


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 01, 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.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Rides		Referred to General Manager
2) Pat Borgeson comments regarding Pickleball	#9349l	Referred to General Manager
3) Shirley Elmaleh comments regarding Pickleball	#9349m	Referred to General Manager
4) Ruchira Garg comments regarding Pickleball	#9349n	Referred to General Manager
5) Cynthia R. Maher comments regarding Boyle Heights Parks	#9366	Referred to General Manager
6) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#9367	Referred to General Manager
7) Robyn Williams comments regarding playground at Ascot Hills	#9368	Referred to General Manager
) Dave Wallace comments regarding Summer Camp at St. Andrews Recreation Center	#9369	Referred to General Manager
8) James Campeau Ranger Patrol in San Pedro Parks	#9370	Referred to General Manager
9) Gabriel Khanlian comments regarding naming of new Porter Ranch Park	#9371	Referred to General Manager

10) Ava Bromberg comments regarding Glenhurst Park	#9372	Referred to General Manager
11) Michelle Crammes comments as Chair of Griffith Park Advisory Board regarding GPAB Alcohol Policy Letter	#9373	Referred to General Manager
12) Marcy Valley comments regarding Commission Task Force	#9374	Referred to General Manager
13) Marie France comments regarding South Los Angeles Sports Activity Center	#9375	Referred to General Manager
14) Maria De Jesus Alvarez comments regarding West Lakeside Park	#9376	Referred to General Manager
15) Tracia Reynolds comments regarding Ken Malloy harbor Regional Park	#9377	Referred to General Manager
16) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park Graffiti	#9378	Referred to General Manager
17) City Council Motion regarding Pio Pico Library Pocket Park	#9379	Note and File

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bring back the pony rides!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:30 AM

To: Samuel Feig <

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Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 17, 2023 at 9:52 AM Samuel Feig <

> wrote:

Nythrea ramen, you need to stop cutting back activities at Griffith park and use that energy to address the humanitarian crisis of homelessness here in California which is what you ran on and promised you would do. I voted for you! So far I have seen nothing! There's still tents pitched along up and down my street people defecating out in public and who are dying everyday

Your heartbeat so sensitively for matters why don't you do something about that. Instead of taking away activities from children at Griffith Park!

No merry go round, No swimming pool, No water fountain.

You've cut off access to the Wilson golf course. One cyclist gets hit by a idiot drunk driver and you shut off access to an entire section of the to a whole demographic of of law abiding Citizens? I no longer have access to Wilson golf course coming from Toluca Lake/Burbank it was my afternoon tradition every day coming from work now it's created a traffic jam on Spring Road from the hours of 430pm and 630pm and I can no longer play golf there anymore. Not to mention just an ugly traffic jam through the park. What's next!? Do these animal activists want to shut down the LA zoo because the animals are being kept in cages? Or shut down Travel Town down because a kid trips and falls on a rock while playing on one of the trains. That seems to be the logic.

This pony ride has been Joy and happiness to families AND the ponies since 1947. The report came out said no ponies were being abused!!!!!!

so why are you doing this ?????

This pony ride at Griffith Park better get opened up again or I will personally volunteer and use all my money and powers and do whatever it takes to make sure you're not reelected if not recalled.

And you can bank on that!

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Ponies

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 2:11 PM

To: Paula Jarvis <

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:49 PM Paula Jarvis < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

I am semi local, Orange County, but grew up in Los Angeles, specifically Los Feliz. All of my life, since I was old enough to ride, the ponies were and still are a part of me. I took all 3 of my daughters as well to the ponies for years. And I recently, took my 90 year old father, to the last day the ponies were operating.

We are in full support of keeping/bringing back the pony rides, as the lifetimes of experiences and memories to be taken away for all the young children today, would be criminal. We need to find a way to keep the ponies there.

We have heard many stories regarding treatment of the ponies, and though we can't confirm or deny, we can say that we do not believe these rumors and accusations. We witnessed first hand the activists and protestors who were standing their ground at the park, and believe with all of our hearts, that these people are confused, mixed up, and advocating for the removal of something they have little to no knowledge about.

With the current vendor being removed, there is great opportunity, regardless of the inaccuracies of the accusations, to find a new vendor as well, if the old one isn't regarded highly. Though I believe he/they were.

