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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-077

DATE May 06, 2021

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SUBJECT: GRIFFITH PARK – LAKE HOLLYWOOD PARK – DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF DOG WASTE STATIONS – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 11(5) [SIGNS LOCATED ON CITY PROPERTY MANAGED BY A CITY DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS A SIGN POLICY ADOPTED BY ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS] AND CLASS 11(6) [PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311 OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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M. Shue
General Manager

Approved X Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the donation of two dog waste stations (depicted in Attachment 2 of this Report) and their installation and maintenance by the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council;
2. Approve the placement of the dog waste stations, along with a recognition plaque as set forth in this Report, in the Lake Hollywood area of Griffith Park at the locations shown in Attachment 1 of this Report (Project);
3. Determine that the Project, consisting of the installation of small signs and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) [Signs Located On City Property Managed By A City Department Which Has A Sign Policy Adopted By Its Board Of Commissioners] and Class 11(6) [Placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;
4. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing an NOE; and

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5. Allow RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary in order carry out the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

Griffith Park is located at 4730 Crystal Springs Drive in the Hollywood community of the City. This 4,281.73-acre park provides a wide variety of recreational programs and activities, such as train rides, a merry-go-round, hiking trails, and golf courses, for the local community. Approximately 18,155 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of Griffith Park. Due to the facilities, features, and programs, and services it provides, Griffith Park meets the standard for a Regional Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

Lake Hollywood Park is located at 3160 North Canyon Lake Drive within Griffith Park. This 2.42- acre park has a children's play area, picnic table and open lawn. The Lake Hollywood Upper Vista area is located northeast of the Hollywood Reservoir and adjacent to Mulholland Highway.

In December 2020, the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) proposed the installation of dog waste stations in the Lake Hollywood section of Griffith Park. Lake Hollywood offers a scenic view of the Hollywood sign, and therefore is highly trafficked by many visitors and dog owners. Installing these dog waste stations would promote cleanliness within the park. The procurement, Installation and maintenance of these waste stations would be funded by the HUNC.

### SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for the proposed Project includes the installation of two dog waste stations in Lake Hollywood Park. They will be located at the entrance of the park, as well as the far northeastern corner. A map of the proposed locations is attached to this Report (Attachment 1).

The waste stations will also include a small plaque in the approximate size of 3 inches X 6 inches reading "Donated by the Hollywood Hills United Neighborhood Council."

The Office of Council District 4 (CD 4) is in support of this proposed Project.

Letters of support from the Griffith Park Advisory Board, Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association, and CD 4 are attached to this Report (Attachment 2).

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of the installation of small signs and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) determines that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311

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of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The acceptance of this donation will have no impact on RAP's General Fund. All installation and maintenance of the dog waste stations will be funded by the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 3:** Create and Maintain World Class Parks and Facilities

**Outcome No. 3:** Increased park maintenance with a focus on cleanliness

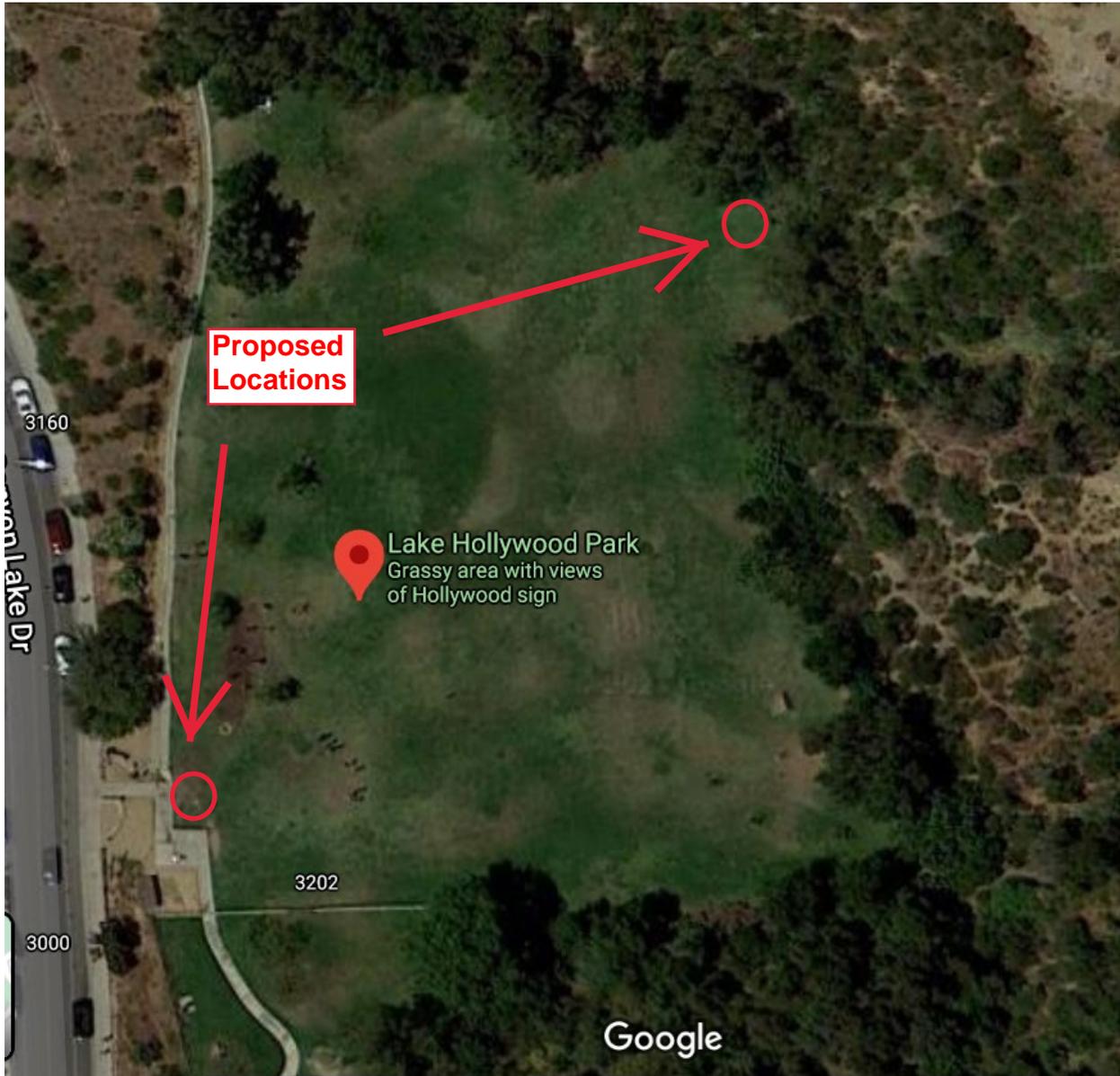
**Result:** The installation of the dog waste stations will promote a cleaner and healthier environment for park users.

