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BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS NO. 18-252

DATE December 12, 2018

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GLEN ALLA PARK – NEW OFF-LEASH, DOG EXERCISE AND TRAINING AREA (DOG PARK) (PRJ21224) PROJECT – ALLOCATION OF QIMBY FEES – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1), CLASS 4(3) AND CLASS 11(3) OF THE CITY CEQA GUIDELINES

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for *R. Barajas

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H. Fujita

N. Williams

Neil Williams

General Manager

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Disapproved _____

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the allocation of Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety cents (\$634,422.90) in Zone Change Fees from Glen Alla Park Account No. 89440K-MB for the Glen Alla Park – New Off-Leash Dog Exercise And Training Area (Dog Park) (PRJ21224) Project;
2. Approve the allocation of One Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Ten cents (\$195,577.10) in Quimby Fees from Glen Alla Park Account No. 89460K-MB for the Glen Alla Park – Dog Park (PRJ21224) Project;
3. Approve the final plans and specifications for the Glen Alla Park – Dog Park (PRJ21224) Project as attached to this Report;
4. Request the City Attorney to prepare and present for consideration by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B.2(d) to establish approximately 0.35 acres in Glen Alla Park as an off-leash dog exercise and training area;
5. Find that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
6. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Park's (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption; and,

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7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

Glen Alla Park is located at 4601 Alla Road in the West Los Angeles community of the City. This park is approximately 4.80 acre which provides tennis courts, basketball courts, children's play area, a restroom building and picnic area. Approximately 3,504 residents live within a one-half (½) mile walking distance of Glen Alla Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, Glen Alla Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

The proposed Project, Glen Alla Dog Park, is located within the Glen Alla Park in Council District 11. More specifically, the large dog park is proposed to be located along the western perimeter and the timid dog area at the mid southern perimeter, in between the existing tennis courts.

The Project was initiated at the request of the local community through Council District 11. The city council district and the community is in full support.

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Section 63.44 B.2(d) prohibits dogs off-leash in City parks, unless they are at City parks or portions of City parks approved and designated as dog exercise and training areas by the Board and approved by the City Council by ordinance.

An amendment to the LAMC by the City Council would be required in order to authorize the establishment of an off-leash dog exercise and training area at Glen Alla Park.

PROJECT SCOPE

RAP staff has completed the conceptual plans for the project. The project proposes the development of a new 0.35 acre dog park consisting of one (1) timid dog area and one (1) large dog area consisting of off-leash dog exercise and training areas, one (1) shade structure, dog agility equipment, synthetic turf for dogs, two (2) new drinking fountains, new trees with irrigation, perimeter fencing, and an Americans with Disabilities Act ADA accessible access pathway. The new trees are proposed to be Tulip Tree. There is no impact on the existing perimeter trees on site. The final design of the proposed improvements is illustrated on Attachment No. 1.

RAP's staff estimates these improvements will cost approximately Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$830,000.00).

The Project is proposed to be constructed through RAP's on call contractors list.

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The new dog park that is proposed to be installed is in substantial compliance with the standards identified in the RAP Dog Park Guidelines (Guidelines) (See Attachment No. 2). The two areas where the proposed dog park is not fully compliant with the Guidelines are as follows:

- The overall size of the proposed dog exercise and training area is below the standards in the Guideline. However, the proposed configuration best meets the site constraints while preserving valuable open space at Glen Alla Park.
- The distance from the nearest commercial building of the proposed dog exercise and training area is below the standards in the Guideline. However, the proposed location is appropriate in order to activate these under used areas at Glen Alla Park.

See also Attachment No. 3 for the Off Leash Dog Exercise Areas - Los Angeles Municipal Code.

RAP design staff held three (3) community meetings to obtain input. The first presentation was held before the Planning and Land Use Management committee for the Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC); the DRNC Land Use & Planning committee, on October 18, 2018 at the Del Rey Plaza with approximately 25 people in attendance. On October 21, 2018, RAP displayed the proposal to the general public and received comments during the annual 'Del Ray Day' event held at Glen Alla park where hundreds of patrons had attended. Finally, on November 5, 2018, RAP presented before the Del Rey Resident Association (DRRA) at the Venice Japanese Community Center where sixteen people attended. Overall, the neighborhood council, the community and the local resident association were in support of the proposal. The DRNC has also issued a letter of support. See Attachment No. 4.