Though our world is ever changing, places like these must be kept and preserved, not just as part of our history, be to give to our young children, experiences that they are being robbed of in modern times. We simply must not erase everything good due to a group of people that either do not know what they have missed, may possibly be from outside the area, and/or give in to a Ranger that was intimidated by a crowd and made a decision with bad judgement.

Save the ponies and give our children a world of wonder.

Best Regards

Paula Jarvis

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Return of live pony rides to Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:35 AM

To: Ann Ammons <

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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 Thu, May 18, 2023 at 9:40 AM Ann Ammons <

> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone I am most concerned about the closing of Griffith Park pony rides, and I must say I can hardly believe that it has even been allowed to happen. Honestly, the general public knows very little about horses. In fact, most people tell me they thought a Pony was a baby horse. I started going to the Griffith Park pony rides in 1956 at the age of three and from then on, I could think of nothing else but horses. I developed a love for animals and to show, empathy and kindness to all animals. I owned my own pony ride and Petting zoo in Lakewood, California from 1989 to 2002. I owned 122 Ponies was never cited for cruelty, neglect or abuse.

Many of my customers became friends, and those children grew up and came back to work for me. These kids grew up and became radiologists, Teachers nurses, vet techs, two became veterinarians. Interestingly enough, these are all careers for a nurturing person. There was even a horse and animal care class from a local high school. It sent their troubled teens to boost their self esteem, give them an opportunity to learn a trade, as most of them were failing high school. A few years later, a young man came around, asking for the teacher. I told him she had retired. He said he just wanted to thank her for the opportunity to be around the horses and the animals and to learn a trade. he said "I'm now an x-ray technician and I wouldn't have made it through school without her when I graduated high school my parents gave me a suitcase." He said, "I don't know where I would be now, if it hadn't been for the teacher and the horses." Most autistic children are drawn to horses and do very well when given the opportunity to ride them.

I went to the Griffith Park pony ride in its last days. Protesters were using foul language and the F word. I was furious.

I walked around and spoke to one on the sly and she told me no they were being paid \$25 an hour. I said, "well do you know a lot about horses?" She replied, "well no"

As for the ponies living in poor conditions or being cruelly treated or overworked, I say no. My own veterinarian has been there. She just shook her head and said, "there's no problem there. they are not neglected."

I live in a horse area where I still keep horses and ponies and farm animals. There are plenty of backyards full of skinny horses and ponies with long feet standing in feces. Animal Control says no problem.

Mr. weeks was picked apart and could do nothing right. nothing he ever did was enough to satisfy the city.

As for the four ponies that died these things happen. Colic, a severe intestinal distress can come on in a moment and you can lose your healthiest horse or have to have it euthanized in just a few hours. It is every horse owners nightmare.

Lastly, I believe the pony rides should be grandfathered in. DW Griffith left the park to the city with the understanding that it remain for horses. The pony rides have been there, probably since before most of you were even born. I hope that you will reconsider. This is a wonderful place for children to come and get a lifelong experience at a very very reasonable fee.

Thank you, Ann Ammons

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Re: Restoring Ponies to Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:45 AM

To: Ann Ammons <l
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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 Thu, May 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM Ann Ammons <

wrote:

Sent from my iPhone One of your speakers stated that animals must never ever be used for profit. Our entire life revolves around animals Our country was built on the backs of horses, pulling plows wagons, and even carrying the mail . to never use animals for profit. ? That means you cannot eat eggs, milk, cheese, any dairy products and yes, you could choose to be a vegan, but it means you can't use lotion or soap almost all of them have an animal product and you may not drive a car or any mechanical form of transportation, because They are all crash tested on live animals and that's a fact. We have to be reasonable this is about being reasonable and fair

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 7:52 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, May 12, 2023 at 3:33 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: **patricia borgeson** <>
Date: Wed, May 10, 2023 at 5:03 PM
Subject: Palisades Pickleball
To: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Dear City and Commissioners,

I know that you have probably been inundated with letters regarding the Pickleball situation at the Palisades Park in Pacific Palisades. I am a huge fan of both tennis and pickleball and played tennis 5 days per week on the courts for 40 years. I have since changed to playing pickleball due to my age and the size of the court. It has been a wonderful experience socially and physically which is very important for senior citizens. I have developed an entire new group of friends and look forward to our few hours together. We as a group have worked hard to develop this community after playing on a basketball court with sidewalk chalk lines and then moving to uneven asphalt area between the two gyms we were finally given time on the lower courts.

