### **INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT**

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

May 4, 2023

TO:

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

JIMMY KIM, General Manager FROM:

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS SUBJECT:

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		Referred to General Manager
<ol> <li>LaDeana Striano comments regarding, VC. No.</li> <li>9264, Crestwood Hills Park.</li> </ol>	#9264a	Referred to General Manager
<ol> <li>James Campeau comments regarding, VC. No.</li> <li>9317, fence at Angels Gate Park.</li> </ol>	#9317a	Referred to General Manager
4) Maurio Garcia comments on the Sycamore Grove Park Graffiti, refer to VC No. 9328.	#9328a	Referred to General Manager
5) Mauro Garcia comments on the Sycamore Grove Park Graffiti, refer to VC No. 9336.	#9336a	Referred to General Manager
6) Debra Moses comments on the Old Louis Roth Camp needing maintenance regarding sycamore tree over growth.	#9342	Referred to General Manager
7) Jasmine Dowlatshahi sends PAB meeting agenda.	#9343	Referred to General Manager
8) Marcy Valley comments on time change of the Concessions Task Force meeting.	#9344	Referred to General Manager
9) Michelle Crames, Chair Griffith Park Advisory Board comments to postpone 23-085 Board Report 23-085 Alcoholic Beverage Policy.	#9345	Referred to General Manager
10) Gerry Hans, President of Friends of Griffith Park comments to postpone Board Report 23-085 Alcoholic Beverage Policy.	#9346	Referred to General Manager

11) Kathy Shreiner, President of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, Community Impact Statement to advocate for the prioritization of San Fernando Valley Middle Schools for the next phase of the RAP Community School Parks Program.	#9347	Referred to General Manager
12) Robert Cherno comments on Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board.	#9348	Referred to General Manager
13) Jennifer Massey comments on PAB meeting /acoustical analysis of Bocce.	#9349	Referred to General Manager
<ol> <li>Jennifer Massey comments on Noise Levels/Bocce Game Courts in Veterans Gardens, refer to VC. No. 9349.</li> </ol>	#9349a	Referred to General Manager
15) Gabriel Khanlian, President of Porter Neighborhood Council comments on renaming the new Porter Ranch Park.	#9350	Referred to General Manager
16) Council Motion	#9351	Note and File
17) Council Motion	#9352	Note and File
18) Council Motion	#9353	Note and File
19) Council Motion	#9354	Note and File
20) Citizen comments regarding homeless encampment at the San Gabriel Bike Trail underpass.	#9355	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Esther Alailima Semeatu, RAP Commission Office



# Re: Not allowing little kids fun in Griffith Park

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Christine OBrien <> Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 7:27 AM

Cc: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@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, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:27 PM Christine OBrien <> wrote:

Dear RAP Commisioners.

I wanted to share a concern from my six year old granddaughter who visited me last weekend. After we made cakes she said: "Keekee I want to go ride the ponies." I had to tell her this: "Sloane, DSA people in our city removed the pony rides because they did not want little kids to have fun." This is sad.

I have observed no activity at that site since the Alliance group and their DSA colleagues forced closure of the pony venue. How sad the "real people, families" were not listened to when that decision occurred. Some of us will not forget.

Christine O'Brien( Keekee)

#### Sent from my iPad

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## **Re: Crestwood Hills Park and Crestwood Hills Preschool**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: LaDeana Satriano <> Cc: Joanna Port <> Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM

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 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM LaDeana Satriano <> wrote:

Hello Recreation and Park Commissioners,

We're following up on this email which was sent February 14th. June 1st is fast approaching and we are in a holding pattern, waiting to hear what the future of our Pre-K program is. I know you are all very busy, with many other probably more pressing issues to deal with, and yet we really need to know what the new fees will be. We ask that the current fees of \$25 per hour be held in place until you make a decision about our future and Crestwood Hills Park. Per Kortley Morris the \$80 per hour begins June 1st.

To reiterate we are a non profit preschool that services the members of Crestwood Hills and we are providing community service in your community center.

LaDeana Satriano Administrator Crestwood Hills Preschool

a cooperative community since 1953

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 10:19 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote: Good Morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:13 AM LaDeana Satriano <> wrote: Hello Recreation and Park Commissioners,

We rent the Recreational center at Crestwood Hills Park in Brentwood, and have so for many many years, for our various preschool programs. We rent 5 days a week, normally from 8:30-2:00 for \$25/hr, plus we pay for kitchen rental and park staffing. We always pay on time and we always pay months in advance. We were notified that the West Region Coastal District Office plans to increase our hourly rental fee 220% and charge us \$80/hr starting in June. The regional supervisor, Kortley Norris, informed us that only YOU have the authority to approve fee adjustments or fee waivers. We beg you to consider not increasing our rent. If you must increase it, please make the increase something manageable, like 5-10%.

Our reasons for this request are many. We are a **non-profit preschool**, owned by the Homeowners Association in the Crestwood Hills. We service the neighborhood families who attend our preschool and have done so since 1953 when the HOA established the school. In later years the HOA donated, to the city, the land which is now Crestwood Hills Park. We provide community service by utilizing the Rec center as a preschool classroom. \$80 per hour is not within our budget and thus we will be unable to rent. Please consider all of this when discussing our request.

In our last fiscal school year we paid the park \$82,707. So far this fiscal year we have paid \$35,332.50. No other Crestwood Hills Park programs are going to generate that kind of income.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request,

LaDeana Satriano Joanna Port Director Administrator Crestwood Hills Preschool a cooperative community since 1953 LaDeana Satriano Administrator **Crestwood Hills Preschool** a cooperative community since 1953 City of Los Angeles Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Figueroa Plaza 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 300 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Telephone: (213) 202-2640 Fax: (213) 202-2610 Mail Stop: 625/15 Website: www.laparks.org

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## **Re: FW: request information**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: J Campeau <> Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 7:34 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 25, 2023 at 6:18 PM J Campeau <> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners and Cathie Santodomingo,

May we please have updated information regarding this matter.

Thank you,

James Campeau

From: J Campeau
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2023 11:51 AM
To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org
Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org; Noel Gould <>
Subject: request information

Dear RAP Commissioners,

The attached motion was approved last June 2022 by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Since that time I have been part of the follow-up committee to see when this useless fence will be removed. I have even suggested to regional RAP regional superintendents to allow community volunteers to remove. I also have suggested to at least keep open the two sections of gates, or better remove the gates until the fencing is removed.

Will up please reply to my email, so that I may provide an update to our CSPNC's Coastline and Parks committee regarding this matter.



### **Re: FW: request information**

1 message

Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org> To: J Campeau <> Cc: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 9:20 AM

Dear Mr. Campeau,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I am not familiar with the history of this fence installation and reasons behind the installation. I will follow up with the team to evaluate and provide recommendations.

I will follow up with you once I have a better understanding of the situation, and the next steps for the department.

Let's keep in touch.

Regards, Cathie

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Cathie Santo Domingo, P.E. Assistant General Manager Planning Construction and Maintenance Department of Recreation and Parks



### Re: request information

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: J Campeau <> Cc: cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, Noel Gould <> Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 1:05 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 23, 2023 at 11:51 AM J Campeau <> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

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Doug Epperhart President

Dean Pentcheff Vice President

Sheryl Akerblom Treasurer

October 22, 2022

To: Deanne.Dedmon@lacity.org Councilman Joe Buscaino

The following motion was approved at the June 2022 Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board Meeting.

## Motion re: The fence to nowhere in Angels Gate Park

**Whereas**, the abandoned and rusting "fence to nowhere" between Angels Gate Park and Joan Milke Flores Park is an eyesore, creates safety hazards for hikers and animals, blocks the spectacular visitor serving views of the Ocean, Catalina, and the Park Open Space, and is a Coastal Act Violation, and

Whereas, Section 30251 of the Coastal Act States"

Section 30251 Scenic and visual qualities

The scenic and visual qualities of coastal areas shall be considered and protected as a resource of public importance. Permitted development shall be sited and designed to protect views to and along the ocean and scenic coastal areas, to minimize the alteration of natural land forms, to be visually compatible with the character of surrounding areas, and, where feasible, to *restore and enhance visual quality in visually degraded areas*. New development in highly scenic areas such as those designated in the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation and by local government shall be subordinate to the character of its setting.

Whereas, Section 30253 (5) of the Coastal Act states"

(5) Where appropriate, *protect special communities and neighborhoods* which, because of their unique characteristics, are popular visitor destination points for recreational uses.

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby requests that the department of Recreation and Parks and if appropriate, with assistance from Angels Gate Park, remove the unsightly fence to nowhere by August 31, 2022 in order to be in compliance with the

California Coastal Act, increase the safety of hikers and animals, and to improve the breathtaking and beautiful views available to the general public who come to enjoy our parks.

**Further Resolved**, Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests to see the removal plans at least two weeks prior to the commencement of work.

Sincerely,

Douglas Epperhart

Doug Epperhart, President On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

CC: James Campeau







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

1 message

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

To: Garcia Incareal <>

Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 4:06 PM

councilmember.raman@lacity.org, councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org,

councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.hutt@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacit.org,

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 24, 2023 at 3:40 PM Garcia Incareal <> wrote:

APRIL 24

Council member Eunisses Hernadez The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti. Attach pictures Mauro Garcia

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

1 message

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

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office. Your last email was forwarded to the Commissioners regarding this same matter.

