 AM

Here are updated photos from today..

Same tweakers/vagrants/people experiencing homeless/ screaming and yelling obscenities while kids are going to camp. Such a delight.

On Jun 21, 2022, at 8:03 AM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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## Please Revert Oakwood Park Name Change

1 message

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**Mike Bravo** <

&gt;

Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 8:00 AM

To: Councilmember.Bonin@lacity.org, Isabella Dennis &lt;isabella.dennis@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, Michael.A.Shull@lacity.org, Iceballos70@gmail.com, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org, councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfeld@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, CD10@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org

The intention of honoring our African American relatives and fellow neighborhood culture bearers is great. However, many in the Oakwood sub-area of Venice feel slighted about the lack of outreach as well as concerns about the possible adverse social, cultural, and economic implications of the hasty name change to Oakwood Park. As you know the park is the centerpiece of the Oakwood area and a name that is culturally tied to the identity of the organic community and touted with much pride. Oakwood is also a name that many here have literally died for.

Many feel slighted because there was no community outreach and only a very small faction of our neighborhood representatives were involved. The process lacked outreach to the native Oakwood-Venice community in general but most notably disregarded collaboration and input from the Indigenous and Chicano communities who also share equal heartfelt historical and cultural ties to the area and the Oakwood name.

As we move forward in our quest for racial justice, equity, and restorative justice initiatives it is important to understand that fight is intersectional. We should all understand that yes, each community has their unique needs, but reinforcing a Black/White binary, especially in a community like Venice, as we pursue racial justice will just make for harm against other historically targeted people. I am disappointed but hope you take sincere note and help us correct this hasty name change decision.

Many Brown & Black native Venetians in the community are not taking this lightly and are mobilizing against the name change. I encourage you to seriously consider reverting the name back to Oakwood or at least come up with a name that is agreed upon via comprehensive collaboration between the historic Brown & Black communities of the Venice-Oakwood area.

Thanks,

Mike Bravo  
CEO, Save Venice



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Retract Motion to change Oakwood Park name

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 12:24 PM

To: Laura Ceballos &gt;

Cc: Mike Bonin <Mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Noah Fleishman <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>, Isabella Dennis <isabella.dennis@lacity.org>, Erin Darling <Lillycat83@gmail.com>, Kevin de Leon <volunteer@kevindeleon.com>, gilbert.cedillo@lacity.org, Councilmember Martinez <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, Councilmember Rodriguez <councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Jose Gonzalez <ethics.commission@lacity.org>, Hector Garcia <RAP Partnerships <rap.partnerships@lacity.org>, RAP Delgado <rap.uhrc@lacity.org>, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, UHRC <rap.uhrc@lacity.org>, councilmember.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, bob.blumfeld@lacity.org, councilmember.lee@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, contactCD4@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 Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 11:06 AM Laura Ceballos &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Oakwood Park is a Historical Park that both the brown and black community have deep roots and connection to. Why the name change now? Is this a power grab? Why create division? Why start a race war that will spread throughout the City of Los Angeles?

Why not claim Oakwood Park as a Historical site that will preserve the brown and black history in the Oakwood area? There is already Historic Cultural sites in Venice designated in the names of these individuals.

Oakwood Park is where we celebrate our annual Historical Venice Cinco de Mayo Parade & Festival, Mexican Independence Day "El Grito", Venice Car Show, Venice Mexican American Traquero Monument Fundraisers, Birthdays, celebrations of life, picnics, gatherings, etc.

This is morally and ethically wrong. Any Leader that remains silent on this issue and allows this to move forward is on the side of the oppressor. WE WILL NOT REMAIN SILENT. Discussions are always black and white and the brown community is ostracized from all racial equity discussions within the community. Intentionally overlooking and excluding the brown community, erasure of the Chicano- Mexican American history in the Oakwood area, dividing the community, does not put progress in bringing unity and peace amongst people of color.

Down below is the article of the June 2022 Venice Beachhead where we found out about the name change. It also shows a strong message by the "Save Venice" group stating they are taking their power back. Power grab? I say so. I question the intentions behind this group, knowing their actions will cause division and disharmony between the brown and black community.

The brown community has been trying to designate a Chicano/A-Mexican American History month in the City of Los Angeles for over a year now and no Councilmember on the LA City Council has been willing to make a motion to approve our proposal. Our Leaders Dolores Huerta, Carlos Montes, and CA LULAC have all endorsed the proposal and we still have not been heard. Our history is intentionally being erased and no one is willing to take a stand.

I suggest the leaders take action now and retract the motion for the Oakwood Park name change and allow the Oakwood Park to remain the same. I also suggest that the proposal to designate a Chicano/A-Mexican History Month in the City of LA be approved.

Thank you.

Laura Ceballos  
Venice Community Organizer  
Seguimos Adelante

On Jun 22, 2022, at 6:46 PM, Francisco Juarez <

> wrote:

"Oakwood community is home to a rich and unique history that must be preserved for generations to come."

What part of this goal do you, Mr. Fleishman, escapes you?

