#### **INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT**

#### CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

April 20, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager

SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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

| From   |        | Action Taken                |
|--|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Various comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride                    | n/a    | Referred to General Manager |
|  |        |                             |
| 2) Joanne Sala comments on Pickleball at Palisades.                      | #9324a | Referred to General Manager |
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| 3) Jimmy Kim replies to VC No. 9324a.                                    | #9324b | Referred to General Manager |
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| 4) Jasmine Dowlatshahi replies to VC No. 9324a                           | #9324c | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Al Frakiel commente en Dicklohall et Delicados                        |        |                             |
| 5) AI Ezekiel comments on Pickleball at Palisades regarding VC No. 9324a | #9324d | Referred to General Manager |
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| 6) Jimmy Kim responds to AI Ezekiel and Joanne Sala                      |        | Referred to General Manager |
| regarding VC No. 9324a   | #9324e | 5                           |
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| 7) Joanne Sala following up on Pickleball Takeover at                    | #9324f | Referred to General Manager |
| Palisades Tennis Courts  |        |                             |
| 8) Donna Angelillo comments on Sepulveda Basin Off-                      |        | Referred to General Manager |
| Leash Dog Park versus Planned Bike Path.                                 | #9326  | Referred to General Manager |
|  |        |                             |
| 9) Ron Bitzer comments on Porter Ranch issues for                        | #9327  | Referred to General Manager |
| the Repair and Maintenance Task Force Agenda.                            | #9327  |                             |
|  |        |                             |
| 10) Mauro Garcia comments on graffiti at The                             | #9328  | Referred to General Manager |
| Sycamore Grove Park.   |        |                             |
| 11) Sue Pascoe comments regarding running news                           |        | Referred to General Manager |
| article on Commissioner Harper.  | #9329  | Referred to General Manager |
|  |        |                             |
| 12) Suriya Prasad email sends letter and petition to                     |        | Referred to General Manager |
| request permanent closure of a La Mirada Park                            | #9330  |                             |
| entrance.  |        |                             |

| 13) Desiree Ramirez forwards Suriya Prasad's email regarding La Mirada Park with petition attached.   | #9330a     | Referred to General Manager |
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| 14) Lindsay Mulcahy email sends letter from the Los<br>Angeles Conservancy addressed to California Coastal<br>Commission Chair Huckelbridge regarding the Venice<br>Lifeguard Station.                | #9331      | Referred to General Manager |
| 15) Lindsay Mulcahy email sends letter from the Los<br>Angeles Conservancy addressed to Los Angeles<br>County Supervisor Horvath, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District regarding the<br>Venice Lifeguard Station. | #9332      | Referred to General Manager |
| 16) Miriam Preissel comments on the Sepulveda Basin<br>Off-Leash Dog Park.  | #9333      | Referred to General Manager |
| 17) Carlos Jimenez sends letter regarding the Sepulveda Basin Sportsplex.   | #9334      | Referred to General Manager |
| 18) Juniper Chao comments on poor conditions of Cheviot Hills Tennis Center Pro Shop.   | #9335      | Referred to General Manager |
| 19) Mauro Garcia comments on gang graffiti at<br>Sycamore Grove Park  | #9336      | Referred to General Manager |
| 20) Carolyn Jordan emails Commissioner Halper<br>regarding ADA compliance issues at the Barrington<br>Recreation Center.  | #9337      | Referred to General Manager |
| 19) City Council Motion for RAP to report on curriculum-based self defense programming.   | #9338      | Note and File               |
| 20) City Council Motion regarding Echo Park Lake should have unhindered access to park during operating hours.  | #9339      | Note and File               |
| 21) Adham Taman comments regarding Elysian Park trashed over the Easter weekend.  | #9340      | Referred to General Manager |
| 22) Scott Froschauer comments regarding ar<br>installation in Griffith Park.  | t<br>#9341 | Referred to General Manager |

Prepared by Esther Alailima Semeatu, RAP Commission Office



## **Re: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Commission meeting 4.6.2023**

1 message

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

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 11:19 AM

Good Morning,

Cc: Lisa Baca <>

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

On Sat, Apr 8, 2023 at 3:42 PM Lisa Baca <> wrote:

Good Afternoon Commissioners:

I am submitting my comments regarding the General Public Comment MISINFORMATION to the RAP Commission on April 6, 2023. Please see the summary of the call below.

In an effort to advocate for a non animal model at the Griffith Park Pony Rides, there is misinformation campaign and personal attack on Steve Weeks, former vendor of the the Griffith Park Pony Rides, by the animal rights activist now on **every call**.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Equestrian Coalition, SUPPORTERS OF LIVE PONY MODEL AT GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES, I would like to clarify **FOR THE RECORD**:

The City of Los Angeles, the city veterinarian and the city staff including GM Jimmy Kim, have gone on record that there was neither neglect nor abuse found for any ponies at the Griffith Park Pony Rides.

The four ponies who passed away in 2022 have all been accounted for and it has been well established in the public record that all four ponies were all under the care of an equine vet at the time when they passed. One pony was retired and mid 30s and passed in their sleep from old age.

Please return the live ponies model to the Griffith Park Pony Rides as soon as possible. Families in Southern California, especially small kids under 7 years of age, should enjoy this one of a kind live animal experience in the City of Los Angeles at Griffith Park.

Thank you, Lisa Baca Los Angeles Equestrian Coalition

# RAP 4.6.2023 COMMISSION MEETING: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT CALLER ID: 323362x702

Audio Recording Time: 53:00 Another anti-pony person reading the same script about "demanding" a non-animal model, "for the safety of our community." <u>"So far we know of four elderly ponies that are dead,</u> but without knowing what happened to the <u>six missing ponies</u>, <u>we can't be certain of the actual number of dead ponies. Why has</u> <u>RAP</u>

**not looked into this?** Is it because it would look bad for the city of LA if we have ten dead ponies? Additionally, regarding the four ponies who died, we don't know if they were actually retired, because

Steve Weeks has a documented history of lying. He has misled the city with these ongoing lies. I'm here to demand a non-animal model."

City of Los Angeles Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners



#### Re: Why destroy the children's pony rides.?

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: <> Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 12:31 PM

Cc: LA Parks Public Information <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 11:37 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Paul Sonski** <> Date: Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 10:05 PM Subject: Why destroy the children's pony rides.? To: <<u>RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org</u>>

Dear LA Parks & 'Wrecks',

After 75 years why did you and the evil LA City Council have to destroy the last of a fun easy place to enjoy a rare unique experience away from phone screens?

Simple, low cost to all parents. Simple fun for kids. Selfish of you.

Your job is to make LA a better place to live. Now you both made it worse....

Paul

Department of Recreation and Parks Public Information Office Email: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org Phone: 213-202-2700 Website: www.laparks.org

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# Re: 2ND LETTER RE: PICKLEBALL AT PALISADES ON WEEKEND MORNINGS

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Joanne Sala <> Cc: park.services@lacity.org Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 2:27 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM Joanne Sala <> wrote: Again, I point out to you the outrageous cheek of this man, Vora Pong Nimual, to create a business on a public tennis court--and commandeer courts 7 and 8 on weekends for five hours at a time at the Palisades.

From his website:

Vora PONG Nimnual - USAPA Ambassador of Pacific Palisades

Week of April 3-9, 2023 Wed. 04/05/23Tentative since I may be out of town. Sat. 04/08/23: Court #7 & #8 from 8 am-1 pm.I plan to be there at 8 am to set up.Beginner's clinic at 9 am for a fee. Sun. 04/09/23: Court #8 from 1-6 pm.I plan to be there at 1 pm to set up.