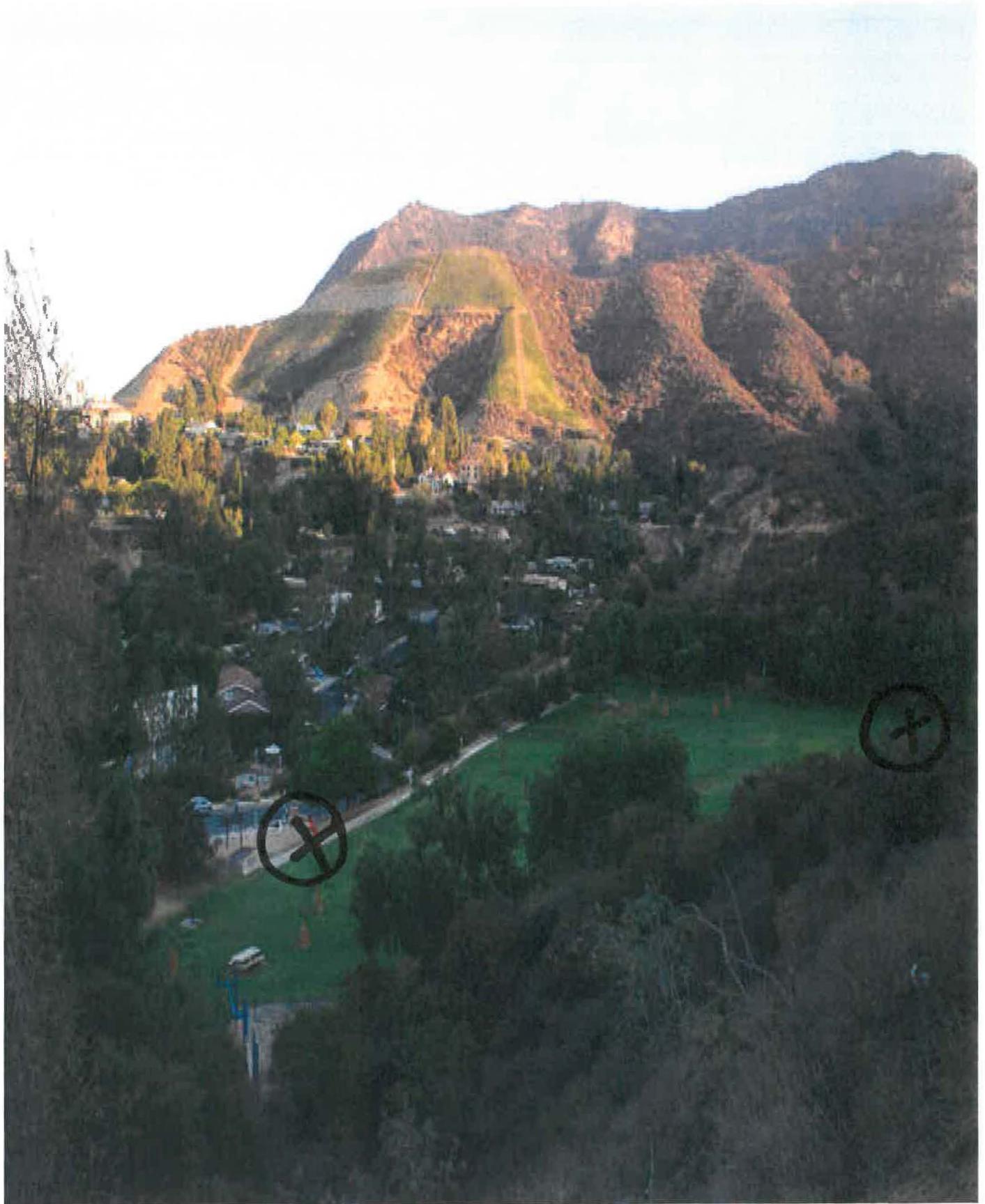
This Report was prepared by Kurt Ulbrich, Senior Park Services Attendant, Park Services.

### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

- 1) Map of Proposed Locations at Lake Hollywood Park
- 2) Letters of Support
- 3) Dog Waste Station Picture

Locations of Dog Waste Stations







**Griffith Park Advisory Board**

*Community Stewards of LA's Great City Park & Urban Wilderness*  
Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles  
[www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory](http://www.laparks.org/griffithpark/advisory)

December 18, 2020

LA Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Re: Lake Hollywood Park Improvements

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing in support of a proposal by the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) to add both a free lending library and a dog-waste station at Lake Hollywood Park. These enhancements would provide benefit to the community and would be installed without cost to the City of Los Angeles. Further, we understand that upkeep would be the responsibility of the Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association, working alongside HUNC, based on parameters set by Recreation and Parks staff.

At a time of limited budget resources, it is heartening to see neighborhood stakeholders taking action to enhance their community in such a way that will not burden the City of Los Angeles. Given that this plan is being undertaken with guidance from RAP staff, the Griffith Park Advisory Board voted unanimously in support of the proposal at our November meeting.

Please let us know if you have any questions about our support.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald  
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Mike Shull  
AP Diaz  
Stefanie Smith



DAVID E. RYU  
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

October 21, 2020

Stefanie Smith  
Superintendent, Griffith Park  
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks  
221 N Figueroa St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Smith,

I am writing today in support of a community funded, installed, and managed lending library and pet waste station at Lake Hollywood Park, which is located within the Fourth Council District which I represent. Lake Hollywood Park contains a playground, a picnic area, and a large grassy space that is popular among local dog owners of the Hollywood Dell, Beachwood Canyon, Hollywoodland, and Lake Hollywood Estates communities.

The residents of these communities would benefit greatly from the placement of these items within Lake Hollywood Park, as would the park itself.

My office is committed to supporting the residents of these communities and I support Hollywood United Neighborhood Council's (HUNC) efforts in placing these items in Lake Hollywood Park based on public demand under the condition that HUNC and residents will maintain these items for as long as they are present within the park. I understand that the Parks Department at this time does not have maintenance staff available to install or maintain these items, and therefore if the community is not able to maintain them that they will be removed by the Department.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu  
Councilmember, District Four



## LAKE HOLLYWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

November 16, 2020

To: Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB)  
Griffith Park Visitors Center  
4730 Crystal Springs Drive  
Los Angeles, CA, 90027

### **RE: Proposed Installation of Dog Waste Station and Lending Library**

Dear Griffith Park Advisory Board,

Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association (LHHA), Board of Directors met on October 20, 2020 to discuss supporting a community funded, installed, and managed lending library and dog waste stations at Lake Hollywood Park. RAP, CD4, HUNC and Universal Studios donated the financing to build and gate the playground, a picnic area and large grassy space that is located within Lake Hollywood Park. This is a popular space among local parents of the surrounding communities to bring their kids to play, socialize and get exercise separate from the rest of the park, dogs and outside visitors. The Lending Library has been donated by HUNC to LHHA and we welcome the addition, so that during this pandemic our children will have a space outside, where there is plenty of room for distancing, to safely gather, exchange books, spend time reading, studying, socializing and sharing ideas. This environment will add a much needed element since schooling is taking place at home, indoors on a computer and sports have been temporarily suspended.

Additionally, the installation of waste stations for dog owners who have forgotten or run out of bags to have a place to grab one instead of just leaving the waste behind is something Lake Hollywood Park is desperately in need of. Personally, I have seen dog owners picking up after other dogs where other owners have neglected to, and these stations will assist in helping to create a "pay it forward" attitude and keep the park clean.

Lake Hollywood Estates stakeholders have offered to assist in the maintenance of these stations and are pleased to join in this effort. The stations have been donated by HUNC, along with several hundreds of bags to get this project started. Two LHHA Officers on the Board of Directors have personally volunteered to refill and maintain these stations. This pandemic has allowed local neighboring communities to once again enjoy the park as it was meant to be utilized, a park! A place to relax, socialize responsibly and exercise. The result has brought an abundance of dog owners back to the park and the responsible thing to do is provide the tools to maintain a clean, natural and unspoiled area for all to enjoy.

We urge you to support this proposal by approving the addition of (2) dog waste stations and (1) lending library. This will come at no cost or additional maintenance from RAP.

Sincerely,

*Kristina O'Neil*

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S. Patsouras, D. Ryu, G. Skarpelos, M. Shull, S. Smith