Please go 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 Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 10:37 AM Garcia Incareal <> wrote: APRIL 18

Council member Eunisses Hernadez The Sycamore Grove Park has graffiti Attached pictures Mauro Garcia

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## **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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VC No. 9342



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Big Tujunga Canyon Road

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Debra Belcher <> Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:04 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, Apr 13, 2023 at 4:02 PM Debra Belcher <> wrote:

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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Big Tujunga Canyon. I have requested the road to be maintained multiple times. The area in front of the old Louis Roth Camp continues to the end of the City's responsibility at a sycamore tree shown in the photo. The area has not been trimmed or maintained since the 2009 Station Fire. There is no shoulder her now.

There is NO SHOULDER due to overgrowth. After the recent storms there are several slides. The last time I contacted this office I was told someone would come out and take a look. At the sycamore tree and up Big Tujunga Canyon there is extensive work being done by the County.

After this many years there is NO EXCUSE. I have attached seven photos.

Debra Marcine Moses

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## Re: Big Tujunga Canyon Road

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Debra Belcher <> Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:08 AM

Good Morning,

You can also visit My311LA website to submit a **Parks Service Request** which will also allow you to upload your photos: https://myla311.lacity.org/portal/faces/home/service/service-request?\_adf.ctrl-state=ammp83eni\_5&\_afrLoop=5720683985215546#!

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

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 4:18 PM Debra Belcher <> wrote: Here are three more photos showing NO SHOULDER due to overgrowth.

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Debra Marcine Moses

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Palisades RC PAB agenda

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org> Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:15 AM

Cc: kortley.norris@lacity.org, sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org, rap.webmaster@lacity.org, palisades.rc@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 Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 7:22 PM Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org> wrote: Please see the attached information regarding our upcoming PAB meeting. Webmaster please post. Thank you Jasmine

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### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### Pacific Palisades Recreation Center PARK ADVISORY BOARD

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 6:30pm

### Meeting to be held in the Small Gym at the Palisades Recreation Center 851 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES** - IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED TO MONITOR, ATTEND, OR SPEAK AT THIS MEETING, CITY LAW MAY REQUIRE YOU TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST AND REPORT YOUR ACTIVITY. SEE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE 48.01 ET SEQ. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT <u>ethics.lacity.org/lobbying</u>. FOR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE ETHICS COMMISSION AT (213) 978-1960 OR <u>ethics.commission@lacity.org</u>.

### 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Roll Call

### 2. <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u>

• Approval of Meeting Minutes January 2023

### 3. AGENDA ITEMS

- 3a. Park Director Update Senior Facility Director, Jasmine Dowlatshahi & staff
- 3b. Board member concerns updates/announcements
  - Volleyball court dedication ceremony in time for Fall Season opening
  - Baseball field issues of soil slippage, maintenance and pathway repair
  - Restrooms ADA compliance and funding issues/ideas
  - Potrero canyon follow up matters, including:
    - Ranger support (regular patrols and citations)
    - Dogs off leash
    - Soil slippage (Frontera gate and beyond...)
    - Ongoing graffiti/tagging
  - Lights and noise mitigation development
    - Tree planting

- LED light pilot (Mike Thomas)
- 3c. RAP Staff updates (including but not limited to):
  - ADA Compliant Playground and adjacent bathrooms Update/Status update on grant/Quimby money
    - Quimby funding for ADA compliant bathrooms
    - Grant funding for ADA Compliant and upgraded playground (area & structure)

### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at <a href="https://www.laparks.org/info/volunteer/pab-agendas/2020">https://www.laparks.org/info/volunteer/pab-agendas/2020</a>.

Members of the Public Who Wish to Comment on Other Matters Not Listed on the Agenda and under the Jurisdiction of the Board

### 5. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

The next Regular Meeting of the Palisades Park Advisory Board (TBD)

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

### ADA

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Palisades PAB email at

VC No. 9344



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Why is Concessions Task Force after RAP board?

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Marcy Valley <> Cc: Rachel Ramos <rachel.ramos@lacity.org> Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 7:16 AM

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 16, 2023 at 6:47 PM Marcy Valley <> wrote:

Hi Rachel -

It makes no sense to me to have the Concessions Task Force meeting after the board meeting. Why the change? It doesn't give the public the ability to comment on the task force's status at the board meeting.

Sincerely,

Marcy Valley

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: GPAB Letter suggested postponement of 23-085 vote

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Michelle Crames <> Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 7:21 AM

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@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, Apr 17, 2023 at 4:41 PM Michelle Crames <> wrote: Dear RAP Commission,

I hope you are well. As the Chair of GPAB, I wanted to reach out to ask you to please postpone the vote on proposed alcoholic beverage policy changes to allow us and other PABs to provide input. 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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### Griffith Park Advisory Board Community Stewards of LA's Largest Park & Great Urban Wilderness Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory

April 17, 2023

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Re: 23-085

Dear Commissioners:

We are surprised to see this matter on the agenda of your upcoming board meeting. We have not been able to consider this matter, as we were not noticed. We are therefore asking you to delay its consideration until after our upcoming board meeting on April 27.

The purpose of the LA's Park Advisory Boards is to advise the Recreation and Parks Department on salient issues involving its parks. Our meetings also give the citizens of Los Angeles an opportunity to speak to the issues facing its park system.

This particular issue involves park safety, and this year, our board has been involved significantly in the department's stated mission to provide safe recreation. For example, you may recall that we advocated for increased fencing and security at the Old Zoo area, which was plagued by unsafe drug and alcohol fueled illegal gatherings, and was the site of the highest Ranger incident responses in the entirety of Griffith Park.

We implore you to postpone this decision and allow our board, and by extension, the public to consider this important change in Griffith Park operations. We also hope that other PABs are extended the same courtesy as parks throughout Los Angeles will be impacted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Crames Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Stefanie Smith

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

VC No. 9346



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: 23-085 comment, Alcohol Beverage Policy

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 3:25 PM

To: Gerry Hans <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <bre>
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Good Afternoon,

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

On Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 2:50 PM Gerry Hans <> wrote:

Please see the attached comment letter for Thursday's Commission meeting, Board Report 23-085.

Thank you,



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**Friends of Griffith Park** 

April 18, 2023

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Re: Alcoholic Beverage Policy revision, Board Report 23-085

Dear Commissioners,

Friends of Griffith Park respectfully requests for a postponement and more public discussion of the revised Alcoholic Beverage Policy that is currently before the Board. Because of the short notice about this proposal, Friends of Griffith Park – along with other groups – would like additional time to consider the ramifications of this policy change more thoroughly; informing our members and volunteers will help us make appropriate comments about this policy change.

Please consider the obvious: alcohol is a sensitive trigger for the public. To approve a revision that, on the surface, expands sales to hard liquor at an unlimited number of open space events, without a full conversation with the public, could be misunderstood.

We fully understand that approvals for any open space event will continue to be highly scrutinized. Yet, every City park is different. A discussion of alcohol policy for open space events that potentially displaces existing park users or has possible adverse impacts in a defined wilderness area is worth the conversation.

Let's have that discussion, please.

Gratefully,

Gerry Hans, President

### About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a California non-profit 501(c) (3) dedicated to preserving and protecting Griffith Park's natural habitat, biodiversity, and historic features, for current and future generations. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles' largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.



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# Re: Community Impact Statement - Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

1 message

Cc:

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 8:17 AM

Good Morning,

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

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### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

# (Approved 2/8/2023)

for the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to submit to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to advocate for the prioritization of San Fernando Valley Middle Schools for the next phase of the Community School Parks Program.

• In the 2016 LA Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, the Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks local study area was designated as a "Very High Need" area in terms of the need for additional parks.

https://lacountyparkneeds.org/wpcontent/uploads/2016/06/FinalReport.pdf, p. 69 (Study Area 44)

- Van Nuys has many families living in multifamily buildings with little or no green space for outdoor play.
- Van Nuys does not have large vacant pieces of property that could be converted into public parks.
- In April 2018, a pilot project was initiated by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) at four LAUSD elementary schools to open the school play areas to the community in non-school hours. No further sites were added prior to the pandemic.
- In December 2021, recognizing the importance of parks and open space in the quality of life of Angelenos, Mayor Eric Garcetti issued Executive Directive 31 - Achieving Park Equity. This directive emphasizes the goal to achieve even greater park equity in the city to increase parkland in the communities that need it most. Specifically, the Executive Directive looks to RAP to continue to work with LAUSD to resolve and eliminate barriers to establishing community school parks, especially those in park-deficient communities. The Mayor's Office and the Department of Recreation and Parks has committed to a program of working with LAUSD schools that are willing to be designated as "Community School Parks" by making their school grounds available to the community during non-school hours. These parks would be overseen by Recreation and Parks staff and would offer activities such as team sports and classes.
- On Jun 2, 2022, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners approved the Plan for The Phased Expansion of The Community School Parks Program, 2022 2026. The plan included a goal to open 5 middle schools in the fall of 2022 as Community School Parks (CSPs). (*Ref. Board Report 22-145*).