It is unfortunate that individual tennis players (Joanne Saia) express such anger toward the fastest growing sport in America (soon to be an Olympic sport) as well as being so ill informed have your ear. We as a group were promised to have lines painted and noise tests done yet no one from our group was asked to attend the noise test. Several tennis players after coming to watch us play have now joined the group.

We received no support but rather saw us as a nuisance from the people who run the tennis concession and now you are allowing PB to be played on their courts with the same idea as we have used for the past few years. We make a donation to cover the costs of equipment such as tape, nets, balls but were highly criticized for this by the tennis center yet they will be charging much more.

I am at a loss for words why the city is lagging behind such an opportunity to offer seniors and others to be outside and healthy and happy. Although the recreation center has offered indoor play 2 days a week it is very different with very few players, confusing lines, poor lighting, poor ventilation and risks of injury.

At the last advisory board meeting the Director, Jasmine, said that Park Services reported that PB would not be played anywhere in the park outdoors BUT in the next breath she reported that PB would be run by the tennis center----a slight contradiction.

Please consider the benefits of Pickleball (PB). I am certain that if you looked at all of the programs offered at Palisades Park that it is the largest group of attendees for any program.

Why can't you dedicate 2 of the 8 tennis courts to PB? If you did a study you would see that the tennis courts are empty 80% of the time. Tennis, one of the greatest sports ever, is a dying sport especially at the Palisades park and the tennis center now wants a piece of the PB pie.

I understand you have all signed off on this after so many empty promises and this is so disappointing. Please let our voices be heard and reconsider.

As a side note I live one block from the park and love to hear the happy sounds from cheering parents from the baseball fields.

Sincerely

Pat Borgeson
Pacific Palisades resident for 50 years,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 7:19 AM

To: Shirley <

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Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Pong nim <

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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 Tue, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM Shirley <

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

- I live in Rustic Canyon. I am a pickleball player. I am a senior. I have met many people in the local pickleball community and have made friendships there. I get good exercise playing pickleball. It is good for my physical and mental health.
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- can The City of Palisades Park Department please help the Pickleball community to
- Share outdoor public tennis facilities?
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- Many indoor gyms share their basketball court with volleyball & badminton and ping pong.
- I don't see why tennis and pickleball can't happily share space, too.
- When City of Pacific Palisades made 14 tennis courts
- (8 at Palisades Rec + 6 at Rustic Canyon) pickleball did not exist but now that it does,
- can we please have some pickleball courts? Or at least pickleball lines.

Sincerely,

Shirley Elmaleh

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Re: Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:47 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, May 18, 2023 at 6:57 PM Ruchira Garg < > wrote:

Respected representative,

I am emailing to lend support to the group of individuals who have come together to play pickle ball in Pacific Palisades. I was introduced to the sport and the group just four months ago and it has become a treasure that I look forward to every weekend. My husband, and even teenage children have joined me on occasion to interact in the most enjoyable and multi generational environment. We actively run around the court, take the opportunity to catch up with friends and make new friends in the breaks between games, and participate in set up and clean up. Pong has been the most incredible advocate for the sport and the community it builds. I am constantly amazed by the community spirit and support that is shown in this environment.

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There are a few opportunities in this day and age for children in their teen years to interact with senior citizens and for older individuals to get together over athletic activity. Pickleball is such a unique and timely sport in our current social and physical climate. I hope that the enthusiasm that you see in our members illustrates to you how important this is and that you can help us find a way to preserve our access to the public resource of the tennis courts. Keep in mind, compared with two players, 16 players occupy the same space fostering a completely different level of interaction and physical fitness.

Thank you for your time and I hope that we can continue this for many years to come as a part of the palisades and Santa Monica canyon community.

Sincerely,
Ruchi Garg

Sent from my iPhone

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Enki Health Services, Inc.

(a nonprofit corporation)



May 3, 2023

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
221 N. Figueroa St. Suite 300
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Dear Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles:

Enki Health Services, Inc. is excited to support the All Children Thrive Boyle Heights (ACT) campaign, a program of Social Model Recovery Systems, which is a community-led campaign to co-design transformative policies that address inequitable access to quality parks and open spaces. ACT envisions safe, clean, and well-maintained parks for the Boyle Heights community to enjoy. Enki shares this important goal and vision. We believe that securing funding for the development of existing and new park projects and programs as well as improving park infrastructure can achieve this goal.