**Palisades Recreation Center** 

851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

On Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 12:47 PM Joanne Sala <> wrote: > > To whom it may concern,

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- > I did not get a personal response or call to my letter of complaint
- > sent January 22, 2023, I'm including it again here below. Nothing has
- > changed, and the 30 to 40 pickle ball players who take over courts 7
- > (and now 8) on weekend mornings (with their own nets/group/payment
- > plan) has continued to flourish under your lack of consideration for
- > the basic intended use of the tennis courts, which is for TENNIS play

> only. >

- > I don't understand the continued mismanagement of the tennis court
- > facilities in the Pacific Palisades. With liveball taking up 4 courts
- > weekend mornings, and now pickle ball players squatting on courts 7
- > and 8, that leaves only 2 courts out of 8 for the general public to
- > reserve and use for regular tennis play on weekends. Is this really

> the highest and best use of a public tennis facility? Is it really

- > your intention to turn a blind eye to this matter? There are plenty
- > places for pickle ball players to set up nets. How about sending them
- > to an elementary school on weekends? Why don't they go back to
- > playing in front of the tennis booth where they were before? Why does

> another sport with completely different lines/nets/rules be allowed to

> infiltrate a public tennis facility?

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- > I think your lack of response (other than to say you received my
- > letter) is nothing short of appalling.

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- > I have also attached the website notice by the "ambassador of pickle
- > ball" who charges \$5 for each person to comes to the Palisades on
- > weekend mornings. He calls it a "donation," but clearly he's
- > profiting off of a public court and booking FIVE HOURS OF COURT TIME
- > PER SESSION.

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> And then there was this written in the Palisades Post (see below).

> Which begs the questions, is this true? Exactly who is on the

> Palisades Park Advisory Board, and why wasn't this discussed at any

> public meeting?

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> "USA Pickleball Association Ambassador Pong Nimnual and Palisades

- > resident Kane Phelps have almost achieved their goal of adding the
- > sport of Pickleball to the Pacific Palisades Recreation and Parks
- > system as reported by The Palisadian Post.

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> After a lot effort, Nimnual and Phelps have convinced the Pacific

> Palisades Park Advisory Board to vote in favor of converting one of

- > the Recreation Center's tennis courts into a hybrid court that would
- > allow pickleball matches and the Palisades Recreation Center will add
- > pickleball to their official spring program as of May 1.

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- > Kane Phelps said,"It has taken a lot ... of emails and phone calls, but
- > we have been able to put the Palisades forward as a template that
- > could be used to initiate the whole idea of converting tennis courts
- > for pickleball. We pushed it to another, higher level ... As a result of
- > that, we were able to get a commitment [from the City] ... They are
- > committed to creating a hybrid situation and ... I think that's a
- > success story."

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- > BELOW IS FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF PICKLEBALL'S WEBSITE, CLEARLY SHOWING
- > THEY HAVE BOOKED 5 HOURS OF COURT TIME (another rule violation) on TWO
- > COURTS for this coming Saturday and another FIVE HOURS on Sunday.
- > This flagrant use of a public tennis court and your lack of concern or
- > enforcement has only emboldened them.
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- > >
  - Vora PONG Nimnual USAPA Ambassador of Pacific Palisades
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- > Week of March 27 April 2, 2023
- > Wed. 03/29/23: Court #8 from 8 am-12 pm.Looks like rain again so no pickleball.
- > Sat. 04/01/23: Court #7 & #8 from 8 am-1 pm.I plan to be there at 8 am
- > to set up.2 spots left for Beginner's clinic with a fee.
- > Sun. 04/02/23: Court #8 from 1-6 pm.I plan to be there at 1 pm to set up.
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> Palisades Recreation Center

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- > 851 Alma Real Dr, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
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> > My letter from January 22nd is below: > > Dear Commissioner: > > I invite you to come to the Palisades public tennis courts on any > given weekend morning and see what your lax rules and terrible > decision-making has wrought on our tennis-playing community. WOULD > YOU LIKE TO SHARE OUTDOOR PLAYING SPACE with 35 to 40 people playing > pickle ball on ONE TENNIS COURT next to you? Would you? > > The tennis court reservation guidelines specifically state that the > tennis courts are to be used for "TENNIS ONLY," in addition to other > various rules we agree to about how many balls can be used on the > court, and that no private lessons are to be given, etc.. How is it > that the most basic rule that the courts are to be used for "tennis > only" is being willfully ignored by the department? How is it that > you're turning a blind eye and sanctioning the use of a public tennis > court for something other than tennis? > > Would you allow skateboarding on a tennis court? Rollerblading? Bike > riding? Bocce Ball? How about if I wheel in my ping pong table on > court 8 and play ping pong there all day? Would that be allowed? > According to you, it would. How about if I wheel in FOUR ping pong > tables, book the court all day, start a ping pong club, charge people > money for admission, and have 35 to 40 people stand around waiting to > play ping pong on court 8 all day on weekends? Would that be > allowed--because that is exactly what's going on with pickle ball > players. > > THIS MUST STOP. > > This pickle ball fad should not become a burden to the recreational > tennis player who, in my instance, has been playing on the LA City > courts for more than 30 years. As evidenced by the pickle ball > community who show up on site with their own nets, tape, paddles and > plastic balls, they can literally take their game and equipment > ANYWHERE where this is flat hard surface. Perhaps they should play on > the Palisades basketball court? How would that go over with those > players? Not well I imagine. Right? So why is it okay for a tennis > court to be used other than its intended purpose? > > YOUR CONDONING THIS GROUP MUST STOP. > > Joanne Sala > City of Los Angeles Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

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VC No. 9324b

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## **Re: PICKLEBALL TAKEOVER 3X A WEEK AT PALISADES PARK TENNIS COURTS**

1 message

#### Joanne Sala <>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 10:51 PM

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> Cc: Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>, anthony.gallo@lacity.org, RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org, sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org

Thank you. Much appreciated.

On Apr 3, 2023, at 9:44 PM, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Evening,

I am adding Jasmine D., Senior Director to help investigate with Anthony G.

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 4:29 PM Joanne Sala <> wrote: Dear Parks and Recs Representatives:

I send you this note in seeking a solution to the pickle ball takeover at the Palisades Recreation Center. I am left completely dumbfounded as to why 30-40 players in a pickle ball "club" have been given full access to courts 7 and 8 on primetime weekends on courts intended for tennis use as per LAMC 63.44 B-7--and how said "ambassador" of this club (Vora Pong Nimnual) is allowed to make a personal profit on city-owned property by asking his club members to provide a \$5.00 "donation" each time they play (on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday), and offers pickle ball lessons for a fee.

Is Pong Nimnual on the payroll? A personal friend? Is he fully sanctioned to run a club on city property? Has he taken out a permit and been allowed to book 10 hours of court time on Saturdays and 5 on Sundays? (Please see his website URL below which lists his upcoming courts/fee structure for this coming week).

If you've given him free reign to run a club on city property, please let me know because he seems very comfortable and confident that he has every right to take over these courts and even has a GIANT sign on his car advertising his Palisades pickle ball club.

If this has been fully sanctioned by (without any input from the tennis players who use the park ), then please let me know--but at least have the courtesy and decency to address my concerns below as there seems to be absolutely NO cooperation from the city to hear the tennis players' opinions as to how this has impacted the courts we actually play on. I've written to and advocated for those in park management to actually visit the Palisades tennis center during the times in question. I think it's time you get off your chairs and see what's actually happening on Saturday mornings at the tennis courts. While I know this may not be convenient for you, I urge you to see it all for yourselves.