- Los Angeles Unified School District includes over 400 Elementary Schools and over 70 Middle Schools. Both elementary and middle school play yards and field space can provide multiple community benefits when open to the public during non-school hours. While most LAUSD elementary schools do not have large turf fields, many middle school campuses do have grass fields that are generally more conducive to structured recreational programs. Therefore, RAP decided to prioritize middle schools in exploring opportunities to open more Community School Parks (CSPs).
- RAP staff utilized the Trust for Public Land's Park Serve® mapping tool with updated census data to look at the priority areas in the city where a new CSP would have the most impact. They looked at how many new residents would be served through a community school park. They also used LAUSD data to determine existing green space. A list of 30 middle schools with existing green space was developed.
- An update report to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners for the September 15, 2022, meeting listed the 5 middle schools that were selected for the first phase of the CSP rollout.
- Despite the fact that 5 of the top 7 middle schools ranked by potential impact are located in the San Fernando Valley (in CDs 2, 6, 7, and 12), none of these schools was selected for implementation of a Community School Park to meet the goal of opening 5 CSPs in fall 2022.
- The omission of San Fernando Valley Middle schools from the first phase is puzzling, since the June report contained the following text: "As it relates to middle schools, schools sites such as Pio Pico, Sun Valley Magnet, Fulton College Prep, Northridge, and Sepulveda Middle School would be examples of five middle schools RAP would further evaluate for consideration as CSPs because they have existing turf fields, they serve thousands of residents currently not having access to a park within 10-minute walk, and they currently do not have existing permits outside of school. A variety of other site conditions, school and community support considerations, and other factors would be evaluated with LAUSD staff, and subject to approval by LAUSD, for inclusion in the program"
- Instead, Pio Pico MS (CD 10), the school with the highest potential of persons served, was selected, along with 4 other schools in CDs 8, 9, and 10 with less potential impact (see charts below).

THEREFORE, the VNNC encourages the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to **prioritize** for selection as CSPs for the next phase of the Community School Parks Program in 2023 (which may start Spring 2023 or later) the 5 middle schools in the San Fernando Valley (see bold type in the chart below), which are ranked within the top 7 schools in terms of impact.

Name of Middle School	CD	Potential number of residents not currently near parks
Pio Pico	10	11,564
Sun Valley Magnet: Engineering Technology	2	9,857
Palms	5	8,768
Robert Fulton College Prep: Communication Arts/Music Magnet (6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)*	6	8,476
Northridge	12	8,197
Francisco Sepulveda	7	7,322
Pacoima	7	6,848

Top 7 Middle Schools in terms of impact

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sof post-pandemic opening of CSPs.

5 Middle Schools targeted for fall 2022 implementation

Name of Middle School	CD	Potential number of residents not currently near parks
Pio Pico	10	11,564
Barack Obama Global	8	6,175
Preparation Academy		
Samuel Gompers	8	3,505
John Muir	9	2,733
Mary McLeod Bethune	9	2,085



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### **Re: Our Meeting**

1 message

#### Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org> To: cdila1 <>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:04 PM

Cc: Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>, Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org>, Kimberly Simonet <kimberly.simonet@lacity.org>, Juan Guzman <juan.l.guzman@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>

Hello Robert,

As always, I have tried to be extremely responsive to your requests. The PAB issues at Pan Pacific existed many years before I was assigned and I did everything in my power to correct the situation, but it does take time when something is so rooted and engrained in the operation. Thus that PAB has been disbanded and a new PAB is being introduced as we speak.

I'm sharing the New PAB Handbook with you and the section on Selections of Members /Elections/ Fundraising projects/PAB's in ability to represent the Department or City

#### Selection of Officers

RAP staff makes the selection of PAB members and facilitates all meetings.

PAB member positions include:

- Chairperson / President
- Vice-Chairperson / Vice-President
- Secretary

Elections shall take place each January for positions at the end of their two year term.

#### Term Limits

- · Two-year terms with the option to interview for additional terms
- · When starting a PAB, it is suggested that terms limits are staggered initially
- · PAB members with three plus unexcused absences in one year should be replaced
- PAB members must provide a letter of resignation if they choose to resign
- · PAB members may be removed by majority vote

#### Page 5 briefly mentions fundraising projects and working with the Department.

Page 6 mentions that they are not to act as an agent of the City or be involved in budget decisions.

# HISTORY OF PARK ADVISORY BOARDS

The Department of Recreation and Parks observed the need for a formal method of incorporating community input on decisions affecting communities and initiated the development of Center Service Association or CSAs in the 1970s.

CSAs led the way for the establishment and formalization of what we now recognize as Park Advisory Boards (PABs) which began in May 1998.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) believes that the partnership between staff and the community is of primary importance in identifying and meeting the recreational needs of each community.

Park Advisory Boards are essential to the overall operation of a Department facility.

A Park Advisory Board member is a community stakeholder and understands the community's needs and interests.

Members work to make facilities safe, clean and hospitable while offering suggestions for programming and assistance in fundraising. Members work with the Department on issues involving neighborhood parks, community events, fundraising projects, existing and proposed recreation and educational programs, along with a variety of other projects important to the facility and the community.

Today's social, economic, and political climate demands that decisions concerning the expenditure of public resources are fair, equitable, and reflective of the communities and the people they impact.

Park Advisory Boards provide valuable assistance in these areas.





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# DEFINITION OF A PARK ADVISORY BOARD

#### What is a Park Advisory Board?

A Park Advisory Board (PAB) consists of individuals who are community residents, business members, and those who work or spend time in a community and who are recruited and selected by RAP staff to help strengthen local recreation programs and services.

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#### Park Advisory Boards are:

- NOT a Board of Directors
- NOT involved in the center's staffing decisions or budget decisions
- · NOT involved in the formulation of policy
- NOT empowered to speak as representatives of the Department
- NOT representation for any special interest group
- · NOT a political action group or political forum

#### Park Advisory Boards do:

- · Work with the RAP staff as community partners (advisory only)
- Support RAP staff with connecting valuable resources to expand park services
- · Provide guidance on how facilities may best fit the needs of the community



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#### RAP has now addressed 4 out of the 5 issues you raised last week.

- 1) PAB- Bank Accounts Prohibited- DONE sent to you April 19th
- 2) PAB- Bylaws and Elections-DONE sent to you April 19th
- 3) Firework Permits- DONE issue addressed with LA City Attorney sent to you April 18th
- 4) Agendize Firework Issues- DONE issue addressed with LA City Attorney sent to you April 18th

We're still working on the Security Camera Issue and will get back to you in a timely manner.

I look forward to starting with a clean slate.

Thanks, Anita

### Anita D. Meacham, M.B.A.

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On Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 6:36 PM Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org> wrote: Hello Robert, Per our Meating last week Lam addressing the following concerns you veiced:

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# Anita Meacham April 18, 2023 email responce four years later and alleged Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board Bylaw Violations

1 message

#### r cdila1 <>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:22 AM

VC No. 9348

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Superintendent Meacham:

You state in your April 18, 2023 email to me; "... PAB's - Bank Accounts prohibited... I am working on these items and will get back to you when I am done." I have attached the Monday, June 10, 2019 email I sent to you after you failed to provide the documentation I requested in a Public

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Records Act request pertaining to said Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board bank accounts. Yet, you are getting back to me four years later?

I expressed my concerns last August 2022 about alleged Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board Bylaws violations allegedly concerning the failure to hold the required four meeting per year and allowing advisory board members to serve beyond the limitations of said bylaws. In the case of the chair, he allegedly served over twenty years when he was only allowed to serve two years, and you are getting back to me eight months later?

Robert Cherno attachment:



### Pan Pacific Advisory Board

From: r cdila1 ( ) To: anita.meacham@lacity.org Date: Monday, June 10, 2019 at 01:29 PM PDT

### Good Afternoon Anita:

As you may recall, last March, I emailed you a complaint pertaining to alleged Code of Conduct violations by Pan Pacific Advisory Board member Reggie Turner. My complaint was referred to Deanne Dedman, who assured me that she was going to investigate my claim that Reggie Turner had allegedly violated conditions of Code of Conduct, which I was advised he had signed and agreed to abide by. Not only has Mr. Turner's outrageous conduct continued. Ms. Dedman announced at last month's Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board meeting that your Department did not have signed copies of the Code of Conduct by any of the Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board members, and asked that all the board members sign and return the Code of Conduct forms by the next Board meeting. Not only did Ms. Dedman intentionally misinform me that she already had signed copies by all Pan Pacific Park Board Members, but she didn't appear in a hurry to assure that your Department finally had signed copies from all Board Members. Please explain to me how she was able to take action prescribed in the Code of Conduct against Mr. Turner, if no one from your Department ever got him to a signed copy of the Code of Conduct? Why would she misinform me that she already had a copy of Mr. Turner's Code of Conduct form when I filed a complaint, when she clearly did not, and therefore could not hold Mr. Turner accountable for the alleged violations? Is this what I should expect from your staff?