Enki Health Services, Inc. is a non-profit mental health agency that provides outpatient services to children and adults in the Boyle Heights Community. We are dedicated to bringing hope to our communities by providing quality, responsive, behavioral health services. Our focus is on the mental health and well-being of our community. Research shows that parks have a significant impact on individuals and families by providing a space to exercise, enjoy nature, and spend quality time with others. Individuals and families are more likely to use the park as a mental health resource if it is safe, clean, and well-maintained.

Since 2013, the Friends of Hollenbeck Park and Boyle Heights Coalitions (Coalitions) have advocated to improve park conditions in Boyle Heights. The Coalitions are comprised of Boyle Heights residents, city and state representatives, law enforcement, neighborhood watch, and community-based organizations. The ACT campaign aligns with the Coalitions' mission to improve public health and safety in our parks and empowers them to guide the campaign's goal. Many of the parks in Boyle Heights are not well-maintained and lack essentials like toilet paper and soap for the restrooms, especially at Hollenbeck Park, which is the most utilized. These poor conditions need to be addressed and require additional funding that is necessary for park improvements. We are proud to support the ACT campaign and make clean and safe parks a priority.

We strongly urge the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles to ensure that funding is allocated to Boyle Heights parks to fulfill the ACT campaign vision of safe, clean, and well-maintained parks.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact our Boyle Heights Clinic Manager, Jane Oh, Ph.D., at [redacted] or by phone at [redacted]

Sincerely,

Cynthia R. Maher, Esq.
CEO and President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 9:58 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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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. Service request may be sent to: <https://myla311.lacity.org/>

On Sun, May 14, 2023 at 3:41 PM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

MAY 14-23

Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park is full of gang graffiti.

Attached are pictures of some of the locations

Wee need cameras for the police to do something about it.

Crime has gone up in our community.

Must we wait 4 years before we can get a new council person or a new mayor?

All we get from you is your standard e mail back ,but nothing gets done.

Mauro Garcia

Broker-Notary

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MURK

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POW
Killer



FUCK CRASH

Red graffiti symbol



AVES
WACKY

WOMEN



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Fwd: Playground at Ascot Hills

1 message

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

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 7:51 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, May 12, 2023 at 10:04 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Robyn Williams** >
Date: Wed, May 10, 2023 at 10:01 AM
Subject: Playground at Ascot Hills
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Hi there,

I've lived in El Sereno since 2015 and frequently visit and appreciate Ascot Hills and all the improvements that have been made over the years. I've wondered for a while if there's a way to request a playground - one would fit nicely where in front of the amphitheater and picnic tables. Is there a grant or something citizens can do to make this a possibility?

Appreciate any guidance.

Thanks,

Robyn
El Sereno Resident

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Summer Camp lack of availability

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 7:49 AM

To:

Good Morning,

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On Fri, May 12, 2023 at 3:33 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **dave wallace** >
Date: Wed, May 10, 2023 at 4:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Summer Camp lack of availability
To: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

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

From: **dave wallace** < >
Date: Fri, Apr 21, 2023, 6:01 PM
Subject: Summer Camp lack of availability
To: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>
Cc: yvonne wallace < >

Hello and Congrat with your election to Mayor. I am an avid supporter of you and your mission. My mother, the late Mabelle Pittman supported you as well. She on the Southeast neighborhood council. Because of her educating me on Civic matters, I got involved and was elected to the Southwest neighborhood Council some years back. My wife daughter and I live on South Hobart Bl and our Neighborhood Park is St. Andrews Recreation Center, a jewel of a park with a rich history. Our 8 year old daughter Cam attends Summer camp there.

This year, today in fact, I went to St. Andrews, thinking I was ahead of the game, to sign her up. When I inquired, staff there informed me that the City offered the summer camp several weeks ago online and that all 45 slots were gone. Yes, 45 slots. I submitted an application for Cam with hopes that maybe, just maybe someone will cancel. In this neighborhood of working families and so many who have been hurting financially, we need more than a mere 45 summer camp slots for our children.

We and so many others look forward to the camp not just because it offers a lot but because the City camps are so much more affordable than the private camps and YMCA camps and the like. Also, many here in our community either choose not to use the website for City services or simply don't have or know how to access it. While not your fault, this is reality here.