While I fully grasp the popularity of the pickle sport, and that the city is desirous of having tennis and pickle ball co-exist in some kind of hybrid harmony as was written in a recent issue of the Palisades Post newspaper, my issues are as follows:

1) The takeover of the courts by dozens in a pickle ball club is placing an unfair burden on those of us who have been booking court time in advance. Courts 1- 4 at the Palisades on weekends are deemed un-reservable due to Liveball and private tennis lessons. Courts 5, 6, 7 and 8 have always been available to the general public to book one week in advance. Now that Pong Nimnual has been block booking (how, I do not know) courts 7 and 8 on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and court 8 on Sundays from 1:00 to 6:00, this effectively leaves just TWO courts for public use on Saturday mornings. Just two. This is placing an undue burden on booking court reservations in the manner in which they are intended. Please re-read this. There are 8 tennis courts at the Palisades. Only TWO are available to be booked for actual recreational tennis use on Saturday mornings by a very active tennis playing community.

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My list of grievances could go on and on--but the underlying factor is that this issue has seemingly been ignored, and this pickle ball club has been given full axis to the tennis courts for large blocks of primetime hours. It's been extremely thoughtless and careless--made worse by the lack of response from your department.

Please see Pong's pickle ball website. He updates this weekly. He never seems to have any issue booking 10 hours of court time on Saturday and 5 hours on Sundays, whereas I have a hard time just booking two hours of court time because your reservation system crashes often and is not really built to handle the vast number of users at any one time. Even when I captained USTA teams, we were restricted by when we could book court time by permit. We were never allowed to have our USTA matches during primetime weekend mornings. This pickle ball take over is such a gross abuse of the tennis facility. I simply don't understand it.

Thank you for consideration,

Joanne Sala

Below is Pong's link to his website.



VC No. 9324c

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 11:13 PM

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Cc: Joanne Sala <>, anthony.gallo@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org

Good Evening Jimmy

Pong is completely out of hand. He's found a loophole in the system and is abusing it. Patrons are constantly complaining about him and his illegal classes and tournaments. I've been telling Park Services this for some time now. Ideally it would be great to have him banned from the park and have some sort of punishment for all the money he has collected illegally. We need rules set in place regarding the courts and signs made. If Park Services is going to permit the courts during non permit hours there should be staff onsite. Perhaps they can charge a staffing fee for those permits. Pickleball should only be conducted through the Tennis Center. So it's regulated.

Pickleball unfortunately isn't a great idea to have at a park like Palisades since homes are so close to the park. There's always someone who's going to be upset. I say just let the Tennis Center (the Concessioner) run Pickleball on his courts 1 & 2. He will put down rubber lines and offer lessons, leagues and open play until 2pm daily. That is monitored by his staff. I will continue to have the indoors available on Mondays and Fridays. I hope that Anthony will no longer issue Pong permits.

A few points I wanted to make regarding our discussion last week. I learned during our call that we have three full time Maintenance staff. I don't think Maintence should be included in consideration if we add a third full time Recreation Director. As Maintence isnt helping us with anything regarding programming. Using Cheviot Hills as an example they have three full time staff and even a Admin Clerk. They are flourishing and extremely successful. We can do the same! Let me know if you'd like to have another zoom meeting this week.

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#### **Re: Pickle ball on tennis courts**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: AI Ezekiel <> Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 11:33 AM

Cc: RAP Park Services <park.services@lacity.org>, Anthony Gallo <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>, Joseph Cortez <joseph.cortez@lacity.org>, Brian Looby <brian.looby@lacity.org>

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1 message

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1 message

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Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 4:56 PM

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### **Re: Pickleball Takeover at Palisades Tennis Courts**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Joanne Sala <> Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 10:28 AM

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1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Donna Angelillo <> Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 8:45 AM

Good Morning Ms. Angelillo,

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

On Sun, Apr 2, 2023 at 4:40 PM Donna Angelillo <> wrote: April 2, 2023

Commissioners:

We are on our way to 1,500! Sepulveda Dog park update! The petition is already over 1,200! We dig up more pertinent info every day.

We recently found Recs and Parks dog park guidelines, which a property has to pass before a dog park can be build. They are not built next to another active recreational activity where they may cause conflicts. Our park was set back from victory with those limitations.

The money is coming from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Measure M) funds have committed \$60 million. measure m (metro) and the ATP (Active Transportation Cycle 4 funds) \$19 million. Our basic one is that no dog parks were ever built never to another active recreational activity. They purposely do not build dog parks against things like this that may cause conflicts.

Dogs have barrier frustration just walk down your street at night, if there's a fence you see their noses, they chase wheels even the sound will cause running, digging, there will be e-bikes, skateboards, kids (we know how we have to watch dogs when there are kids).

Our dog park was set back from Victory with the limitations that Recs and park has and that went out the window with this path. We already have two paths.There is a south side. Realistically maybe we won't stop this but we can get it moved.

Parking, we will lose parking now because of the plumbing metal tops that are being run over near the emergency entrance to the timid side. Mixing the two recreational uses will cause conflict.

We also know that bike paths have become a magnet for encampments. People in Reseda try and get volunteers to go pick up the hypodermic needles and human waste once a month.

Law enforcement can't just drive down this path and it goes into the area that was burned to the ground in 2019. Firemen had to back off because of the propane tanks exploding. We are the area with the most trees left in this stretch because fires burned down the rest. The whole wildlife area was burned to the ground last year. When I went to talk to the fire department last Wednesday they said there was one that morning on the south side near the ball fields.

There are already 2 bike paths one on Victory and one on Oxnard. Use that money for something else. How about fixing up our fantastic dog park.

Plus, this was decided without community input. They are trying to unravel the deals Nury Martinez made, they call them the backdoor deals and ours looks like one that the whole city council did behind our backs. At one Encino Neighborhood council parks meeting I went to last May, they knew nothing. I find out one of the guys on that committee, Glenn Bailey, has been on the bicycle advisory committee since Eric Garcetti appointed him. Conflict of interest? Yep!

#### 4/3/23, 8:46 AM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park v Planned bike path

Which brings us to encampment fires. We have learned that bike paths have become magnets for encampments. People in reseda try and get volunteers to pick up the trash, hypodermic needles and human waste once a month. Law enforcement can't just drive down this path to patrol and it goes into the area that was burned to the ground in 2019. Firemen had to back off because of the exploding propane tanks. We are the area with the most trees left in this stretch as fires burned down the rest. The whole wildlife area was burned to the ground last year by propane stove tanks used in the encampments. When I went to talk to the fire department last Wednesday, they said there was a fire that very morning on the south side near the ball field.

Plus, this was decided without community input. They are trying to unravel the deals Nury Martinez made, they call them the backdoor deals and ours looks like one that the whole city council did behind our backs. It never went through our neighborhood councils. Doesn't feel like how a democracy should work.

I voted for you. Please help!

Donna Angelillo

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#### Re: Porter Ranch Issues for Repair & Maintenance Task Force Agenda

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Ron Bitzer <> Cc: "erich.king@lacity.org" <erich.king@lacity.org>, Ron Bitzer <> Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 8:53 AM

Good Morning Mr. Bitzer,

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

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 8:46 AM Ron Bitzer <> wrote: Please accept my attached public commentary about pending RAP issues. This is not a public records request. Ron Bitzer, North Hollywood

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Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Los Angeles, CA 90012 April 3, 2023 RE: Porter Ranch Sesnon Property

Sir / Madam:

At issue for the **Facilities Repair and Maintenance Task Force** (April 6, 2023, meeting) is more than naming opportunities for the Porter Ranch Sesnon Property in memory of community leaders as requested by John Lee, Councilmember for CD#12.