In addition, I brought a family member to the May 2019 Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board meeting. As Mr. Turner has been doing for many years, even though I have advised him numerous times over the years is a violation of the Brown Act, he insists that everyone present at the meeting not only provide their name and contact information on a paper he circulates, but he then goes around the room telling everyone present to identify themselves. California Government Code Section 54953.3. which is one of the code sections of the Brown Act, specifically states; "A member of the public shall not be required as a condition to attendance at a meeting to register his or her name, to provide other information, to complete a questionnaire, or otherwise to fulfill any condition precedent to his or her attendance. If an attendance list, register, questionnaire, or other similar document is posted at or near the entrance to the room where the meeting is to be held, or is circulated to the persons present during the meeting, it shall state clearly that the signing, registering, or completion of the document is voluntary, and that all persons may attend the meeting regardless of whether a person signs, registers, or completes the document." Ms. Dedman announced at last month's Pan Pacific Park Advisory Meeting that she was well versed in the Brown Act. Yet, she didn't say a word when Mr. Turner began harassing my family member, insisting that he state who he was. Once again, because your Department has failed and continues to fail to get Mr. Turner to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct, the conditions pertaining to alleged violations pertaining to harassing my family cannot be enforced against Mr. Turner. It is a criminal act to violate the Brown Act, Yet, Ms. Dedman didn't seem very concerned? Once again, is this what I should expect from your staff?

It has also come to my attention that rather than put funds donated to the Pan Pacific Advisory Board in a 501c3, Mr. Turner has allegedly been placing donated funds in a separate bank account, and has been doing so for some time. Why has this been allowed to continue and no



### **Re: Our Meeting**

1 message

#### r cdila1 <>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 11:48 PM

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### Anita Meacham:

Unfortunately, the information you provided in your April 18, 2023 email was not very helpful. I have attached a copy of the California Secretary of State Limited Liability Company information for Caruso Affiliated Holdings, LLC; Caruso Property Management, LLC. Under type of business, it states; "Real Estate." LAMC Section 57.5608.1.2. Fireworks. which we have discussed numerous times over the last several years, including our on-line meeting a week ago with Bilinda Jackson sates;

### SEC. 57.5608.1.2. FIREWORKS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, give, possess, sell, or discharge any fireworks in the City of Los Angeles.

**EXCEPTION** : Patriotic, civic, and religious organizations may conduct fireworks displays under permit by the Chief and in accordance with the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code.

As we have discussed numerous times over several years, a for profit "REAL ESTATE" retail shopping mall does not meet the definition of a "patriotic, civic, or religious organization which would allow the discharge of fireworks in the City of Los Angeles.

Further, as we have also discussed last August, 2022 as well as last week during our on-line meeting with Beliinda Jackson, LAMC Section 63.44(21) states that; "No person shall AT ANY LOS ANGELES CITY PARK carry or discharge any FIREARMS, firecrackers, FIREWORKS, ROCKETS... " Therefore, even patriotic, civic or religious organization, in addition to for profit real estate retail shopping malls, are prohibited from discharging fireworks/rockets in a City of Los Angeles park, yet, you approved the most recent permit on November 20, 2022?

We also discussed last week during our on-line meeting with Belinda Jackson, whether an official is elected or appointed to office the official is expected to adhere to a strict code of conduct. If an official breaches that code of conduct it may rise to the level of "official misconduct". The term "official misconduct" refers to an illegal act by a public official in California and is covered under the California Penal Code Section 801 et. seq. To be covered under that section you must be an EMPLOYEE or official of the government. An illegal act is defined as an unauthorized act that was committed while the official was in office or was undertaking his or her prescribed duty of care to the public. For an act or omission to rise to the level of official misconduct the defendant must have clearly known that the conduct was unlawful at the time the conduct occurred. In other words, a law must have been in place at the time making the conduct unlawful.

You may recall that we discussed this matter back in August 2022 and you informed me that you had no idea who in the Department of Recreation and Parks had been issuing Revocable Right-Of

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Entry Permits for Provision of Fireworks Shows every year to Caruso Managment Company, Ltd. As we discussed last week during our on-line meeting with Belinda Jackson, when Caruso Management Company/The Grove Mall was once again issued said permit last November, I made a Public Records Act request to the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Commission for documents pertaining to the permit which was issued Caruso Managment Company, Ltd/The Grove Mall for the November 20. 2022 Revocable Right-Of-Entry Permit for provision of Fireworks show. Instead of being provided with the documents I asked for, your staff provided me with insurance policies and blank application permits. As we discussed last week, image my surprise when I contacted the secretary of the RAP Commission and told her that I had not been provided with the documents I had requested, and finally received said permit issued to Caruso Management Company, Ltd. with the signature on said permit of Ramon Cortez "for A. Meacham," after you told me last August that you had no idea who had been approving said permits. I would like very much to know who you refer to at the City Attorney's Office who has been advising you on this matter?

You also promised me last week during our on-line meeting that you would get landscaping crews out to the south and west areas of Pan Pacific Park to clean up the overgrowth of grass and weeds that had been neglected for quite some time. I discovered yesterday, over a week later, when I was at Pan Pacific Park earlier today that you had failed to keep your word. I finally called the RAP staff member of maintenance who is responsible for maintaining landscaping at said park who informed me that you had never contacted him about the failure to maintain said section of Pan Pacific Park.

We also discussed the alleged crime problems at Pan Pacific Park including the on-going problem with vagrants exposing themselves at the park and that LAPD Wilshire had not been addressing the issue. Said problem had continued, yet you made no mention of that in your April 18, 2023 email? As I asked the commanding officer of LAPD Wilshire Division, should park patrons, including children be regularly exposed to vagrants exposing themselves?

Is my concerns about the alleged mismanagement of Pan Pacific Park why you and Pan Pacific Park Director Calhoun have kept me from becoming a member of the Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board?

### Robert Cherno

### attachment:

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 07:23:28 PM PDT, Anita Meacham <a href="mailto:anita.meacham@lacity.org">anita.meacham@lacity.org</a> wrote:

Good Evening Robert,

I have reached out to our City Attorney and was provided the following information regarding the use of Fireworks in the City of Los Angeles, for your information: Fireworks- Permits-

Per the Los Angeles Municipal Code:

### SEC. 57.5608.1.2. FIREWORKS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, give, possess, sell, or discharge any fireworks in the City of Los Angeles.

**EXCEPTION** : Patriotic, civic, and religious organizations may conduct fireworks displays under permit by the Chief and in accordance with the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code.

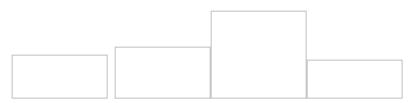
I hope this is helpful,

Thanks, Anita

Anita D. Meacham, M.B.A.

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"We Rise by Lifting Others," "Brighten Someone's day"



On Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 6:36 PM Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Robert,

Per our Meeting last week. I am addressing the following concerns you voiced:

PAB's - Bank Accounts prohibited PAB's- Bylaws and Elections Fireworks- Permits

I am working on these items and will get back to you when I am done.

Thanks,Anita



VC No. 9349

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

### Re: PAB Meeting/Acoustical Analysis of Bocce & RAP's Failure to Mitigate

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org></rap.commissioners@lacity.org>		Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:24 AM	
To:			
Cc:	, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, JOSEPH HALPER &lt;&gt;,</jimmy.kim@lacity.org>	, Sue Pascoe <>	

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 19, 2023 at 11:18 AM <> wrote:

#### **Re: PAB Meeting and Bocce Noise Levels**

Dear Mr. Starrels,

Thank you for your service to the community through your leadership on PAB.

In connection with the agenda item of "noise mitigation" for tonight's PAB meeting, I have attached a copy of Veneklasen's Noise Monitoring/Acoustical Analysis we and our neighbors commissioned which describes the typical noise levels of a bocce game behind our hedge. In response to RAP's ongoing failure to mitigate the excessive noise levels we regularly experience, we engaged sound engineers to test the impact of bocce play to our properties. RAP's only response to date has been the installation by a RAP maintenance crew of a 5 foot tall plastic fence <u>beneath</u> a pre-existing, 6 foot tall concrete garden wall that separates our property from the Veterans Gardens. This short, plastic fence does nothing to mitigate the excessive noise levels on our property, as the sound continues to travel over the pre-existing wall.

As the attached Acoustical Analysis shows, professional sound engineers found our backyard and all outdoor spaces of our property to be "unusable" during bocce play due to sound levels associated with ball collisions and crowd noise. As Tables 3 & 4 reflect, the ambient sound levels of the park (45-48 dB before/after bocce) are raised by tens of decibels during bocce play (70s-86 dB within our property).

These noise levels far exceed local, state and federal noise limitations for residential neighborhoods, as well as acceptable noise levels even within the park itself (the maximum daytime noise level permitted at the R1 zone boundary line is 50 dB; after 7 PM, 45 dB). The noise levels associated with bocce play are 30-40 decibels higher than ambient/permissible noise levels. As the report describes, an increase of 10 dB is perceived as the doubling of sound—so neighbors experience a more than tripling of park noise from bocce play.

We have brought our noise complaints to PAB on other occasions, including to the PAB meeting in October 2022. This sound study documents objective evidence of how neighboring homes are impacted dozens of hours per week.