PROJECT FUNDING

Upon approval of this Report, Six Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Ninety cents (\$634,422.90) in Zone Change Fees from Glen Alla Park Account No. 89440K-MB and One Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars and Ten cents (\$195,577.10) in Quimby Fees from Glen Alla Park Account No. 89460K-MB can be allocated to the Glen Alla Park – Dog Park (PRJ21224) Project. These Quimby and Zone Change Fees were collected within five (5) miles of Glen Alla Park, which is the standard distance for the allocation of the Quimby Fees to community recreational facilities pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.33 E.3.

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FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
Zone Change Fees	302/89/89440K-MB	\$634,422.90	76%
Quimby Fees	302/89/89460K-MB	\$195,577.10	24%
Total		\$830,000.00	100%

Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified for the construction of the Glen Alla Park – Dog Park (PRJ21224) Project. Construction of this project is currently anticipated to begin in March 2019.

TREES AND SHADE

The approval of this Project will have no impact on existing trees or shade at Glen Alla Park. New shade trees and a new shade structure is proposed to be installed as part of the project scope.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed Project consists of external alterations involving minor construction where there be negligible or no expansion of use, of alterations to land including new trees and landscaping and modifications to existing park facilities involving placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1), Class 4(3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines as well as pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a), 15304(b) and 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption will be filed upon approval by the Board..

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The approval of this allocation of Quimby Fees and approval of the final plans for this Project will have no fiscal impact on the RAP's General Fund.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Quimby Fees and Zone Change Fees or funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and would be addressed through future budget requests.

This Report was prepared by Chris Atencio, Landscape Architectural Associate II, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch, Department of Recreation and Parks.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Final plans and specifications for the Glen Alla Park – New Dog Park and Park Improvements (PRJ21224) Project.
- 2) RAP Dog Park Guidelines
- 3) Los Angeles Municipal Code
- 4) Letter of support from the Del Rey Neighborhood Council.