At issue are also the revised plans for the 50.11 acre park site; "The Office of Council District 12 has also reviewed the revised plans and approves of the changes to the scope of work," RAP Board Report 22-111, May 5, 2022, Porter Ranch – Approval of Revised Plans for Porter Ranch Sesnon Property Project, p. 4. Trees and shade were included in the Board of Commissioners' approval of the May 5, 2022, Board Report, but are missing from the April 6, 2023, Task Force Report, which provides a summary of the May 5, 2022, "revised final plans."

Those revised final plans include the following:

Per Report No. 18-193, the Project proposes to plant over 750 trees with box sizes varying from 24 inches to 72 inches ... The project will also install multiple shade structures throughout the site ... RAP Board Report 22-111, May 5, 2022, Porter Ranch – Approval of Revised Plans for Porter Ranch Sesnon Property Project, p. 4.

The May 5, 2022, Board Report names "primary changes" to this park plan, namely "other material and specification changes" (without naming them) and "removal of the splash pad," RAP Board Report 22-111, May 5, 2022, Porter Ranch – Approval of Revised Plans for Porter Ranch Sesnon Property Project, p. 3. No removal of the 750 tree Quimby Fee plan has been referenced or subjected to Board of Commissioners scrutiny in the public arena, and should be included in the April 6, 2023, scope of work in the Task Force Report for this Quimby Fee project. Do you agree? If not, why, please?

# Example of Expertise of Porter Ranch Development Company Expertise In Tree Planning

**Quimby Fee Agreement** .... The December 22, 1993, City Council approval of "appropriate Quimby on the development" included a 14 acre parcel at the southeast corner of Porter Ranch Drive and Sesnon Blvd. to be developed and improved as a park site, Porter Ranch Development Agreement, CF 99-092-S3, p. 43.

Very truly your, Ron Bitzer





# **Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Garcia Incareal <> Cc: Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org> Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 10:42 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, Apr 3, 2023 at 9:36 AM Garcia Incareal <> wrote: APRIL 3

Council member Eunisses Hernandez The Sycamore Grove Park is full of graffiti Attach are pictures of some of the locations. Mauro Garcia

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### Re: Joe Halper

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Sue Pascoe <> Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 1:46 PM

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 12:23 PM Sue Pascoe <> wrote:

Hi--I thought you might like to read a story about Mr. Halper than I'm running tonight on Circling the News. Sue Pascoe--Editor

Joe Halper Will Retire from Board of Commissioners

Palisadian Joe Halper, who has been on the Board of Commissioners for L.A. Recreation and Parks for almost five years, is retiring. This is a loss for Los Angeles.

Halper, 93, told Circling the News, "it is time."

Appointed by the Mayor, he and four other colleagues, routinely read staff reports, ask questions and vote on proposals.

The five, all volunteers, spend time familiarizing themselves with expenditures, park improvements and reading reports generated by projects in the city's 480 parks. The commissioners serve as a civilian oversight committee.

Halper, who was born and raised in a poor neighborhood in the South Bronx in New York City, has championed for the underprivileged that live in low-income areas in Los Angeles.

"Forty percent of the city don't have any local walking-distance parks," he says. "It's an equity issue."

Under former RAP director Michael Schull and former LAUSD Superintendent Austin Beutner, Halper worked to open up school grounds as parks, to serve as a "community health system."

Even though Covid stopped progress, Halper has not given up.

He has continued the fight for children who have no place outside to play. At the last RAP meeting in March, Halper said, "We're not serving one-third of the City. We need to look at the school grounds and figure out how we make them more parklike.

"We need to start designing and exploring the costs," Halper said. "We need to do this if we are going to help the underserved."

One of Halper's first jobs was as a lifeguard at Coney Island. He later served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. He co-wrote the textbooks "The Crisis in Urban Recreational Services" and "Strategic Recreation Management." City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Joe Halper

Halper and his wife Arline moved to the Highlands in 1972 from New York, when he was hired as director of the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation.

He has received many honors such as being a member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the L.A. County representative to the USOC for the Olympics in 1984 and even a Swedish knighthood. He also received a proclamation from the LA County Board of Supervisors for his saving of millions of dollars after the budget cuts resulting from Proposition 13.

He is past president of the Palisades Democratic Club. A Korean War veteran, he's a member of both American Legion Post 283 as a Post 118 of the Jewish War Veterans.

Prior to serving on RAP, he served seven years on the West L.A. Planning Commission. He was selected as the 2021 Palisades Fourth of July Parade co-parade marshal.

Halper not only works in recreation, he also practices it as a life endeavor. An avid skier ("until my wife took my poles away"), he continues to play tennis with a group of friends, and twice completed the Alcatraz Swim with his sons, swimming 1.2 miles from Alcatraz to shore at ages 80 and 85.

Eventually, someone will be appointed to take Halper's place on the commission, but it will be nearly impossible to replace his experience and his commitment to justice.

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### Re: Letter and petition for Board of Rec and Park Commissioners

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Suriya Prasad <> Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 7:21 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 4:31 PM Suriya Prasad <> wrote:

Please see two attachments to be forward to members of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners. The first attachment is a cover letter, while the second attachment is an 11-page petition referenced in the cover letter.

Thank you.

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April 4, 2023

Doug Haines, and neighbors of La Mirada Park P.O. Box 93596 Los Angeles, CA 90093-0596

Los Angeles City Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners 221 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Commission members:

#### Re: Request for permanent closure of an entrance to La Mirada Park

There is a pocket park in our Hollywood neighborhood called La Mirada Park, which is located at 5401 La Mirada Ave., at the intersection of Serrano Ave.

Our community agreed to have La Mirada Park constructed about 12 years ago on the city's promise that the park would be safe and not become another magnet for criminal activity, like Lexington Park and other pocket parks throughout the city.

However, since pocket parks are not supervised, our community has had to essentially provide La Mirada Park with constant security. We paid almost \$10,000 to install a professional surveillance camera system to monitor the park, and for three years put up \$5,000 a month for a former LAPD officer to patrol the area around the park. Neighbors also constantly clean the park, mow the grass when the city cannot, and make certain that no problems hang around the park at closing time.

An issue has come up, however, that is threatening La Mirada Park's security. Unlike any other pocket park that we are aware of except Selma Park, La Mirada Park has two entrances, one on La Mirada Ave. and the other on Serrano Ave. This has created a number of problems for our community for two reasons: First, parents sitting on the north side of the park where the picnic tables are located cannot clearly see their children if they run out of the southern entrance onto busy La Mirada Ave. The second issue is that due to our location near the 101 Freeway, drug addicts constantly wander the neighborhood looking for a place to get a fix. The La Mirada Ave. entrance is highly visible while the Serrano Ave. entrance is not, meaning that most addicts think the park is closed if the La Mirada door is locked. Note that Lexington Park is just two blocks away, where drug sales and gang activity are a constant source of trouble.

When La Mirada Park was reopened after the pandemic, Rec and Parks left the La Mirada Ave. entrance locked, and we noticed a huge difference in safety at the park. Parents suddenly felt secure that they could let their kids run around in the park without worrying that they would go onto the street, or be grabbed by a pedophile. We also noticed a significant reduction in the number of troublemakers entering the park.

Over the past several weeks, however, one person who rarely uses the park has been complaining to this department that the La Mirada Ave. entrance must always be open. Rec and

Parks maintenance staff have therefore been pressured to keep both entrances open, even though the park is only 7,500 sq. ft. and other, larger pocket parks have only one entrance. Please also note that Selma Park has its second entrance permanently locked, so our community doesn't understand why La Mirada Park cannot be treated the same.