In our case maybe we should have signed up months ago. We had no way of knowing when camp availability would open up online, however. I am aware that you are diligently working on the housing crisis and commend you for it. Mayor Bass, is there anything you or your colleagues can do to make available more summer camp slots for our children? and is it possible to have the City send out Alerts regarding upcoming Summer camp availability? Many of us who looked forward to Summer Camp at St. Andrews feel disappointed and it will be a tall task for us to find affordable alternatives. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Wallace,
Resident of Council District 8



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ranger Patrol

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 16, 2023 at 11:07 AM

To: J Campeau <

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Cc: deanne.dedmon@lacity.org, Joseph Stackhouse <joe.stackhouse@lacity.org>, Noel Gould

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>, Robin Rudisil <

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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 Tue, May 16, 2023 at 10:41 AM J Campeau <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Hope you are all doing well. Just to update you on our situation here in San Pedro. We have many parks along the coastline here, Angels Gate Park, Joan Milke Flores Park, Pt. Fermin Park, Wilders Addition Park, and Cabrillo Beach. As you know, R&P staff cannot engage with people violating the law within the parks. We depend on Park Rangers for this, as there are many situations that require Park Ranger assistance, day and night.

There is enough open space in these parks alone, that will keep one full time Park Ranger busy in these parks. As you know, our South Region area includes even more parks than just the San Pedro area and we don't have any Ranger patrol in the South Region. They now only report to the Metro and Valley Regions.

I respectfully ask, who decides which region gets preferential treatment, and what is that reason based on? Why is it assigned to the Metro and Valley Regions? This seems very unfair.

The South region, especially here in San Pedro is incomparable to other regions, because of our coastline, which is broader in area. Why can't this decision be reversed and have the Ranger patrol only report to the South Region? We even have a living quarters facility available for them.

I appreciate your reply.

Thank you,

James Campeau



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 40 ACRE PARK - PORTER RANCH

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 7:20 AM

To:

Cc:

Good Morning,

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

On Wed, May 17, 2023 at 12:50 AM Gabriel Khanlian - PRNC < > wrote:

How are you? I has been almost a month and we have not heard anything back. Please advise. Thank you

Gabriel

Gabriel Khanlian

President

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

From: On Behalf Of Rap Commissioners
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:04 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Re: 40 ACRE PARK - PORTER RANCH

Good Morning,

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

On Sun, Apr 23, 2023 at 3:46 PM Gabriel Khanlian - PRNC < > wrote:

How are you? My name is Gabriel Khanlian. The president of Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council. I am emailing today regarding the naming of the new Porter Ranch Park. Many stakeholders have shown concern regarding the outreach being made regarding the renaming of the park. The last time this was brought up and spoken about was over a year ago. Since then, we have not heard anything more until recently. I would request more outreach to be done regarding the naming of the park as well as coming back to the council and have an outreach and discussion regarding the naming. It is very important to collect community input and outreach. Please do not take any action without the involvement of the community and add me to the email list to get full updates regarding anything to do

with the park as none of the board members even knew about the recent meeting and discussion regarding the renaming,.

Thank you

Gabriel Khanlian

President

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Glenhurst park renovation / save the sand!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 11:56 AM

To: Ava Bromberg <

Cc: regina.mallare@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 Wed, May 17, 2023 at 11:13 AM Ava Bromberg <

> wrote:

Hello,

I'm a mom, urban planner and frequent user of the Glenhurst Park and playground in Atwater Village (Glenhurst and Garden) with my 3 year old and 9 month old. The moms and caregivers were pleased to see the park will be renovated starting next week. However, we were informed you are getting rid of ALL of the sand. We'd like to collectively request that you **please save at least a portion of the park for sand play**. The small kids who are here every day use and love playing in the sand. It's an important way they learn to share and play together.

Please let me know if there's anything you need to facilitate this request.

Warmest regards,

Ava Bromberg and the Glenhurst Park families

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Re: GPAB Alcohol Policy Letter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:31 AM

To: Michelle Crames < >

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, "jennifer.hull@lacity.org" <jennifer.hull@lacity.org>, Karen Thornton < >, Chris Laib < >

Good morning,

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

On Thu, May 18, 2023 at 9:20 AM Michelle Crames < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commission,

I hope you are well. As the Chair of GPAB, I wanted to provide our board's position on the proposed alcoholic beverage policy changes. Please see attached letter to that effect. As always, we appreciate all that you do and would love to be helpful in any way we can.