Please be advised that the community will not tolerate any "divide and conquer" shenanigans.

Families of Color that have populated the neighborhoods surrounding Oakwood Park for several generations see through this "rush-to-name-a-park" tactic that is aimed to create tension.

In fact, you, your lame-duck boss, and whomever gets elected to this City Council district better realize that there is a deep-rooted Venice Neighborhood Unity, that does not include public servants or so-called neighborhood councils. The power-of-the-people is alive and well in Venice and knowledgeable of this misrepresentation.

We strongly suggest you go back to your drawing board and re-notify ALL of the public about this idea. Consider more names like Yniguez, Saenz, McCraw, Preciado but be open, timely, and fair about how you do it.

FJ

On Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 2:33 PM, Ruben Pacheco

> wrote:

Hello Noah,

My name is Ruben Pacheco. I am part of the Mexican American community in the Oakwood Area of Venice. My family have been stakeholders in Venice for nearly a century living on San Juan b/w Electric Ave. 5th and 6th, Sunset Ave, and Vernon Ave amongst a few streets where my family own/owned homes. I currently reside in the house my Great grandfather acquired in 1957 on Brooks. Generations of us grew up in the Oakwood area of Venice and have played sports, learned crafts, and raised our children at Oakwood Park. However, throughout the years our history is being stripped away, and in some cases become extinct by gentrification. Changing the name of Oakwood Park would be another action toward erasing our history and culture in Venice. Can't we honor these influential and notable African American figures in other ways rather than changing the name of our sacred Oakwood Park? The motion mentions "The Oakwood community is home to a rich and unique history that must be preserved for generations to come." How are we preserving history by replacing the name of Oakwood Park? I think changing the name would set new precedence between African American and Mexican American relations initiated by your office, since the Mexican American community was overlooked in this motion. How many community members would want this change? Why hasn't the broader community received any information about this motion? What is being done to bring awareness to the broader Oakwood community in regards to this significant issue?

Sincerely,  
Ruben Pacheco

On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 1:51 PM Laura Ceballos

> wrote:

Noah,

The Brown Community was excluded from the conversations and the Venice Community was not informed. There is a huge problem. This is going to cause disharmony between the black and brown community. The proper steps were not taken to get this approved. SHAME ON YOU! All our murals and history has been erased in the Venice. The Mexican Community has deep roots in the Oakwood Area and now you are erasing all that we have left.

Laura Ceballos  
Community Organizer

On Jun 21, 2022, at 1:12 PM, Noah Fleishman <[noah.fleishman@lacity.org](mailto:noah.fleishman@lacity.org)> wrote:

Laura,

The [motion](#) requesting the City Dept. of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to change the name of Oakwood Park was approved by the City Council a little less than a month ago. This is the start of the renaming process, not the end of it.

As further background, RAP staff will be gathering biographical information on Arthur Reese and Irving Tabor, then presenting the renaming proposal to the community at a meeting that is TBD, then get approval from the RAP Board of Commissioners Facility Repair and Maintenance Taskforce, then get approval from the full Board of RAP Commissioners. At each of the last three steps, there will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments.

If this still doesn't answer your questions, please feel free to use [THIS LINK](#) to schedule a call with me and I would be happy to talk with you further.

I'm looking forward to hearing back from you, and I hope you have a good rest of your week.

All the best,  
Noah Fleishman

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On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 9:14 AM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:

Hi Noah,  
Good Morning, thank you for responding. The matter is regarding the Oakwood Park name change. My phone number is Thank you.

Laura Ceballos

On Jun 21, 2022, at 9:10 AM, Noah Fleishman  
<[noah.fleishman@lacity.org](mailto:noah.fleishman@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hello Laura,

It is a pleasure to e-meet you.

Apologies that I was unable to call you last Friday, but I hope that you had a nice weekend.

I am the Councilmember's new District Director, not the new Venice Field Deputy, but I would be happy to help.

May you please let me know more about what the important matter is that you'd like to discuss?

All the best,  
Noah Fleishman

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On Fri, Jun 17, 2022 at 10:15 AM Laura Ceballos  
> wrote:

Hello Noah,

My name is Laura Ceballos and I am a Community Organizer in Venice. Tristen informed me that you are the new Venice Field Deputy. It is important that I speak with you. Please call me at . I will be available until noon. Thank you.

Laura Ceballos

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# CHICANO/A-MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The Chicano/A-Mexican American Community would like support from the LA City Council to acknowledge the historical attributes made by Mexicans and Mexican Americans by designating Chicano/a-Mexican American History Month from August 17 thru September 17.

Currently, there is a Hispanic Heritage Month also known as Latino Heritage Month from September the 15 to October the 15 that recognizes the contributions and influences of Americans with ancestors from across the Carribeans, Central and South America, and Spain. Although, Mexican Americans are included, many do not resonate with this Month. Throwing Chicano/A-Mexican American History into one whole group does not give its acknowledgement as it deserves. It only minimizes our history and does more harm in efforts to bring our history to light.