In response to the lock being removed from the La Mirada Ave. entrance, we are attaching a petition of 100 signatures collected just this weekend showing that the people who use the park and live in this neighborhood overwhelmingly want the La Mirada door immediately and permanently closed. We hope that you will support us in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

**Doug Haines** 

Attachment: 11 pages of petition signatures

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### Re: Request to permanently lock an entrance to La Mirada Park

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org> Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 4:03 PM

Hi Desiree,

Received, thank you. She also sent us an email notification on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 4:31PM (VC No. 9330). Please see attached.

Thank you.

On Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 3:34 PM Desiree Ramirez <<u>desiree.ramirez@lacity.org</u>> wrote: | FYI

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Suriya Prasad** <> Date: Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 8:50 AM Subject: Request to permanently lock an entrance to La Mirada Park To: desiree.ramirez@lacity.org <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

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parks have only one entrance. Please note that Selma Park has its second entrance permanently locked, so we don't understand why La Mirada Park can't be treated the same.

In response to the lock being removed from the La Mirada Ave. entrance, we are attaching a petition collected just this weekend showing that the people who use the park and live in this neighborhood overwhelmingly want that door permanently closed. We hope that you will support us in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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### **Re: Venice Lifeguard Station**

1 message

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

Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 2:03 PM

To: Lindsay Mulcahy <>

Cc: "Kate.Huckelbridge@coastal.ca.gov" <Kate.Huckelbridge@coastal.ca.gov>, Adrian Fine <afine@laconservancy.org>, "Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov" <Steve.Hudson@coastal.ca.gov>, "Shannon.Vaughn@coastal.ca.gov" <Shannon.Vaughn@coastal.ca.gov>, "chloe.seifert@coastal.ca.gov" <chloe.seifert@coastal.ca.gov>, "gjones@bh.lacounty.gov" <gjones@bh.lacounty.gov>, "wontiveros@bh.lacounty.gov" <wontiveros@bh.lacounty.gov>, "Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org" <Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org>, "Darryl.Ford@lacity.org" <Darryl.Ford@lacity.org>, "ssioufi@dpw.lacounty.gov" <ssioufi@dpw.lacounty.gov>, "lambert.giessinger@lacity.org" <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>, "ira.brown@lacity.org" <ira.brown@lacity.org>, "Senator.Allen@Senate.ca.gov" <Senator.Allen@senate.ca.gov>, "Jake.Ettinger@sen.ca.gov" <Jake.Ettinger@sen.ca.gov>, "dedwards@planning.lacounty.gov" <dedwards@planning.lacounty.gov>, "hydee.feldsteinsoto@lacity.org" <hydee.feldsteinsoto@lacity.org>, "James Murez"<>, Preserving Public Places VNC Committee <>,"thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov" thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Good Afternoon,

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

On Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 1:07 PM Lindsay Mulcahy <> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Huckelbridge,

Please see the attached letter from the Los Angeles Conservancy regarding the Venice Lifeguard Station at 2300 S. Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA. We respectfully request a meeting with your staff to discuss the issue further and determine how we might best proceed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Lindsay Mulcahy

### Lindsay Mulcahy

Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

Los Angeles Conservancy

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April 5, 2023

#### Submitted Electronically

Kate Huckelbridge Chair, California Coastal Commission California Coastal Commission 301 E Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802 Email: <u>Kate.Huckelbridge@coastal.ca.gov</u>

# RE: Venice Lifeguard Station (2300 S. Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA, 90219)

Dear Commission Chair Huckelbridge,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, I am writing to request the Coastal Commission rescind the De Minimus Waiver issued for demolition at the Venice Lifeguard Station at 2300 South Ocean Front Walk.

SurveyLA identified the Venice Lifeguard Station as a "[r]are example of a lifeguard station headquarters building in Venice; appears to be the only example along this stretch of the beach." The Lifeguard Station was designed for the City of Los Angeles in 1968 by the Los Angeles-based architectural firm Prescott, Whalley, and Weit and the esteemed landscape architecture firm Cornell, Bridgers, and Troller. The building is an excellent example of Mid-Century institutional development, with a hexagonal first story and a two-story central tower. The 40-foot tower, also hexagonal in shape with a third story observation deck, is the building's most distinctive feature. It served as the Venice Lifeguard Headquarters from 1968 to 1975 when the Joint Powers Agreement was established, then as the County Lifeguard Headquarters from 1975 to 2017.

In their application, the Los Angeles County of Beaches and Harbors stating that the building is "County-owned" and the central tower has "reached the end of its development lifecycle." According to the Joint Powers Agreement, the Lifeguard Station is owned by the City, which it leases to the County along with three other City-owned lifeguard stations for one dollar a year. Numerous community members along with Council District representative Traci Park have contested the second claim that the tower is at the end of its lifecycle. According to the County-issued 2014 Building Assessment Report, the Venice Lifeguard station was found to be in need of structural repairs due to dry rot on the observation at the floor and roof. However, the Report recommended rehabilitation rather than demolition. Since the 2014 report, the County Department of Beaches and Harbors deferred maintenance and repairs on the structure and instead filed permits for demolition.



Due to contested claims of the County in their permit, we ask that the Coastal Commission rescind the De Minimus Waiver for partial demolition of the Venice Lifeguard Station. We request a meeting with your staff to discuss this issue further and to determine how we might best proceed.

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### **Re: Venice Lifeguard Station**

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Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 2:04 PM

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Best,

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April 5, 2023

#### **Submitted Electronically**

Lindsey Horvath Los Angeles County Supervisor, Third District Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 500 W Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 Email: thirddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

# RE: Venice Lifeguard Station (2300 S. Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA, 90219)

Dear Supervisor Horvath,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, I am writing to request an updated repairs assessment for the Venice Lifeguard Station at 2300 South Ocean Front Walk.

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In 2014, the County of Los Angeles commissioned a Building Assessment Report for the Venice Lifeguard Station. The report identified the need for structural, electrical, and mechanical and plumbing repairs. Since that report, the County Department of Beaches and Harbors deferred maintenance and repairs and instead filed for a De Minimus Waiver from the Coastal Commission to demolish the second and third story of the tower, stating that the building is "County-owned" and the tower has "reached the end of its development lifecycle." According to the Joint Powers Agreement, the Lifeguard Station is owned by the City, which it leases to the County along with three other City-owned lifeguard stations for one dollar a year. Moreover, while the 2014 Building Assessment Report did recommend structural repair due to dry rot on the observation at the floor and roof, it did not recommend demolition, but rather rehabilitation.



In 2022, advocates for the Lifeguard Station and its preservation and reuse prompted the City's Recreation and Park Facilities and Maintenance Task Force to defer the County's demolition permit. Due to outpouring of community support for preservation and the historic significance of the Venice Lifeguard Station, we ask the County to commission an updated Building Assessment Report. As the entity entitled to oversee maintenance of the Venice Lifeguard Tower, we strongly urge the County to prioritize building rehabilitation and implement resulting recommendations from the reassessment to preserve the Venice Lifeguard Tower.

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### Re: Agenda request

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Miriam Preissel <> Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 6:57 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 11:58 PM Miriam Preissel <> wrote:

This is a breakdown sheet of all our points that can be shared as additional information beyond our public comments if this can be shared with all the commissioners.

Best Regards,

Miriam Preissel

On Apr 5, 2023, at 8:58 AM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

The board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners is reaching out to you to see if you would like to provide comments at the Board meeting via public comment. I have included the link to our meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m.