We should mention that noise resulting from other park activities situated an appropriate distance from homes (as is required by the Noise Element of the LA General Plan) including PPBA/baseball cheering, playground noise, etc does

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not have any significant impact on our property. Even the recent parking lot construction, which included jackhammering, was relatively unobtrusive compared to the sound of bocce being played within 15 feet of our home. While tens of thousands of dollars were spent by the organizers of the bocce project on specialized "Colleoni" Italian court surfaces, not a single dollar was allocated to a sound study to assess how the introduction of 3, brand new, hard surface game courts would impact park neighbors, and no efforts were made to design the courts (e.g., positioning the courts parallel to homes, increasing the distance between homes and the courts) in such a way as to mitigate noise impacts on neighbors. This is despite the fact that reports of past PAB meetings show that potential sound impacts to neighboring homes have frequently been an impediment to the advancement of certain projects, such as a skatepark.

From an August 29, 2019 Palisadian-Post article featuring a PAB meeting discussing a skate park proposal:

"Superintendent Darryl Ford of RAP pointed out that "location is probably the most important thing to think about when we're thinking about a skatepark." Ford said to keep three aspects in mind: security, use, and, most importantly, the noise."

"That lower picnic area...that whole area is surrounded by homes," Director Erich Haas said. "I can tell you right now those homeowners are not going to go for that."

We again urge the Board to assist us in bringing these ongoing, nuisance levels of noise down to reasonable and legal levels. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Jennifer Massey

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### Re: PAB Meeting/Acoustical Analysis of Bocce & RAP's Failure to Mitigate

1 message

#### Jennifer Massey <>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:25 PM

To: "Starrels, Andrew J (CCC - X68906, LAX - X52507)" <> Cc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, JOSEPH HALPER <>,

Andy,

Thank you very much for your quick reply. We appreciate your (and PAB's) follow up on this ongoing issue with RAP. Would you please let me know what the "noise mitigation" issue on tonight's agenda relates to? As far as we are aware, our group of neighbors are the only ones who have submitted a sound study to RAP regarding a noise nuisance, yet RAP has appeared to prioritize other complaints. Again, appreciate your time and response. Thank you, Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2023, at 11:41 AM, Starrels, Andrew J (CCC - X68906, LAX - X52507) <> wrote:

Jennifer,

Thank you for your correspondence. I, and other members of the PAB, are aware of the bocce noise issue that you have raised.

As you know, the function of the PAB is to advise RAP of community sentiment and to serve as a sounding board for community input. I assure you that we will transmit your sentiments to RAP. The bocce noise issue is not on our agenda for this evening's meeting, but if you plan to attend and would like to make further comment in the "General Public Comment" portion of the meeting you may certainly do that.

I also will attempt to elicit further response from RAP outside of tonight's meeting as to your correspondence and the issues you raise. If you are not able to attend tonight and any response from RAP Staff is made with respect to the issues you've raised, I will update you.

Cordially,

Andy Starrels



VC No. 9349a

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: RAP's Shutdown of Pickleball While Illegal Bocce Noise Levels Continue Unabated

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: <> Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 12:15 PM

Cc: darryl.ford@lacity.org, Ca Veronica De La Cruz <veronica.delacruz-robles@lacity.org>, <>, Sue Pascoe <>

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 27, 2023 at 12:02 PM <> wrote:

April 20, 2023

#### **RE: Noise Levels/Bocce Game Courts in Veterans Gardens**

Dear Mr. Ford,

I have attached a copy of a professional Noise Monitoring/Acoustical Analysis in connection with the ongoing, excessive noise levels we continue to experience on our property from bocce play over our hedge in the Veterans Gardens. We and our neighbors commissioned Veneklasen & Associates to perform a sound study after RAP's failure to mitigate the ongoing nuisance created by the development of new game courts behind our hedge. The Acoustical Analysis describes the typical noise levels of a bocce game at our property line, which take place at least 5 times per week, evenings and afternoons, on weekends as well as holidays, for hours at a time, resulting in the loss of use of our backyard and all outdoor spaces.

RAP's only attempt at mitigation to date has been the installation by a RAP maintenance crew of a 5 foot tall plastic fence <u>beneath</u> a pre-existing, 6 foot tall concrete garden wall that separates our property from the Veterans Gardens. This short, plastic fence does nothing to mitigate the excessive noise levels on our property, as the sound continues to travel over the pre-existing wall.

As the attached Acoustical Analysis shows, professional sound engineers found our backyard and all outdoor spaces of our property to be "unusable" during bocce play due to sound levels associated with both the impact of the steel balls and crowd noise. As Tables 3 & 4 reflect, the ambient sound levels of the park (45-48 dB before/after bocce) are raised by tens of decibels during bocce play (70s-86 dB within our property).

These noise levels far exceed local, state and federal noise limitations for residential neighborhoods, as well as acceptable noise levels even within the park itself (the maximum daytime noise level permitted at the R1 zone boundary line in Los Angeles is 50 dB; after 7 PM, 45 dB). The noise levels associated with bocce play were measured at 30-40 decibels higher than ambient/permissible noise levels. As the report describes, an increase of 10 dB is perceived as the doubling of sound—so neighbors experience a more than tripling of park noise from bocce play. This sound study documents objective evidence of how neighboring homes are impacted dozens of hours per week. While tens of thousands of dollars were spent by bocce organizers on specialized "Colleoni" Italian court surfaces, RAP did

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not require a single dollar to be spent on a sound study to assess how three, brand new, hard surface game courts would impact park neighbors, and no efforts were made to design the courts (e.g., positioning the courts parallel to homes, increasing the distance between homes and the courts) in such a way as to mitigate noise impacts on neighbors. Even a simple placement of rubberized "court stops" at the end of the courts would help deaden the sound —but RAP has refused even this step.

Despite evidence we have provided of excessive noise levels, RAP continues its policy of deference to private bocce organizers. RAP moved expeditiously to shut down pickleball "due to noise and the location to residences....this park is surrounded by homes" (quoting Palisades Recreation Center Director Dowlatshani), while the decibel levels we experience, including crowds of 50-60 people shouting at our hedge, are commensurate with and in fact exceed pickleball noise.

Historically, media reports indicate that potential sound impacts to neighboring homes have been an impediment to the advancement of certain projects in the Palisades Recreation Center, such as a skatepark.

From an August 29, 2019 Palisadian-Post article featuring a PAB meeting discussing a skate park proposal:

"Superintendent Darryl Ford of RAP pointed out that "location is probably the most important thing to think about when we're thinking about a skatepark." Ford said to keep three aspects in mind: security, use, and, most importantly, the noise."

"That lower picnic area...that whole area is surrounded by homes," Director Erich Haas said. "I can tell you right now those homeowners are not going to go for that."

Apparently bocce game noise is OK but skatepark noise and pickleball noise are not? We urge you to take immediate steps to bring these noise levels down to reasonable <u>and legal</u> levels or else revoke the permits. As a reminder, "all permits at all RAP sites or locations will be permitted only in conformance with State, County and City guidelines" (www.laparks.org). This language is also reflected in the Development Agreement between Your Park and RAP in connection with this park space.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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November 2, 2022

Subject: Veterans Garden Park Noise Impact to 825 and 831 Alma Real Drive Pacific Palisades, CA Noise Monitoring Acoustical Analysis Veneklasen Project No. 8162-001

Veneklasen Associates (Veneklasen) has been contracted to conduct a detailed assessment of property line noise affecting the 825 Alma Real Dr. property in Pacific Palisades, CA. The owner desires to assess compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The homeowners of 825 and 831 Alma Real Drive moved in before the recent installation of three (3) bocce ball courts in a neighboring field that is part of the Veterans Garden park complex. The 2012 master plan of Veterans Gardens did not include information on events that would regularly occur in this space. Additionally, Veneklasen was not able to locate a noise study that was conducted prior to the bocce ball court construction that defines the noise that would emanate from this use. In addition, we did not locate an acoustical analysis or report or find that an acoustical consultant had reviewed the event and spectator noise during the permitting process.

Since the installation of these three (3) bocce ball courts, there have been regularly scheduled bocce ball practice, league games and tournaments that last from approximately 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. These games, which typically occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays result in ball clacking noises, crowd cheering, and blower noise that directly affect the homeowners on Alma Real Drive. As a result, Veneklasen was contracted to measure the bocce ball games during one (1) site visit and determine the increase, if any, in background noise level at the residences from bocce ball activity. In addition, Veneklasen was asked to determine if the noise level from this activity is in violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code (Chapter XI).

#### 2.0 FIRM PROFILE

Founded in 1947, Veneklasen Associates, Inc. is among the oldest acoustical consulting firm in the United States. Our services encompass architectural acoustics, audio-visual (AV), information technology (IT), environmental noise and vibration mitigation. As an acoustics firm, Veneklasen Associates, Inc. is further differentiated by our environmental noise capabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, measurements and analysis for regulatory compliance and noise impact consultation for utilities, industrial and commercial development. Our role has ranged from recommendations specific to OSHA in the workplace to community noise analysis for EIRs. Our longevity in the environmental noise field provides us with a broad array of comparative data as well as extensive public outreach experience, often with sensitive community projects.