Best,
Michelle Crames
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

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Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles
www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Re: Alcohol Beverage Policy Board Report 23-085

Dear Commissioners:

The proposed change to the alcohol beverage policy would be a major policy decision with significant ramifications. We are therefore grateful that you have delayed action in order to hear from stakeholder groups such as ours. After carefully considering the policy that is now before you, we must oppose it in its present form. We would, however, be willing to consider a revision that addresses the concerns detailed below.

As drafted, this policy would allow for an unlimited number of outdoor events at Griffith Park and other sensitive locations, with no restrictions on the type of alcohol served, and with no built-in accountability measures to allow for appropriate revisions. We do not believe RAP leadership intends such a significant departure from current practice; as such, we propose the following revisions to bring written policy in line with both policy-maker intent and the wishes of numerous park stakeholders.

1. Griffith Park and the city's other regional parks deserve special consideration. After all, the prospect of unlimited alcoholic events does not suit a large urban wilderness area and recreational destination for families across Los Angeles. We urge you to work with stakeholder groups and RAP's urban ecologist to set parameters appropriate for the regional parks, either individually or collectively, before approving any new policy.
2. Currently, outdoor events with alcohol are limited to one event per park per year. The new policy would abolish these limits. That means any park or recreation center, large or small, could host outdoor parties without restriction as to number or frequency. We believe there ought to be a reasonable limit somewhere between one and unlimited.
3. Changing the frequency, location and type of alcohol allowed (cocktails vs. beer & wine) is a significant policy decision that may have unforeseen impacts. We would therefore recommend that any such policy change be enacted on a pilot basis, so that you can gather data and input from staff and stakeholders. We suggest a pilot of 1 – 2 years, with commission approval required before making any such policy permanent.
4. In line with our pilot recommendation, we also believe regular reporting is essential to ensure both transparency and trust in the new policy. Therefore, we request regular (not

*BOARD MEMBERS: Chair – Michelle Crames; Vice Chair – Karen Thornton; Secretary – Chris Laib;
Jane Carlson; Aaron Chung; Alex Crow; Jason Greenwald; Alex Phillips*

less than once per year) reporting on revenue figures, safety incidents and number of events per park. This request applies both to the venues that would be subject to the new policy as well as those that are treated separately from the policy, such as the Griffith Park Visitor Center and Friendship Auditorium.

Once again, we believe any new policy requires the changes described above in order to balance the revenue-generating intent with important safety concerns and the needs of existing user-groups, not to mention the potential for additional car-trips in and around our parks. Griffith Park and other regional parks – not to mention smaller parks and recreation centers across the city – deserve a policy that is worthy of RAP’s mission statement:

“Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.”

Thank you for considering our comments on the proposed alcohol beverage policy.

Sincerely,



Michelle Crames
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Stefanie Smith; Tracy James; CD4:
Mehmet Berker, Jennifer Hull



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please change meeting time of Commissions Task Force back to 8:30 am

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 8:44 AM

To: Marcy Valley <

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Cc: Jimmy.Kim@lacity.org, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. You may also reference this website for the Commission Task Force updates:

<https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/concessions-task-force>

On Thu, May 18, 2023 at 11:07 AM Marcy Valley <

> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kim, Mr. Rudnick and the RAP Board –

The last several Commissions Task Force meetings have been held after the RAB Board meeting rather than the previous time of 8:30, before the board meeting.

The result of this time change means that there is no report to the board on the day of the Concessions Task Force meeting, so the Board is at least 2 weeks behind on their activities. I don't see any report to the board from the Commissions Task Force on it's April 20th meeting.

Please schedule the Commissions Task Force meeting at 8:30 so there will be a timely report to the Board.

Sincerely,

Marcy Valley

Rancho Park Golf Course Representative,

LA Golf Advisory Committee

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May 15, 2023

Jimmy Kim, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
221 N Figueroa St
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr Kim,

This letter is written on behalf of the senior citizens that participate in activities at South Los Angeles Sports Activity Center at 7020 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90003.

We have concerns about safety at the location: (1) There are unhoused individuals on the premise; one of which appears to have mental health issues; (2) Open access to the interior - The front entrance is unlocked making it possible for anyone to enter.

Due to the increase in unprovoked violence, especially gun violence, concern for our safety has also increased.