Hi there,

Agenda: https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2023/apr06/RAP% 20MEETING%20AGENDA%204-6-23.pdf

Various Communications: https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2023/ apr06/Information%20Report%20Log%20with%20VC%20Numbers%204-6-2023.pdf

You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Apr 6, 2023 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Topic: RAP Board of Commissioners Meeting 4-6-23 @ Friendship Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.

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On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 8:02 AM Dog Park <sepulvedadogpark@gmail.com> wrote:

#### City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Agenda request

I would like to request to be out on the agenda for April 6th. The Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park would like to ask for the Dept of Recreation and Parks to consider supporting the only dog park in the west San Fernando Valley in requesting that the LA River Bike path not use our park as a hub. We have inadequate parking as is well known, having to park on grass overflow during peek times and do not have enough parking to share or expand. This is a plan that looks to complete 51 miles of bike path while there are two existing in this area and room on the other side of the river instead of putting it against our park. Please consider supporting our park that serves over 800,000, is the only dog park in the basin and the entire west Valley.

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Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park (501c3)

Arguments against the portion of the "Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway & Greenway Project - Vanalden Avenue to Balboa Boulevard" (<u>https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/la-river-valley-bikeway-and-greenway</u>) that would run along the south side fence of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park and compromise parking for dog park patrons. The link to our petition is: <u>https://www.change.org/PreservetheSepulvedaDogPark</u>

\*Loss of a minimum of 4,200 sq. ft of park space and the mature shade trees within that space

\*The Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park" (SBOLDP) is the only dog park in three Council Districts (CD). CD6, CD3 and CD12 & part of CD4, serving approximately 876,000 people

\*The community, not only the dog park community but the entire Council District 6 we found has no memory of public meetings. BOE put an ad in the LA Times for one month. Comment was directly requested from "people of interest" which does not appear to have been a serious attempt at public input. This was not offered to the Lake Balboa, Encino Neighborhood Council or any other NC we have talked to have on their agenda for review.

\*2 bike paths already exist parallel to this dog park; one is less than 100 feet away. Victory Blvd and Oxnard St along the bus line.

\*Disruptive construction for an unspecified amount of time.

\*Parking should not be shared with a second recreation use as we are limited and use the grass overflow during peak times already. Wayne Neal, the Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II for Recreation and Parks confirmed this to Jonah Glickman the District Director of CD6 (Attachment 1)

\* Barrier frustration at fences is a reality for anyone taking a walk in their own neighborhood. Dogs will chase, bark, dig and some will even jump the fence. Any bike, motorized bike, skateboard or a toddler running are triggers, this is not safe for the dogs or the people using the bike path and creates a safety hazard.

\*The answer to the visual issue of Barrier Frustration are tall opaque fences which would block the view to the south diminishing the experience for park patrons.

\*Access gate to/from the bike path is planned to be located at the end of the SBOLDP parking lot, adding new foot and bike traffic unrelated to people entering

and exiting the dog park with their dogs. A dog that turns to run at a wheel or skateboard can pull our elderly to the ground.

\*Loss of one agility course built as an Eagle Scout project which took 8 years to get approval and actualize without donations from outside of our park.

\*Encampments and fires. Bike paths have become magnets for encampments. There was a fire last Wednesday morning in an encampment on the southeast side near the ballfields. The area next to the armory went up in flames in 2019 losing every tree in that area, along with last year's Wildlife area. Our park has the most trees left in this area. We also have porta potties that will be the only outlet for the homeless. We feel like this would be a matter of time that a park unattended at night would have this problem.

\*Enforcement is an issue. This has created a problem on the paths from Canoga Park to Reseda. Community volunteers, the "River Walkers" organized to pick up hypodermic needles and human waste. It states in Council File: 19-0884

"Local community members have raised concerns that if design and oversight/enforcement are not improved now, the River will continue to decline and they intend to oppose future investments in parks and downstream improvements."

The motion requested that MRCA (The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority) Rangers be brought in to patrol the path. "\$650,000 was allocated from the Council Community Projects line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 and designated for 'MRCA River Rangers', in Council File: 22-1034) This is ONLY a solution for CD3. This would have to be readdressed by the new Councilmember for CD6.

\*Recreation and Parks follow the County of Los Angeles "Park Design Guidelines and Standards" which states that the standards for finding areas to build dog parks: <u>https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dpr/1029701\_ParkDesignGuideline2017.pdf</u>

b. Must be placed on property that is not currently developed for recreational use and/or in areas of parks that are not heavily used for other recreational activities so as to reduce the potential for conflict.

c. It must not displace another organized recreational use or unstructured use in a park given the County's limited park resources and need for active recreation and passive open space areas.

d. It must have sufficient adjacent parking, preferable off street, that does not require users to cross a street.

What is odd is that this path is on the south side before White Oak Ave. changes sides to the north against our park and then back to the South side at Balboa Blvd. One of the problems with staying on the south is that O'Malley Field was allowed to be built over the access path. The most common-sense change would be staying on the South side (avoiding the dog park) then cross over to the north at the bus overpass half way to Balboa. That would avoid the dog park as well as O'Malley field. Everyone wins!

#### Attachments:

- 1. Wayne Neal Dept. of Recreation and Parks
- 2. Jonah Glickman District Director CD6
- 3. Tarzana CIS

Attachment 1: Wayne Neal Dept. of Recreation and Parks 03/31/2023

#### Jonah, Good Day

Just for your awareness the parking lot at the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park is at its peak, especially on the weekends with patrons parking their cars in unauthorized areas on the turf which causes park damage to the irrigation valves and turf. I would not recommend any additional recreational concepts that would attract additional vehicles to the parking lot. You may want to notify Miriam as this was an issue in the last meeting.

Thank You

Wayne Neal Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks Valley Region Maintenance Office: (818) 756-8189 Email: <u>Wayne.neal@lacity.org</u>

# Attachment 2: Letter from Jonah Glickman District Director CD6 04/03/2023

### Hi Miriam,

I hope you are doing well. Council District Six has been hearing from a number of constituents and stakeholders who have concerns with the current plan to construct a bike path on the north bank of the LA River in the Sepulveda Basin between White Oak and Balboa. This is part of a larger project but the segment of the bike path from White Oak to Balboa is within CD6.

I am supporting the community in their efforts to find out more information about this project and I have been trying to address their concerns at a number of levels. I am having conversations with the Bureau of Engineering, Rec and Parks, US Army Corps of Engineers, Council Districts 3 and 4, Neighborhood Councils and other community stakeholders and governmental agencies.

The City Council already voted last year to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project and I am being told that any changes to the location of the bike path are not feasible at this time. However, I am still exploring options for additional community engagement and feedback on this project. I continue to support the community in investigating these concerns.

Sincerely, Jonah

Jonah Glickman District Director Sixth Council District 14410 Sylvan St. Suite 215 Van Nuys, CA 91401 P: (818) 778-4999



Attachment 3. Tarzana CIS Council File 22-0247 03/26/2023 Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at <u>NCSupport@lacity.org</u>.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

Contact Information Neighborhood Council: Tarzana Neighborhood Council Name: Jeffrey Mausner Phone Number: 310-617-8100 Email: j.mausner@tarzananc.org The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0) Date of NC Board Action: 03/28/2023 Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information Date: 03/29/2023 Update to a Previous Input: No Directed To: City Council and Committees Council File Number: 22-0247 Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: The Tarzana Neighborhood Council Board adopts the Animal Welfare Committee's request to file a Community Impact Statement regarding City Council File 22-0247 as it pertains to the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park as follows: We are against the portion of the Council File that may pertain to the Dog Park unless it is amended as follows: 1. None of the land of the Dog Park is to be taken for the bike path. 2. No trees, especially shade trees, in or adjacent to the Dog Park are removed. 3. The Dog Park is not closed during construction. 4. The bike path has sufficient separation from the Dog Park so that dogs in the park will not chase bikes along the fence line, causing injury to other dogs or people in the Dog Park or adjacent to it. 5. For safety purposes the parking lot for the Dog Park should be separated by fencing, without a gate, from any current or future bike path. 6. Because dog owners want to use the Dog Park after they get home from work lights should be installed. 7. It is further recommended that before any plan for the bike path is approved and before construction begins, users of the Dog Park, the organization Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park, as well as the impacted Neighborhood Councils, should be given an opportunity to provide input, at a town hall or other meeting. Hundreds of local residents regularly use the Dog Park and have not been given an adequate opportunity to provide input. There are alternatives to the current plan which have been developed by users of the Dog Park, such as continuing the bike path south of the Los Angeles River, which have not been given a hearing.