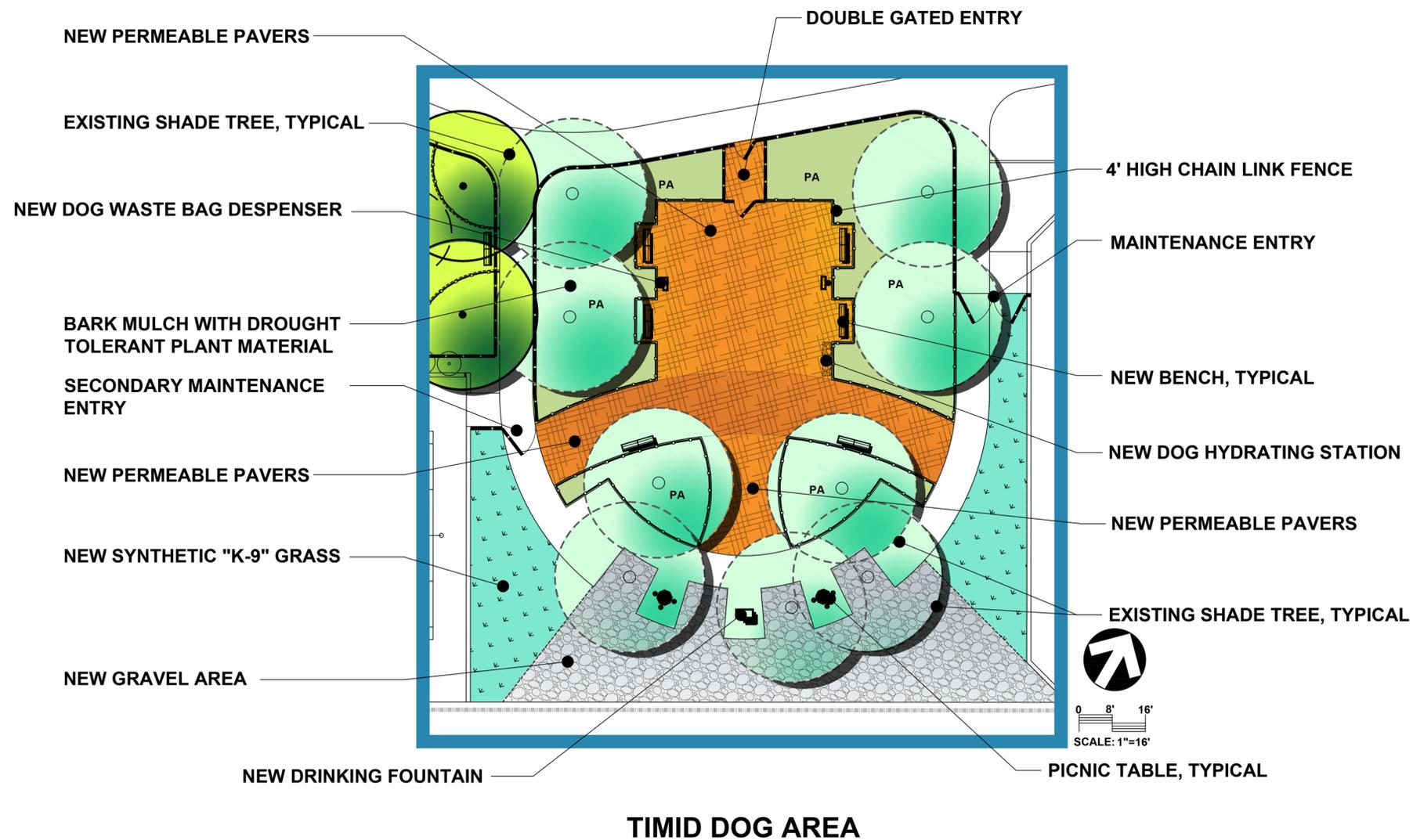
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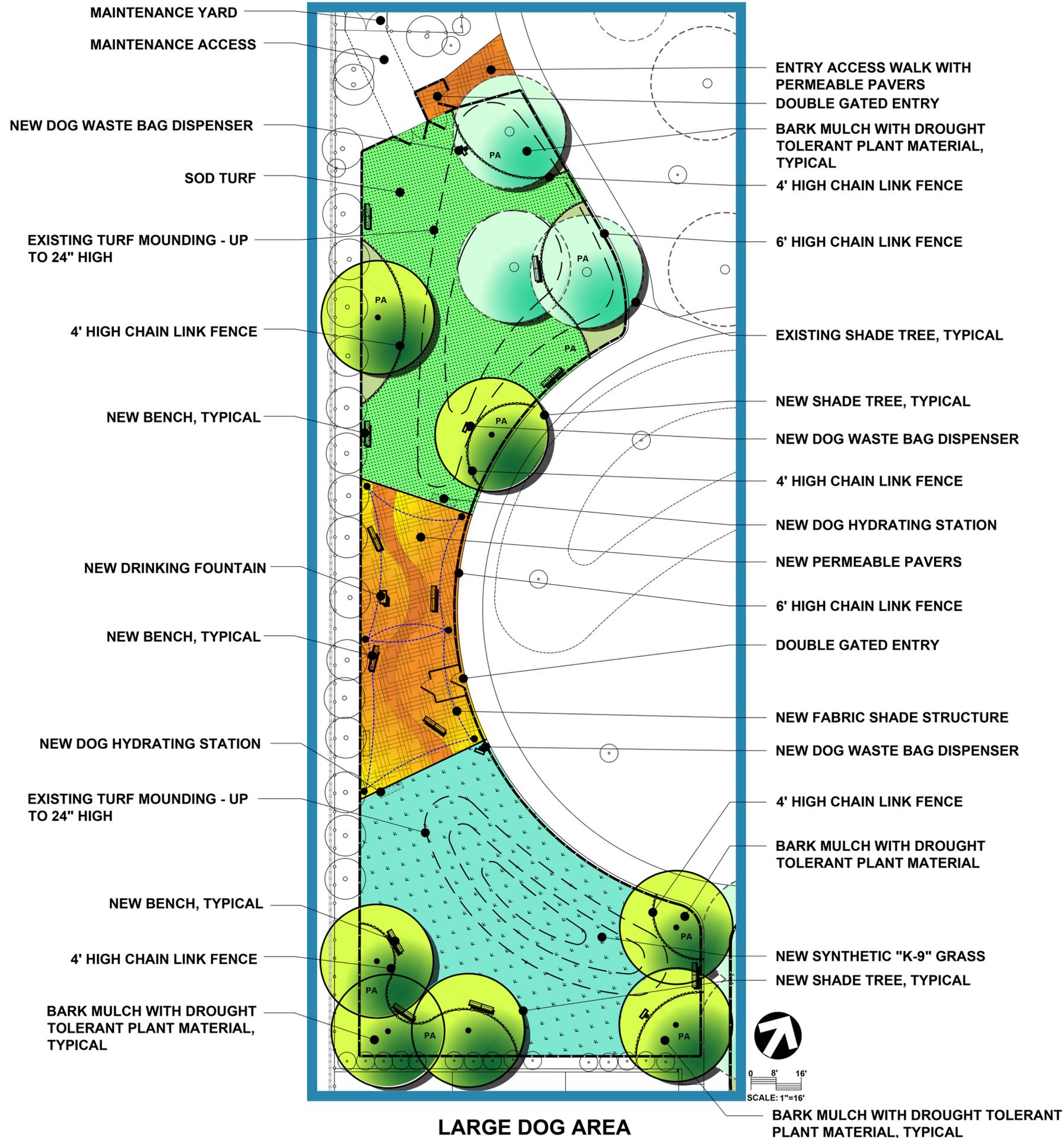
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LARGE DOG AREA