We have spoken to the director at the center and he says that there is nothing that he can do ("my hands are tied"); and that he has brought to the attention of his superiors the safety issues. The response, he says, has been there is nothing that can be done because there is no money for any security measures.

Suggestions made were (1) a security guard; (2) the entrance door remain locked; and (3) installation of a door bell, perhaps a ring door bell, to allow some control as to who enters the building. Again, we were told that there is definitely no money for a security guard and no money to install a door bell.

Are safety concerns at centers located in more affluent neighborhoods with other than Black attendees addressed with a response that there is no money for even minimum security?

It baffles us to think that a lawsuit, if one of us is harmed or killed, to be cheaper than minimum security measures.

Our health and life are very important to us; which is why we participate in activities at the center. We also heed the highly recommended advice by the health care community that physical activity is beneficial to a long and healthy life.

Thoughtful consideration about our safety, health and life would be greatly appreciated.

Your response can be sent to Marie France at _____ and/or _____
and Sandra Young at _____. Thanks in advance for your
response to our concerns.

Concerned Senior Citizens
South Los Angeles Sports Activity Center
7020 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles

Cc: Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer
Depart Of Recreation and Parks
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Re: West lakeside park

1 message

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

Tue, May 23, 2023 at 7:46 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, May 22, 2023 at 9:10 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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

From: **Maria De Jesus Alvarez** < >
Date: Fri, May 19, 2023 at 7:07 PM
Subject: West lakeside park
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

To whom this may concern I would like to say that
The park you guys did on 15625 Bledsoe St, Sylmar, CA 91342
Is beautiful relaxing and kept clean.

But there no swings,slides, or a playground for kids
Every time I pass by there I see all the neighbors at the park with their kids,dogs playing. A lot of the people that go is there number one complaint where is the playground for the little kids. You guys are a block down from in elementary school. What can be done to install a playground for the kids
Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 23, 2023 at 7:54 AM

To: Tracia Reynolds <

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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, May 22, 2023 at 2:41 PM Tracia Reynolds <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern

I am a resident at the Lake View Townhomes located at 26404 Vermont Ave in Harbor City. Our homes are the only homes located on the same side of the park. For the past few weeks there has been some activities in the park that we are concerned about due to the lack of presence of rangers in the park and the gates not being closed at night as they were before. On several occasions there has been individual in the park at 1:30am or later playing loud music and drinking and smoking. On Sunday May 21,2023 about 7:50pm there were individuals shooting illegal fireworks on the southeast side of the park. I did contact the harbor division, but was unable to speak to some due to high call volume before the individuals exited the park. If the cameras in the park are operating properly the footage should have been captured. Again this is extremely troubling due to the fact that our homes are located in such close proximity to the park. I would like to ask if the park is going to remain unmonitored by rangers for the foreseeable future and are the gates going to remain open after park hours? Thanks in advance for allowing me to state my concerns. I hope as a community we can work together to find a solution to preserve this park for our families.

Tracia Reynolds

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 23, 2023 at 8:01 AM

To: Garcia Incareal >

Cc: Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Mon, May 22, 2023 at 1:05 PM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

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Council Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has Graffiti again.

The attach pictures have dates when they reported.

Some are month old or more and have not been address.

Last the exercise machines have not been repaired this over five months that was reported.

Now we a homeless setting up camp near the children's play area.

Mauro Garcia

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The Pio Pico Library Pocket Park and Underground Parking project will bring much needed park space to the dense urban community of Koreatown. The project will be located at 694 South Oxford Avenue in Council District 10. The project includes the construction of a new pocket park and underground parking structure. The parking will accommodate approximately 50 parking spaces in one subterranean level. The pocket park will be located at the ground level in the footprint of the existing surface parking lot serving the Pio Pico Koreatown Library. The park will include a multi-purpose event area to accommodate public events, a playground, a shade structure, a fitness area, a walking loop, and benches and tables. Landscaped elements will be provided throughout the park and will include trees, shrubs and planter areas.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$26.6 million. There are multiple proposed sources of funding for this project including Quimby Funds which are available to Council District 10. Environmental review work may be needed to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to perform environmental review work, as necessary, and to prepare and present a report to the Board specifying the appropriate actions to allocate up to \$3,400,000 in Quimby Funds available to Council District 10 for use by the Bureau of Engineering for costs related to the Pio Pico Library Pocket Park and Underground Parking project.

PRESENTED BY:

Heather Hutt

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Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

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