We love Softball weekends. Every Monday comes along and all we talk about is when we are going to play our next game. The Sepulveda Basin Sportsplex is our sanctuary. It is an epicenter of family fun, companionship, competition, and solace. It serves a community that looks to relieve their stress, meet new people, socialize, cheer, and maintain positive mental and physical health vibes.

I have been playing softball for about 7 years now and over the years the park has slowly deteriorated into what was once a safe, well-maintained, healthy park. The fields have become littered with gofer holes which consequently became a serious safety hazard. There have been enough injuries including to myself where I tore an ankle ligament and a meniscus attempting to catch a flyball. It took 3 surgeries to allow me to continue my healthy lifestyle with no pain. But this would have never happened if the field had been maintained. Incurring risk as a player is eminent, but the field environment should be free from unsafe circumstances. There are also many children wandering who are at risk of getting injured just by walking outside of the field. The gopher holes extend out to the very front of premises!

Please fix the park.

Best,

**Carlos M Jimenez** 



# **Re: Poor Conditions of Cheviot Hills Tennis Center Pro Shop**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Juniper C <> Cc: Lisa Waltz <>, Gerald Chao <>, <> Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 10:36 AM

Good Morning,

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

#### On Fri, Apr 7, 2023 at 3:29 PM Juniper C <> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Juniper Chao, and I am a student at Cheviot Hills Tennis Center. I have been playing tennis there for almost two years and really like it there. Now you are probably wondering what the purpose of this email is. Let me tell you. I was hoping that you could help the tennis center get the pro shop renovated as soon as possible.

My understanding is that it may be undergoing the design process, but am hoping you could, perhaps, push the project to move as fast as possible as I believe that having a usable pro shop would be beneficial to everyone that uses the facilities. There are 14 courts that are always in use by the community, including Loyola High School for their varsity tennis practice. The 4 "procourts" are where my tennis coaches do live-ball with adults and classes and academy with us kids. There are UTR matches every Saturday morning for kids that take classes at Cheviot as well as elsewhere. We also do team tennis at the courts, and often host teams from other tennis programs, such as the Hillcrest Country club, and hold regional tournaments between teams across LA and Orange county. It makes sense for us to have an actual pro shop that this large community of tennis players can use to get drinks, snacks, get rackets strung, and even buy rackets and supplies.

Since I started learning tennis at Cheviot, there hasn't really been much of a pro shop as one would find at other tennis centers. The current "Pro Shop" is a shipping container, with a door, where someone can answer calls and emails out of. There is a mini fridge with bottled water you can purchase, if you know about it. There is only one thing that indicates that there is anything in the "shop", the sign on the door reading "pro shop". Two years ago when my dad first met the head coach, Coach Ish was so excited about the fact that they might get their old, run-down, pro shop fixed. The old pro shop has been closed as long as I have been there due to structural problems (7 years and counting to be exact), with the shipping container acting as the pro shop. Coach Ish's hope was to get a new shop by the 2028 Olympics so that the newly resurfaced courts could be a place where the Olympic tennis athletes could practice.

That was over two years ago. Just before I started playing at Cheviot, the pro shop shipping container kept being robbed and because of this the coaches moved everything out of the shop. This resulted in the attempted robberies stopping so they moved things back in but people started trying to rob the shop again. Luckily I have not heard of robberies happening recently, but the shop is incredibly banged up due to that experience. One of the windows is shattered and still hasn't been fixed and the door is severely dented and difficult to lock. The old pro shop the coaches used before the shipping container is also in incredibly bad shape. The roof leaks, paint is peeling, there is lots of termite damage, and about two months ago someone shattered a window. There was glass on the floor for at least a week, an open hole where the window was for several days before it got boarded up, and the window has not been replaced. I also recently saw someone remove a decorative piece that was hanging above the walkway.

#### 4/10/23, 10:37 AM

#### City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Poor Conditions of Cheviot Hills Tennis Center Pro Shop

I have attached current photos of the old pro shop and shipping container pro shop so you can see the state that they are in. I hope you will help restore the pro shop in time for the 2028 Olympics and have it benefit the community for many years to come.

Thank you, Juniper Chao Cheviot Hills Tennis Academy student 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Girls Academic Leadership Academy

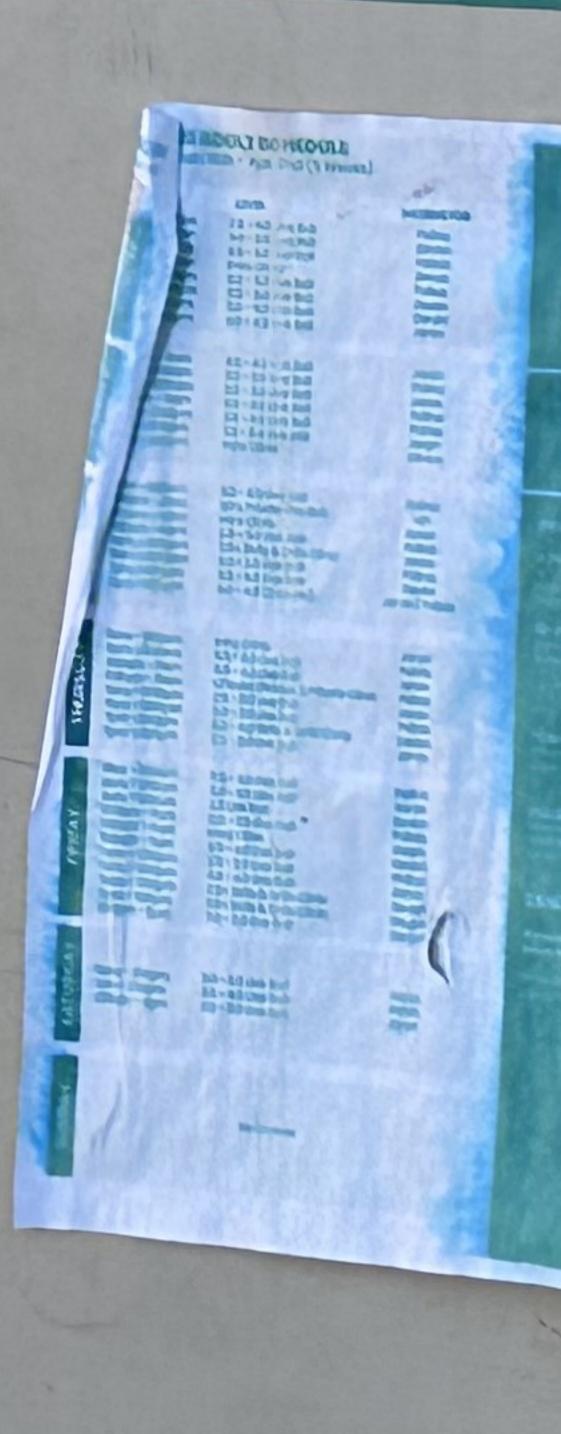
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# HHH Cheviot Hills Tennis Center





























# **Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Garcia Incareal <> Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 12:43 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

Let me also refer you to our MyLA311-Repairs website to submit a Graffiti Removal service request. You may also attach your photos to the service request on this website.

https://myla311.lacity.org/portal/faces/home/service/create-sr?\_adf.ctrl-state=6l48e8tjb\_5&\_afrLoop=4532081922863230#!