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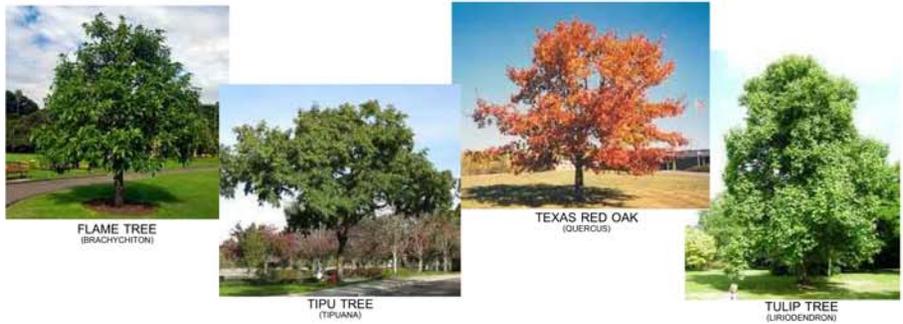
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NEW TREES



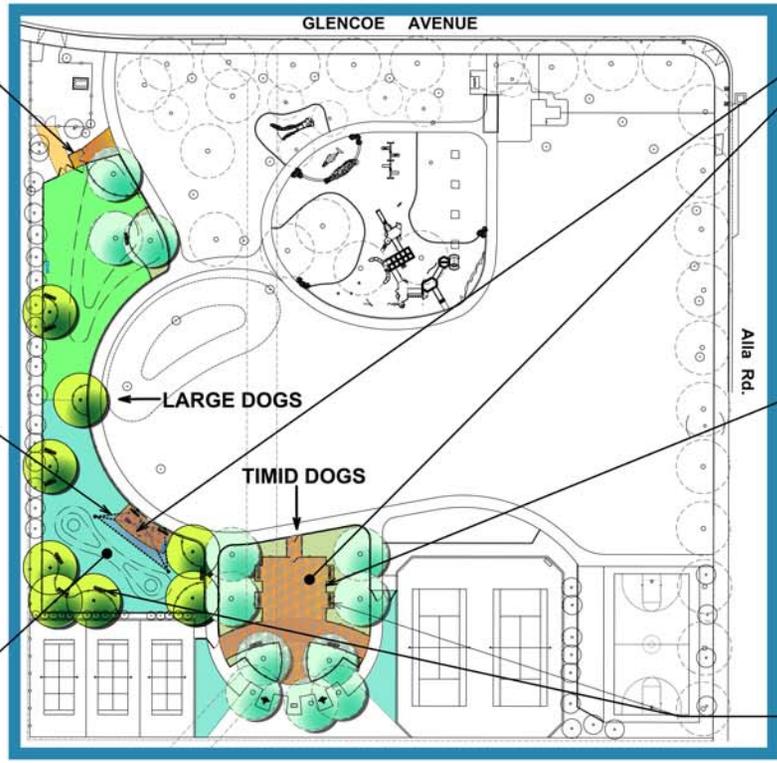
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SHADE STRUCTURE



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PERMEABLE PAVERS



DOG WASTE DISPENSER



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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 07-23

DATE January 17, 2007

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: OFF-LEASH DOG PARK RULES

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Robert H. Jensen (G)
General Manager

Approved Disapproved Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Adopt the Off-Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations attached to this report;
2. Direct staff to post signage for Off-Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations;
3. Request the City Attorney to draft and submit to the City Council an ordinance to amend LAMC 63.44G to provide for the adherence to the Off Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations; and,
4. Request the City Attorney to draft and submit to the City Council an ordinance to amend LAMC 63.44 to establish designated dog exercise and training areas at the Griffith Park Dog Park and Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park.