#### 3.0 CHARACTERIZATIONS OF NOISE

Noise is usually defined as unwanted sound and can be an undesirable by-product of society's normal day-today activities. Sound becomes unwanted when it interferes with normal activities, causes actual physical harm, or has an adverse effect on health.

People judge the relative magnitude of sound sensation in subjective terms such as "noisiness" or "loudness." However, the sound pressure magnitude can be objectively measured and quantified using a logarithmic ratio of pressures which yields the level of sound, utilizing the measurement scale of decibels (dB). A decibel is a unit describing the amplitude of sound equivalent to 20 times the logarithm, to the base 10, of the ratio of the pressure of the sound to the reference pressure of 20 µPa. The decibel is generally adjusted to the Aweighted level (dBA) which de-emphasizes very low frequencies to better approximate the human ear's range of sensitivity. In practice, the noise level of a sound source is measured using a sound level meter that includes an electronic filter corresponding to the A-weighting curve. Even though the A-weighted scale accounts for the relative loudness perceived by the human ear and, therefore, is commonly used to quantify individual events or general community sound levels, the degree of annoyance or other response effects also depends on several other perceptibility factors, including:

- Ambient (background) sound level
- Magnitude of the event sound level relative to the background noise
- Spectral (frequency) composition (e.g. presence of tones)
- Duration of the sound event
- Number of event occurrences, repetitiveness, and intermittency
- Time of day the event occurs.

In determining the daily level of environmental noise, it is important to account for the difference in human responses to daytime and nighttime noises. At night, exterior background noise levels are generally lower than daytime levels. However, most household noise also decreases at night, and exterior noise may become increasingly noticeable. Further, most people sleep at night and have greater sensitivity to noise intrusion. To account for human sensitivity to nighttime noise levels, a 24-hour descriptor, the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) has been developed. The CNEL divides the 24-hour day into a daytime period of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., an evening period from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and a nighttime period of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. In determining the CNEL, noise levels occurring during the evening period are increase by 5 dB, while noise levels occurring during the nighttime period are increased by 10 dB to account for the greater sensitivity during the evening and nighttime periods. The effects of noise on people fall into three general categories:

- Subjective effects of annoyance and nuisance
- Interference with activities such as speech, sleep and learning
- Physiological effects such as hearing loss

In most cases, the levels associated with environmental noise produce effects only in the first two categories. There is no completely effective way to measure the subjective effects of noise or the corresponding reactions of annoyance, because of the wide variation in individual thresholds of annoyance and degrees to which people become acclimated to noise. Thus, an important way of determining a person's subjective reaction to a new noise source is by comparison to the existing environment to which they are accustomed (the "ambient environment"). In general, the more the level of a noise event exceeds the prevailing ambient noise level, the less acceptable the noise source will be to those exposed to it. With regard to increases in Aweighted noise levels, the following relationships are applicable to this analysis:

- Except in carefully controlled laboratory experiments, a 1 dB change cannot be perceived.
- Outside of a laboratory, a 3 dBA change will be generally perceivable by most people.
- A change in level of at least 5 dBA is considered a noticeable change by most people.
- A 10 dBA change will result in the perception of doubling or halving the loudness of the noise.



#### 4.0 SOUND LEVEL CRITERIA

Acoustical measurements were performed on September 29, 2022. During these measurements, most bocce ball related noise was created by participants cheering, participants talking, bocce balls impacting the side of the court, and bocce balls impacting other bocce balls. Additionally, a blower was used before and between bocce ball games. No other special noise sources, vehicle noise, or amplified sound was observed emanating from this event. As a result, the articles of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that apply to this event are Article 2: Special Noise Sources and Article 6: General Noise.

Per Chapter XI Article 2 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code, the following section outlines noise ordinance violations with regard to powered equipment:

SEC. 112.04. POWERED EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR REPETITIVE USE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND OTHER MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, AND DEVICES.

(b) Except as to the equipment and operations specifically mentioned and related elsewhere in this Chapter or for emergency work as that term is defined in Section 111.01(d), and except as to aircraft, tow tractors, aircraft auxiliary power units, trains and motor vehicles in their respective operations governed by State or federal regulations, no person shall operate or cause to be operated any machinery, equipment, tools, or other mechanical or electrical device, or engage in any other activity in such manner as to create any noise which would cause the noise level on the premises of any other occupied property, or, if a condominium, apartment house, duplex, or attached business, within any adjoining unit, to exceed the ambient noise level by more than five (5) decibels.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) above, no gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user, if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), notwithstanding the graduated fines set forth in LAMC § 11.00(m). (Amended by Ord. No. 171,890, Eff. 2/13/98.)

Per Chapter XI Article 6 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code, the following section outlines noise ordinance violations with regard to loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise:

SEC. 116.01. LOUD, UNNECESSARY AND UNUSUAL NOISE.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and in addition thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. The standard which may be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) The level of noise;
- (b) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (c) Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- (d) The level and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- (e) The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
- (f) The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (g) The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (h) The time of the day and night the noise occurs;
- (i) The duration of the noise;
- (j) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; and
- (k) Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity.



Additionally, Section 111.03 of the Municipal Code states that a presumed ambient noise level of 50 dBA should be used for residential areas when the measured ambient level is lower than the presumed level. We measured an ambient level of 48 dBA before the start of the bocce ball game and an ambient level of 45 dBA after it ended. Since both of these measured levels are below 50 dBA, **the presumed ambient level of 50 dBA was used for our analysis, which is higher than the actual ambient noise level present**.

Lastly, our measurements followed the measurement criteria outlined in Section 111.02: Sound Level Measurement Procedure and Criteria. Of particular interest in this section is item (b), which states that 5 dB should be added to "repeated impulsive noises" and 5 dB should be subtracted from "noise occurring five minutes or less in any period of 60 consecutive minutes, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. of any day." During our analysis, we treated the noise of bocce balls impacting the side of the court and other bocce balls as "repeated impulsive noises," meaning that we added 5 dB to our measured levels. Participant conversation noise, cheering noise, and blower noise, on the other hand, was treated as "noise occurring five minutes or less," meaning that we subtracted 5 dB from our measured levels.

#### 5.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The bocce ball courts in question are located in Pacific Palisades at the Veterans Gardens park complex. There are three 75 ft. x 9.5 ft. courts running perpendicular to the residences next to the park. The north end of the closest court is approximately 15 ft. from the 825 Alma Real property line. Spectator benches are located on each end of the courts, including three located within the 15 ft. space between the bocce ball courts and the 825 Alma Real property line. Players typically gather at these benches to play, observe, and cheer. No walls were built to attenuate noise from these bocce ball events and there is only a pre-existing garden wall whose vegetation does not block sound. Figure 1 below shows an overview of the existing site. Nearby houses are highlighted in blue, the bocce ball courts are highlighted in green, and areas where crowds gather are highlighted in red.





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#### 6.0 MEASUREMENTS

Sound level meters were setup in the following 4 locations around the 825 Alma Real Drive property:

- 1. In the south corner of the backyard closest to the bocce ball courts.
- 2. In the west corner of the backyard closest to where soccer lessons occur.
- 3. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bedroom balcony.
- 4. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bedroom with all windows and doors closed.

These meters measured noise levels and recorded audio from approximately 2:30 pm to 7:45 pm. They measured both maximum sound levels at 10 second intervals (Lmax) and equivalent continuous sound levels (Leq) at 10 second intervals. From this data, Leqs for longer time periods (such as 15 minutes) could be calculated. Leq (equivalent continuous sound level) is defined as the steady sound pressure level which, over a given period of time, has the same total energy as the actual fluctuating noise.

The location that was most impacted by the bocce ball game was Location 1, whose 15 min Leq levels can be seen in Table 1 below. A typical requirement for noise sources in the LA noise ordinance is to not exceed 5 dB above the ambient. Levels that do so are colored red and would be considered violations of the ordinance:

Start Time, 24 hr	15 min Leq, dBA
14:45	48
15:00	51
15:15	57
15:30	63
15:45	56
16:00	55
16:15	56
16:30	56
16:45	56
17:00	57
17:15	57
17:30	58
17:45	57
18:00	58
18:15	56
18:30	58
18:45	58
19:00	53
19:15	49
19:30	45

## Table 1 – 15 min LAeq levels at the property line

As seen in above, the measured background noise levels are consistently more than 10 dBA above the measured ambient level without bocce ball activity (45 dBA) and consistently more than 5 dBA over the "presumed ambient level" described in the noise ordinance (50 dBA). In order to gain a better understanding of what noise sources were contributing to these exceedances, we took a closer look at Lmaxs and their causes.

The measured levels caused by blower noise are shown in Table 2 below. Since these were noise events that lasted 5 minutes or less, we subtracted 5 dB from our measured levels in accordance with Section 111.02 of the municipal code. Values in red would not comply with the noise ordinance.



		S at Location II
Event Time, 24 hr	Event Level, dBA	Cause
15:30	59	Blower
15:31	64	Blower
15:34	65	Blower
15:35	62	Blower
16:25	59	Blower

## Table 2 – Measured blower noise levels at Location 1.

As seen above, noise from the blower is significantly more than 5 dB above the presumed ambient level of 50 dBA even after 5 dB is subtracted from the measured levels. As a result, blower noise is in violation of Section 112.04b of the noise ordinance. Additionally, the entire bocce ball court complex is located within 500 ft. of the neighboring house (as seen in Figure 2 below), meaning that any operation of powered blowers on these courts is in violation of Section 112.04c of the noise ordinance.