Thank you.

On Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 11:48 AM Garcia Incareal <> wrote: APRIL 10 Council member Eunisses Hernandez The Sycamore Grove Park has gan graffiti. Attach are pictures. The side walk graffiti is on S. Ave 49 adjacent to the park Mauro Garcia

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## **Re: Barrington Rec Center**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: <> Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 2:33 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 2:24 PM Takisha Sardin <a href="https://creativecommons.org">takisha.sardin@lacity.org</a> wrote:

Takisha Sardin Board Secretary Department of Recreation and Parks Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office: (213) 202-2640 F: (213) 202-2640 F: (213) 202-2610 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 300 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Takisha.Sardin@lacity.org

------ Forwarded message ------From: **JOSEPH HALPER** <> Date: Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 2:08 PM Subject: Re: Barrington Rec Center To: Carolyn Jordan <> Cc: Nancy Z. Freedman, Chair <>, Kim Jimmy <>, Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Hi Carolyn

The Pandemic required RAP to turn its priorities to addressing the health emergency of the city. The department is getting back to RAP business as we speak. I am copying your email to the attention of the General Manager Jimmy Kim for his info and follow up. I am retiring from the Board of Commissioners on the 16th of April. I advised the Mayor that due to the normal diminishment's of aging at 93 my leaving the Board was due.

I am so please you are happy with your Park Director. That is key. I will also see that your email is placed in the Commission mail attention the Board President. Best regards.

Joe

Joseph Halper

> On Apr 10, 2023, at 12:22 PM, Carolyn Jordan <> wrote:

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> Hi Joe. Nancy and I have been talking with our newest park director, who is terrific. But since we last met at the park with you, which must be about a year ago, nothing concrete has happened. We have heard that Rec and Parks is looking at ADA compliance issues. We want to be sure to be part of the conversation and that things are done cost effectively. Perhaps we can find a time to chat - either meet for coffee or set up a zoom call?

>

> I hope you're well. Say hi to Jamie and Priscilla for me.

# MOTION **ENRICHMENT**

Gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a global epidemic and represents one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. According the the World Health Organization (WHO), one in three, or 30%, of women have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner or non-partner sexual violence or both. Further, almost one third of women aged 15-49 years who have been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner.

In the City of Los Angeles, a Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department report (CF 22-0102) revealed that Latinas were, undoubtedly, the population most affected by gender-based violence.

In summary, the CHRED report noted the following:

- While only representing 24.2% of the city's population, Latinas account for approximately 50.5% of female domestic violence victims.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas made up approximately 42.8% of female homicides and 36.7% of missing women.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas accounted for 28,368 cases of aggravated assault among women.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas represented the highest number of rape victims by race.

Violence against women, including individuals that identify as women, is preventable, but putting an end to it must start with prevention tactics. By providing more resources at a younger age, women can learn how to avoid or, if necessary, better handle these dangerous situations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), with the assistance of the Youth Development Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst, report on curriculum-based self defense programing by geographical area that have been or are currently being offered by RAP, and other departments, and possible expansion of the programming for Women of all ages.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request RAP, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on possible curriculum-based self defense programming for Women of all ages if none currently exist. This report should include budget requirements, and be prioritized by geographic locations.

PRESENTED MONICA RODRIGUEZ Councilwoman, 7th District SECONDED BY:

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# ΜΟΤΙΟΝ

Echo Park Lake is an iconic public space in Los Angeles and a treasure for the local community. The park was closed to the public for two months in spring 2021 and has remained cut off from the community ever since by a temporary fence with limited access points and operating hours. The entire community should have unhindered access to their park during operating hours. As the Department of Recreation and Parks returns to pre-pandemic operations at Echo Park Lake, the City should comprehensively assess park accessibility to ensure that all neighbors can get to and enjoy the park safely and conveniently.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), with support from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), to report with an assessment of ADA accessibility of pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, curb ramps, etc.) around Echo Park Lake and their connections to park pathways, including costs to achieve ADA compliance and relative priority within the City's Sidewalk Repair Program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)to report with recommended quick-build treatments to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility to Echo Park Lake including, but not limited to, restriping and/or upgrading existing crosswalks and connecting Echo Park Lake to nearby bike lanes on Glendale, Bellevue, and Sunset. This report should outline any treatments that can be immediately implemented in coordination with StreetsLA's upcoming resurfacing on Glendale Blvd.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that City Council direct LADOT, with the support of BOE and the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) to report on the resources needed to conduct a feasibility and design study that examines broader safety and mobility improvements, including new project design, community engagement, and capital infrastructure to improve multi-modal access and make Echo Park Lake safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

PRESENTED BY:

**HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ** 

Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

Wathanie Yorofa

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EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1<sup>st</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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## **Re: Elysian Park Trashed**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Adham <> Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 10:40 AM

Good Morning,

Please submit a service request at the MyLA311 website at https://myla311.lacity.org/portal/faces/home/service/ create-sr?\_adf.ctrl-state=pbpcma7q4\_5&\_afrLoop=4698191905968372#!

select Parks as the Service Type for park facility and field maintenance, trash and cleanliness issues and attach your photos.

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

On Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 3:39 PM Adham <> wrote:

To all,

I live in CD 13 and I come to Elysian Park several times a week with my dog. I have noticed after the weekend the park gets trashed. This particular weekend, being Easter, was especially bad. There's confetti everywhere, heaps of BBQ coals on the ground by the trees (fire hazard), plastic egg shells, candy, wrappers, streamers, balloons, bottles, and much more. In the past two days, I've seen two rangers in the area that I frequent and they don't seem to be doing much. I've seen a couple community members taking it upon themselves to clean up. It's also a ridiculous amount of trash so I understand that they can't get to it all.

My question is: are we going to allow our parks to keep getting trashed like this? The confetti and streamers are particularly bad. The longer the trash sits here, the more likely it will get lodged in the dirt and surrounding environment. It would be impossible to get rid of all this trash even with a large team of people.

I think something needs to be done about confetti/streamers in the park. They need to be outlawed with signs informing people. Also, maybe there should be an extra team of people hired to take care of these issues around the holidays. We have Memorial Day and 4th of July coming up.

I have attached some photos of a few areas of the park. The problem is much worse than I would capture. I took a long video but it was too big to attach. The park is completely covered in trash. Please take the time to view these photos or go visit the park and see for yourselves.

Thank you, Adham Taman



























# **Re: Griffith Park Memorial Instalation**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Scott Froschauer <> Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 10:54 AM

Good Morning,

Please visit our website at https://www.laparks.org/planning/planning-healthy-parks and scroll to the very bottom of the page to **Public Artwork, Murals and Plaques** for more information on all Public Art proposals and the application process.

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office.

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 9:37 AM Scott Froschauer <> wrote: Hello.

Several years ago the Commissioners approved an art installation in several parks in Sunland. (See attached agenda.)

I am now seeking approval for an art installation in Griffith Park and was wondering about the best way to proceed with that request.

Thank you.

Scott Froschauer

The Catalog of Scott Froschauer Art

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