SUMMARY:

The Department currently has nine off-leash dog parks. Each was established separately at different times, and each adopted its own set of rules and regulations with some similarities and some inconsistencies. This has caused confusion to the public and difficulty for enforcement.

The new rules and regulations will be the Department standard to be enforced at all off-leash dog parks. One standard sign will be created posting the new rules and regulations at all off-leash dog parks. The new rules will make it clear and consistent for patrons and will provide the means for enforcement by the Park Rangers, Office of Public Safety, and Department of Animal Services.

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Staff contacted several members from the off-leash dog parks' advisory boards to incorporate their concerns and ideas into the rules and regulations. They also met with staff from the Department of Animal Services to solicit their input, solicited input from the Office of Public Safety, and reviewed the rules and regulations of similar parks in other jurisdictions for comparison.

Staff recommends LAMC 63.44G be amended from:

“Every person shall comply with rules promulgated by the Board for the use of golf courses and tennis courts, which rules shall be conspicuously posted in or at the clubhouse of such golf courses or on a bulletin board adjacent to any tennis court.”

to:

“Every person shall comply with rules promulgated by the Board for the use of golf courses, tennis courts, **and dog parks** which rules shall be conspicuously posted in or at the clubhouse of such golf courses or on a bulletin board adjacent to any tennis court **or on the regulation sign at any dog park.**”

The cost of the new signs will be minimal, with the necessary metal boards already on hand in anticipation of the approval of this report.

A separate set of “Courtesy Rules” may also be posted at off-leash dog parks as needed, subject to the approval of each region Superintendent.

In addition, the adoption of an ordinance to legally recognize the existing Griffith Park and Whitnall Park off-leash dog exercise areas is needed for enforcement. Both dog parks were previously evaluated for environmental significance and processed according to the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A Notice of Determination was filed in March 1990 for the Griffith Park dog exercise area, and a Notice of Exemption was filed in February 1999 for the Whitnall Park dog area. Therefore, the proposed ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Article II, Section 2(i) of the City CEQA Guidelines for previous CEQA clearances, and Section 2(m) because adoption of the ordinance in and of itself will not result in any impacts on the physical environment.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The new rules and regulations will provide the Department with much needed standardization and a tool for enforcement without having a detrimental effect on the Department's General Fund.

Prepared by West Region Superintendent Debby Rolland and Park Ranger Nadim Eskander

ATTACHMENT

OFF-LEASH DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Dog defecation is to be removed by the owner (LAMC 53.49).
2. Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the Park. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior are to be removed from the Park at once (LAMC 53.34).
3. All dogs using the facility shall be licensed and vaccinated (LAMC 53.15.3, 53.51).
4. No dogs under the age of four months are allowed to use the Park.
5. A license tag is to be on the dog collar, and proof of vaccination should be available during the visit (LAMC 53.21).
6. Dogs with communicable diseases are not allowed in the Park at any time (LAMC 53.30).
7. Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the Park (LAMC 53.29).
8. Dogs are not to be left unattended. Unattended dogs are considered abandoned (PC 597b) and will be taken to the nearest animal shelter. (For Animal Shelter locations, phone (888) 452-7381.)
9. No more than three dogs are allowed per person.
10. Dogs are to be leashed at all times when not in the designated off-leash area (LAMC 53.06.2).
11. The small dog area is for small and timid dogs only.

ORDINANCE NO. 180332

An ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 to require adherence to the Department of Recreation and Parks' Off-Leash Dog Park Rules and Regulations, to establish designated dog exercise and training areas at the Griffith Park Dog Park and Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park, and to prohibit unlicensed dogs in City dog parks.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles currently has nine off-leash dog parks, each with its own set of rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to clarify any confusion amongst the public and ensure efficient and effective enforcement of the rules and regulations at the off-leash dog parks, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners adopted a set of standard rules and regulations to apply at all off-leash dog parks in the City; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an ordinance to legally recognize the existing Griffith Park and Whitnall Park off-leash dog exercise areas is necessary to allow for enforcement of the rules and regulation in those areas.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection G of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

Every person shall comply with rules promulgated by the Board for the use of golf courses, tennis courts, and dog parks, which rules shall be conspicuously posted at each golf course, tennis court, and dog park.