Chicano/A-Mexican Americans vibrant and rich history is embedded throughout the City of Los Angeles. It is a critical part of history in the birth of Los Angeles and California.

Chicano/a-Mexican American History needs to be celebrated and its history should not be forgotten. Chicano/A-Mexican American History is being erased and now more than ever should be commemorated.

Angelenos from all backgrounds can celebrate the hard work of our beloved Mexicans and Mexican Americans and celebrate the City of Los Angeles's diversity. This is a positive reflection of our history and culture that our youth can self identify with. It will encourage our youth to have pride in ones culture.

Please consider this request from the Mexican and Mexican American Community and give us the opportunity to celebrate our History and receive the recognition it deserves.

Thank you.

Best Regards,  
Laura Ceballos, MPA  
Community Organizer  
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homeless, we have been working on how to make  
 Venice safer largely inspired by this event. It must  
 be noted that such an effort and this article risk fur-  
 ther jeopardizing the safety of a vulnerable person.  
 It takes a profound level of bravery to allow this  
 story to be published.

When some of the so-called leaders in the region  
 are among the greatest perpetrators of harm, it is  
 a further reminder that our community is only as  
 safe as its most vulnerable members and a lot needs  
 to change. When we see patterns like allegations  
 against Jim Murez come up, we should take it  
 seriously (along with last month's article, multiple  
 allegations were listed in a July 2021 Venice Beach-  
 head). He should not be in any leadership role; not  
 in his current position as president of Venice Neigh-  
 borhood Council and operator of the only farmer's  
 market in Venice (where many of the allegations  
 take place), nor as a City elected official. He is tak-  
 ing space away from the leaders who could protect  
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Potrero Canyon entrance from Friends Street**

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 4:27 PM

To: Gary Pokoik <

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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 Thu, Jun 23, 2022 at 3:25 PM Gary Pokoik < > wrote:

I live a few blocks away from the proposed entrance on Friends Street and strongly support this entrance. I would find it burdensome to drive to the recreation center and try to find a parking spot if there was no Friends Street entrance. The Friends Street entrance would enable me and all my neighbors to walk to the park rather than have a very long walk or drive to the recreation center. I understand that homeowners who live near the Friends Street entrance maybe are opposed to the Friends Street entrance because of an increase of vehicle traffic or because their view of the canyon would be partially blocked but find these reasons not to be in the best interest of all the other homeowners in the Palisades who prefer a west entrance in addition to the recreation center entrance. A possible solution to homeowners near Friends Street would be to issue street parking permits to local residents or have alternate side of the street parking or no parking on certain days of the week.

Gary Pokoik

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**Re: Potrero Canyon needs more access than just from the Pali Rec Center Parking Lot!**

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 8:06 AM

To: Rocky Bowman < >  
Cc: " < >,"

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 10:58 AM Rocky Bowman < > wrote:

Dear Sirs,

I'm with David Card and Anya Wolfberg McCann who were recently mentioned in our local paper, THE PALISADIAN-POST, as leading the movement for more Potrero Canyon Park access than just the main parking lot for the upper Palisades Park.

I moved to the rim of Potrero Canyon in 1989 and have watched this park be built, ever so slowly. Decades ago, we (our local Potrero Canyon Park committee that the late Barbara Breger was our chairperson of) were told that the city never fences in it's Parks and that accessing the future Wolfberg Park would never be a problem. Now they are limiting access so much, that without warning, a month or two ago a city fence was built right up to the edge of my back gate so that I can't even open it anymore to access the park myself. The furthest I want to go to access the canyon would be walking to Friends Street on my side of the canyon a few blocks away. I certainly don't want to need to drive over to Palisades Park to park in the new expanded lot that is already jammed much of the time.

I just don't understand the point of LA City building neighborhood parks and then limiting access to them. Please reconsider. Thanks,

Rocky Bowman

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My new email is

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**Re: SCNC CIS Opposes NoHo Dog Park Unless Moved to North Section (CF 22-0139)**

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 28, 2022 at 7:27 AM

To: Jeffrey Hartwick <jhartwick@studiocitync.org>

Cc: Paul Krekorian <councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org>, karo.torossian@lacity.org, matt.hale@lacity.org,

aaron.ordower@lacity.org, lorraine.diaz@lacity.org, tiffany.zeytounian@lacity.org, Scott Mandell

, Barry Johnson

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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 Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 9:56 PM Jeffrey Hartwick <

wrote:

Dear Councilmember Krekorian and Recreation and Parks Commissioners:

Attached please find the Studio City Neighborhood Council's CIS/Motion opposing Council File 22-0139, the proposed North Hollywood Dog Park, **unless** the park is moved to the north section between Magnolia and Chandler.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Hartwick**

Corresponding Secretary  
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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0139 with respect to the location of a proposed Regional Dog Park at North Hollywood Park unless the dog park is moved near parking lots in the north section of the park between Magnolia Boulevard and Chandler Boulevard along the 170 Freeway. The current proposed south tip of the park has no parking area and is adjacent to parking impacted residential streets.

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