Figure 2 – Site plan showing bocce ball courts within 500' from homes on right side of image.

The measured levels caused by bocce ball impacts were repeated impulse noises that had a 3-5 dB "spike" around 1 kHz in comparison to adjacent frequency bands. As a result, these noise events received the +5 dB "repeated impulse noise" correction. For comparison purposes, it is helpful to note that 65 dBA is considered the upper level of conversational speech and noises that frequently exceed this level are disturbing for outdoor occupied spaces. Veneklasen applied 65 dBA as a guide since this a common codified noise limit in other city's noise ordinances for outdoor spaces. Events that exceed this 65 dBA noise limit can be seen in Table 3 below:



Event	Event	
		Sound Present
Time, 24 hr	Level, dBA	· · · · ·
15:51	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:53	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:54	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
15:55	85	Bocce impacts
16:01	80	Bocce impacts.
16:02	77	Bocce impacts.
16:03	79	Bocce impacts.
16:08	73	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
16:11	77	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:12	82	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:16	84	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:19	78	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching. Bocce ball cheering
16:21	78	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:22	78	Bocce impacts. Bocce ball cheering
16:25	79	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce blower.
16:27	73	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
16:30	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:33	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:34	71	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching.
16:48	75	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:49	71	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:53	77	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.
16:54	71	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.
16:57	78	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
16:58	78	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
17:00	79	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
17:05	73	Bocce cheering. Bocce impacts.
17:09	81	Bocce impacts. Helicopter. Bocce cheering.
17:14	81	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
17:15	78	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
17:46	71	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
17:47	79	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
17:56	77	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
17:57	86	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
18:02	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
18:02	70	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:06	79	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
-	82	
18:07	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:10		Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:11	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:12	83	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:44	82	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:50	77	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
18:52	74	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:07	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:12	73	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:14	82	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:16	70	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:17	73	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.

## Table 3 – Measured bocce impact noise levels at Location 1



Location 3, the bedroom balcony, was also evaluated during this time. The measured bocce ball impact Lmax levels at this location with the +5 dB "repeated impulse noise" correction can be seen in Table 4 below:

Event	Event Event		
Time, 24 hr	Level, dBA	Cause	
15:51	72	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts	
15:53	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts	
15:55	86	Bocce impacts	
16:01	72	Bocce impacts.	
16:03	77	Bocce impacts.	
16:08	70	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts	
16:11	80	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.	
16:12	72	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.	
16:16	76	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.	
16:19	73	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching. Bocce ball cheering	
16:21	72	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.	
16:22	79	Bocce impacts. Bocce ball cheering	
16:25	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce blower.	
16:27	81	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.	
16:30	80	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering	
16:33	79	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering	
16:34	73	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching.	
16:35	75	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce cheering. Bocce impact.	
16:48	72	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering.	
16:53	78	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.	
16:54	75	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.	
16:57	71	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.	
16:58	74	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.	
17:00	74	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.	
17:14	73	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
17:56	71	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts	
17:57	82	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts	
18:02	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:06	75	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:07	73	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:12	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:44	72	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:50	74	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
18:52	76	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
19:07	74	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
19:12	70	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	
19:14	72	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.	

Table 4 – Measured Sound Levels at Location 3.



## 7.0 CONCLUSIONS

Veneklasen performed one (1) noise measurement defined within the report and compared the data to that within the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter XI. Given the amount of significant ambient noise exceedances defined within this report, the impulsive/tonal nature of bocce ball noise impacts, and frequency of bocce ball games that occur at this location, Veneklasen has determined that these bocce ball league games violate the Los Angles Municipal Code Chapter XI Article 2 and Article 6 based on the information contained within this report. Article 2 is violated because blower noise is greater than 5 dB above the presumed 50 dBA ambient level. Article 6 is violated because objectively, the bocce ball impact noises are repetitive impulsive noises with disturbing frequency content that significantly exceeds the ambient level. In addition, crowd cheering noise is disturbing and clearly is dominant when present. In essence, when these events are occurring the backyard and balcony areas defined and measured within this report are not usable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

## Sincerely, Veneklasen Associates, Inc.

Ryan Edwards Associate



VC No. 9349

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: PAB Meeting/Acoustical Analysis of Bocce & RAP's Failure to Mitigate

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:24 AM

To: jen@masseymedialaw.com Cc: andrew.starrels@hklaw.com, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, JOSEPH HALPER <joe1263@aol.com>, 831almareal@gmail.com, Sue Pascoe <pascoepalinews@gmail.com>

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 19, 2023 at 11:18 AM <jen@masseymedialaw.com> wrote:

## **Re: PAB Meeting and Bocce Noise Levels**

Dear Mr. Starrels,

Thank you for your service to the community through your leadership on PAB.

In connection with the agenda item of "noise mitigation" for tonight's PAB meeting, I have attached a copy of Veneklasen's Noise Monitoring/Acoustical Analysis we and our neighbors commissioned which describes the typical noise levels of a bocce game behind our hedge. In response to RAP's ongoing failure to mitigate the excessive noise levels we regularly experience, we engaged sound engineers to test the impact of bocce play to our properties. RAP's only response to date has been the installation by a RAP maintenance crew of a 5 foot tall plastic fence <u>beneath</u> a pre-existing, 6 foot tall concrete garden wall that separates our property from the Veterans Gardens. This short, plastic fence does nothing to mitigate the excessive noise levels on our property, as the sound continues to travel over the pre-existing wall.

As the attached Acoustical Analysis shows, professional sound engineers found our backyard and all outdoor spaces of our property to be "unusable" during bocce play due to sound levels associated with ball collisions and crowd noise. As Tables 3 & 4 reflect, the ambient sound levels of the park (45-48 dB before/after bocce) are raised by tens of decibels during bocce play (70s-86 dB within our property).

These noise levels far exceed local, state and federal noise limitations for residential neighborhoods, as well as acceptable noise levels even within the park itself (the maximum daytime noise level permitted at the R1 zone boundary line is 50 dB; after 7 PM, 45 dB). The noise levels associated with bocce play are 30-40 decibels higher than ambient/permissible noise levels. As the report describes, an increase of 10 dB is perceived as the doubling of sound—so neighbors experience a more than tripling of park noise from bocce play.

We have brought our noise complaints to PAB on other occasions, including to the PAB meeting in October 2022. This sound study documents objective evidence of how neighboring homes are impacted dozens of hours per week.

We should mention that noise resulting from other park activities situated an appropriate distance from homes (as is required by the Noise Element of the LA General Plan) including PPBA/baseball cheering, playground noise, etc does

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not have any significant impact on our property. Even the recent parking lot construction, which included jackhammering, was relatively unobtrusive compared to the sound of bocce being played within 15 feet of our home. While tens of thousands of dollars were spent by the organizers of the bocce project on specialized "Colleoni" Italian court surfaces, not a single dollar was allocated to a sound study to assess how the introduction of 3, brand new, hard surface game courts would impact park neighbors, and no efforts were made to design the courts (e.g., positioning the courts parallel to homes, increasing the distance between homes and the courts) in such a way as to mitigate noise impacts on neighbors. This is despite the fact that reports of past PAB meetings show that potential sound impacts to neighboring homes have frequently been an impediment to the advancement of certain projects, such as a skatepark.

From an August 29, 2019 Palisadian-Post article featuring a PAB meeting discussing a skate park proposal:

"Superintendent Darryl Ford of RAP pointed out that "location is probably the most important thing to think about when we're thinking about a skatepark." Ford said to keep three aspects in mind: security, use, and, most importantly, the noise."

"That lower picnic area...that whole area is surrounded by homes," Director Erich Haas said. "I can tell you right now those homeowners are not going to go for that."

We again urge the Board to assist us in bringing these ongoing, nuisance levels of noise down to reasonable and legal levels. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Jennifer Massey

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## Re: PAB Meeting/Acoustical Analysis of Bocce & RAP's Failure to Mitigate

1 message

### Jennifer Massey <>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:25 PM

To: "Starrels, Andrew J (CCC - X68906, LAX - X52507)" <> Cc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, JOSEPH HALPER <>, <>

Andy,

Thank you very much for your quick reply. We appreciate your (and PAB's) follow up on this ongoing issue with RAP. Would you please let me know what the "noise mitigation" issue on tonight's agenda relates to? As far as we are aware, our group of neighbors are the only ones who have submitted a sound study to RAP regarding a noise nuisance, yet RAP has appeared to prioritize other complaints. Again, appreciate your time and response. Thank you, Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2023, at 11:41 AM, Starrels, Andrew J (CCC - X68906, LAX - X52507) <> wrote:

Jennifer,

Thank you for your correspondence. I, and other members of the PAB, are aware of the bocce noise issue that you have raised.