Sec. 2. Paragraph (d) of Subdivision 2 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

(d) Licensed dogs or cats when led by a leash not more than six (6) feet long, or when confined within the interior of a vehicle, or licensed dogs under the control of a competent person in designated dog exercise and training areas at:

(i) City parks or portions of City parks approved and designated as dog exercise and training areas by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and approved by the City Council by ordinance;

(ii) Laurel Canyon Park from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until park closing every day of the week;

(iii) Silver Lake Recreation Center, provided, however, that no dogs, whether or not led by a leash, shall be permitted or allowed in any part of the Silver Lake Recreation Center other than the fenced area designated as a dog exercise and training area, except as permitted or allowed by Paragraph (c) hereof;

(iv) A portion of the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area consisting of approximately 10 acres and located on Victory Boulevard near White Oak Avenue, which shall be open at sunrise and closed at sunset every day of the week;

(v) A portion of Runyon Canyon Park consisting of approximately 90 acres located within the area 825 feet north of the Fuller Street entrance, 450 feet east of the Vista Street entrance and 1,850 feet south of the Mulholland Drive entrance. The boundaries of the off-leash dog exercise area described in this subparagraph shall be appropriately designated within the park. A separate portion of Runyon Canyon Park consisting of approximately 21,000 square feet located between the Fuller Street and Vista Street entrances and enclosed by a fence shall be designated a "no dogs or cats allowed" area and no dogs or cats shall be permitted or allowed inside the designated fenced area whether on or off leash;

(vi) A portion of Barrington Park consisting of 1.4 acres as designated on the site plan contained in Council File No. 02-0094 which shall be appropriately designated within the park and enclosed by fencing as indicated on the site plan. No dogs, whether on or off leash, shall be permitted or allowed in any area of Barrington Park other than the fenced area designated as an off-leash dog exercise area, except as provided by Paragraph (c) hereof;

(vii) An enclosed portion of Knoll Hill consisting of approximately three acres as designated on Knoll Hill by the Harbor Department;

(viii) An enclosed area consisting of approximately .84 acres, bounded by the Westminster Senior Center parking lot on the west, Main Street on the east, Westminster Avenue on the south and Clubhouse Avenue on the north, which shall be opened at sunrise and closed at sunset every day of the week;

(ix) A designated fenced area consisting of approximately .86 acres in Hermon Park;

(x) A designated area consisting of approximately 1.6 acres at Griffith Park and located at the north end of the John Ferraro Soccer Field on North Zoo Drive;

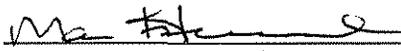
(xi) A designated area consisting of approximately 3 acres at Whitnall Park on Whitnall Highway in North Hollywood, including a 50,000 square foot area for large dogs and a 22,500 square foot area for small dogs.

The exception to Subdivision 2 contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through October 31, and no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of OCT 29 2008.

KAREN E. KALFAYAN, City Clerk

By  Deputy

NOV 05 2008

Approved _____

 Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By 
ADRIENNE KHORASANEE
Deputy City Attorney

Date 9.16.08

File No. 07-1738

DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, MARIA C. RICO, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 180332 – Amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44 - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on **October 29, 2008**, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on **November 6, 2008** I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Hall of Records of the County of Los Angeles.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on **November 6, 2008** and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this **6th** day of **November 2008** at Los Angeles, California.



Maria C. Rico, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: December 16, 2008

Council File No. 07-1738

To: Commissioners
Department of Recreation and Parks
City of Los Angeles



From: Matt Wersinger
Chairman, Land Use & Planning Committee

Date: December 10th, 2018

Re: Glen Alla Park dog park proposal

Dear Commissioners,

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council at its meeting on November 8th, 2018, considered the proposal to build a dog park at Glen Alla Park. The issue was also subject to a prior Land Use & Planning Committee meeting on October 18th.