As you know, the function of the PAB is to advise RAP of community sentiment and to serve as a sounding board for community input. I assure you that we will transmit your sentiments to RAP. The bocce noise issue is not on our agenda for this evening's meeting, but if you plan to attend and would like to make further comment in the "General Public Comment" portion of the meeting you may certainly do that.

I also will attempt to elicit further response from RAP outside of tonight's meeting as to your correspondence and the issues you raise. If you are not able to attend tonight and any response from RAP Staff is made with respect to the issues you've raised, I will update you.

Cordially,

Andy Starrels



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# **Re: 40 ACRE PARK - PORTER RANCH**

1 message

To: <> Cc: <>, <>,

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 7:03 AM

Good Morning,

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

On 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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## MOTION

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

The Glassell Park Senior and Community Center has been an important space for nonprofits and city agencies to utilize and provide services to Angelenos. This space has a nearly twenty year history of serving the community and providing resources to the residents of Glassell Park.

On November 3, 2003, the City of Los Angeles held a Zoning Hearing for a Public Storage at 3801 Eagle Rock Blvd in Glassell Park. The development proposed an expansion that raised several concerns from the Council Office, the Glassell Park Improvement Association, and community residents. Prior to the hearing, community meetings occurred to improve the project design and elements that concluded with a commitment from Public Storage to include a community center in their expansion.

On November 19, 2003, the Zoning Administrator approved Case No: ZA 2003-4277 (CU)(ZV) as a conditional use to permit an expansion of an existing household storage use, stipulating that the new space include a 7,396 sq ft community center with 40 parking spaces. Further, it was clarified that the center function as a senior and community center, allowing the Glassell Park Improvement Association and Council Office each to have their own office space.

On June 24, 2005, Public Storage executed a 30 yr lease agreement (CF: 04-0995) with the City of Los Angeles, stating that rent for the community center not exceed \$1 per year. This lease currently specifies occupancy of only a Council Office at the center.

Over the years, organizations have moved into the center occupying single and communal rooms and parking spaces to provide services to the community, without any formal agreements. One of the groups that informally occupies the space is the Department of Recreation and Parks. To ensure that the City of Los Angeles fulfills the spirit of this community benefit born from the commitment between Public Storage and the Glassell Park community, a dedicated caretaker is necessary to manage the center and execute agreements with all current organizations. A dedicated caretaker would also ensure an equitable allocation of rooms and parking based on services to the community.

The council office, Department of Recreation and Parks, as well as the organizations who have occupied the space have been in close communication discussing the issues and are ready to formalize agreements to ensure the spirit or the project is fully realized.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the General Services Department to negotiate and execute a lease with the Department of Recreation and Parks to be the carctaker and manager of the site. The lease conditions must include the following:

• Policies and procedures unique to this site that ensure no costs for maintenance are passed on to other lease-holders, and ensure the center is accessible at reasonable day and evening hours;

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- Clarity on which space(s) within the center are available to the Department of Recreation and Parks;
- Maintenance of a master calendar and space reservation system; and,
- Formation and management of a committee consisting of one (1) person from each occupying organization to meet monthly.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct the General Services Department to negotiate and execute a lease for 1 office with each of the following organizations:

- Glassell Park Improvement Association (non profit);
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment- Glassell Park Neighborhood Council; and.
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (non-profit).

Each lease must clearly identify the specific office space for the leasee, the parking spots available to them, the storage space they are entitled to, as well as the communal spaces accessible for the organizations to utilize and reserve through the master calendar maintained by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct the General Services Department to negotiate and execute a lease for up to 20 parking spaces for use by Shower of Hope, an organization that operates a Safe Parking Program for the Council Office under contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

PRESENTED BY EUNISSES HERNANDEZ



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

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## NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PUBLIC WORKS

Los Angeles is one of the most park deficient cities in the country, with many Angelenos lacking not only access to recreational facilities but to natural open spaces in their own neighborhoods. In order to address these disparities, equitable transit access to regional open spaces like Griffith Park is critical. This area of transit planning is called Transit-to-Parks and is prioritized for funding by LA Metro (LACMTA), among other transit agencies.

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Every year, Griffith Park welcomes millions of visitors to experience its natural beauty, open spaces, trails, vistas, the Griffith Observatory, Greek Theatre, Travel Town, picnic areas, ballfields, tennis courts, and golf courses, among many other amenities. At the northeastern edge of Griffith Park, the Autry Museum of the American West (Autry Museum) and the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens (LA Zoo) are some of the region's most significant and cherished attractions, serving over one million visitors each year.

The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' long-range Griffith Park Vision Plan, *A Vision for Griffith Park: Urban Wilderness Identity,* calls for creating more transit opportunities in and to Griffith to achieve equitable and environmental outcomes. Mitigation measures included in the LA Zoo's long-range Vision Plan (C.F. 21-0828) Recirculated Final EIR support the same goals. Both strategic plans include key targets of reducing the amount of private vehicle trips and the amount of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to the Park and the Zoo. The Zoo's Vision Plan EIR calls for a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan to achieve these goals.

In 2017, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), launched a daily bus service, DASH Observatory, to the Griffith Observatory from the Metro B Line (Red) subway Vermont/Sunset Station. Clearly identified and branded bus stop markings, station ads, and a healthy advertising campaign have made this one of the most successful DASH routes in the City.

In December 2019, RAP launched the Parkline shuttle; however, the service was halted after a few weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Parkline included five buses that circulated through the northern end of Griffith Park and traveled along Los Feliz Boulevard to the south in order to access the Greek Theatre, the Griffith Observatory, and hiking trails. The Parkline demonstrated that travel conditions and needs on the northern and southern ends of the Park are quite different. A streamlined circular northern route connecting the Park (including the Zoo, Autry, and Travel Town) to other Metro B Line (Red) stations is promising for its potential to connect the entire San Fernando Valley to Griffith Park and the Zoo. The City must recognize the regional importance of increasing transit and non-private vehicle service to Griffith Park and the Zoo and should program resources and seek funding opportunities to service that goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct LADOT, with assistance from RAP, to report back within 90 days with recommendations for the redeployment of LADOT buses as a pilot Transit-to-Parks service connecting the existing Metro B Line (Red) to the Park's northern amenities, including the Zoo. The report should include suggestions for routes, termini, and stops, and should evaluate creating an interior park circulator and a Zoo-specific service, as either separate services or combined as one service. The report should also include funding and staffing needs and an analysis of the resources required to ensure service headways of 15 minutes or better.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct LADOT, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, RAP, the Zoo, and any other relevant departments and agencies, to report back, within 90 days, with recommendations for the development of a comprehensive Transit-to-Parks plan for Griffith Park and the LA Zoo. These recommendations should include necessary LADOT staffing to plan and administer the LA Zoo Transportation Demand Management Plan (TDM) and coordinate Transit-to-Parks planning and implementation for Griffith Park.

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**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council instruct LADOT, with assistance from the Zoo and RAP, to report back within 90 days with a proposal to implement a BlueLA car-sharing station at the LA Zoo.

PRESENTED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN Councilmember, 4th District

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# MOTION

I MOVE that \$90,000 be transferred / appropriated from the Council District 2 portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302-89, Account Number 89270K - sub account name Tujunga Kittridge, for a Phase 1 environmental site assessment and survey work by on-call environmental contractors, for the Tujunga Kittridge Project in Council District 2.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Recreation and Parks Department be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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# MOTION

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Access to safe parks and recreation programs contribute to the health and wellness of communities. Park rangers play an important role in the safety of parks as they are responsible for the safety of park users and preservation of all City parks so that future generations may enjoy them.

The Park Ranger Division provides service to all parks in the City when called upon and are able to assist. However, park rangers currently only provide patrols in the Griffith Park, Elysian Park, Hansen Dam and the Sepulveda Basin. In July 2022, a shooting at Peck Park left two men dead and seven other people injured. In order to ensure the safety of communities at the 22 City parks in Council District 15, it is necessary to reevaluate park ranger staffing needs for the Pacific Region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks to reevaluate and report on staffing needs for the Pacific Region, the resources needed to increase park patrolling by park rangers, and the process in which incidents at parks are being tracked.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

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VC No. 9355



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Homeless Camp Danger Bike Trail Underpass

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> To: "Mr. Beanz" <> Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 7:14 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 25, 2023 at 5:11 PM Mr. Beanz <> wrote:

Hello,

I submitted an online with local cities. They claim out of jurisdiction of course. They said submit to City of Los Angeles.

Several months this camp has been under the 60 fwy underpass on the San Gabriel Trail. Tents being set up blocking part of the bike lane in dark surroundings. At times the occupants dart out from the structures startling cyclists and other trail users such as equestrians, joggers, scooters and even motorbikes.

The occupants often push shopping carts back and forth, even two at a time traveling against the flow of traffic making it dangerous to use the trail.

Sometimes the occupants stand in the lanes blocking traffic while using yard tools brooms etc.

Not to mention up along the sides are some very suspicious looking characters that shout at passing trail users.

Sooner or later, someone is going to get hurt and likely to sue the city for not taking safe corrective action that could have prevented bodily harm.

Thanks for any assistance or even forwarding to the proper department and/or city as those I have contacted seem to do their best at avoiding the issue.

Obstacles have been present along that underpass for several consecutive months.

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