The Land Use and Planning Committee has long advocated for this much needed change. Beginning in April of 2015, I began to advocate for a design and funding to be brought before the public.

There has long been a de facto dog park in the open area at Glen Alla Park. While it is clear there is a need for a place for our many stakeholders with dogs to have a proper place in our local park, the current status quo is not sustainable. The open grass area is co-habitated by children and other park goers, and off leash dogs of all sizes do not belong in the same place. While it is currently not legal to have off-leash dogs, enforcement is understandably a low priority for LAPD. At the same time, it is obvious that our community desires a place for their dogs to run, especially given the density of apartments in the area. Glencoe-Maxella is a dense urban area and most residents are apartment dwellers with no immediate access to open space. Hundreds more units will be going online this year alone, with others in the longer term planning process.

The other issue at Glen Alla is the underuse of the shaded area between the paddle tennis courts and the main tennis courts. This area contains picnic tables, and an unused concrete volleyball court. Due to its secluded location and non functionality, it has become a haven for illegal activity including drug and alcohol use, and this area has become unsafe for the general public. The status quo in this section of the park is unsustainable, much as dogs running off leash in the rest of the park is as well.

It seems clear that to replace this underused area with a clearly needed dog park is the best idea for improving the park for all users.

Since this was brought to the attention of Councilmember Mike Bonin, he has pledged a significant source of funding from QUIMBY funds that are paid for by the surge in local development that has brought more residential units within walking distance.

Further, there has recently been a Community Park Advisory Board subcommittee formed to ensure continued public involvement in Glen Alla Park. This is crucial as it's one of only three parks in Del Rey, and by far the largest.

At our two public hearings, we heard unanimous public support for the idea, including the closest HOA and business to the property. While many dog lovers asked for a larger park, the Neighborhood Council seeks to balance the needs of all those who wish to use the park, as part of the goal is to open up the fields to children and other activities, as well as respect the budgetary constraints that may limit the size. Beyond that, the exact details of the park should be left to those who know dogs best: the Parks Dept architects and the dog owners who will use the space.

The Committee and Board did note that is crucial to properly relocate the picnic tables to the area near the playground/bathrooms, and consider additional lighting to make the space both safe and usable at night, and this is included in the motion.

Therefore, the Board passed by a vote of 9-1 the following motion:

“The Del Rey NC supports the plans for a dog park at Glen Alla Park with the inclusion of new trees inside the playground and proper relocation of the picnic tables to near the playground, consideration of additional lighting, and taking into account additional suggestion of stakeholders as to specific design elements of the enclosed dog areas.”

If you have any questions I am available either via email at matt.wersinger@delreync.org or by telephone at 310.721.2980.

Sincerely,



Matt Wersinger
Chairman, Land Use & Planning Committee

CC: Mike Bonin, Councilman, 11th District, City of Los Angeles; Chuy Orozco, Sr Field Deputy, Council District 11; Chris Atencio, Landscape Architect, City of Los Angeles; Scott Dellinger, DRNC President



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December 11th, 2018

Board of Recreation
And Park Commissioners
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Los Angeles, CA 90039

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

This letter is to confirm the Del Rey Resident Association's support for the construction of a dog park at Glen Alla Park. Established in 1972, the Del Rey Residents Association is a private nonprofit organization within the City of Los Angeles in Council District 11. As a private organization, the DRRA provides an independent voice for the more than 33,000 residents, including the 500 households in the unincorporated County portion of Del Rey.

The community of Del Rey has been advocating for a dog park for the last 15 years. We believe a dog park will enhance the community's intrinsic and extrinsic value. A dog park sends a clear message to visitors that our community is organized, welcoming, and accommodating. A dog park also allows residents a public outlet to exercise their dogs, which can improve the overall physical and psychological well-being of our pets.

Currently, illegal off-leash dogs at Glen Alla Park have made it unsafe for children, and a designated location for off-leash dogs will help keep children safe in other parts of the park. We have identified a possible location for a new dog park in the underutilized area of Glen Alla Park, located on the west and south areas, which is distant from residential areas. A dog park at these sections of the park has the support of the adjacent businesses.

Current Department of Recreation and Parks policy states that dogs are allowed in parks only if they are leashed. Construction of a dog park at Glen Alla Park would provide a safe environment where owners could let their dogs off leash while providing a huge benefit to the community.

Sincerely,

Del Rey Resident Association