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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-190

DATE November 04, 2021

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION AND ADOPTION OF SKATEBOARD PARKS AND ALL-WHEEL PARKS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY PER LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE 63.44 N; INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE - 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] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 15311(a) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the list of designated All-Wheel Parks per Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 N as detailed in Attachment 1 of this Report.
2. Approve the list of designated Skateboard Parks per LAMC 63.44.N as detailed in Attachment 2 of this Report.
3. Authorize Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff to install appropriate signage at designated All-Wheel Parks and Skateboard Parks in accordance with the provisions of LAMC 63.44 N.
4. Determine that this project 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] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
5. 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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6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

On September 21, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council adopted an ordinance (Ordinance Number 187218) amending LAMC 63.44 N (Council File No. 18-1086). This ordinance amends Section 63.44.N of the LAMC to allow for the riding of non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs in designated all-wheel parks. The ordinance also gives the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) the authority designates any applicable facility on City-owned property as either a “skateboard facility” or an “all-wheel facility”, even if the facility is not operated or managed by the Board. Skateboard parks shall be limited to only the usage of skateboards in the skating area (LAMC 63.44 N.1.b). All-wheel parks shall permit the usage of skateboards, non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs within the all-wheel areas (Per LAMC 63.44 N.2.b).

The ordinance requires that the Board install signage at skateboard parks providing reasonable notice of the following (LAMC 63.44 N.1):

- that any person riding a skateboard at the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads while skateboarding
- that no bicycles or scooters are allowed in the skating area
- that the park hours are 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays;
- that the park will be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions make it unsafe to skate
- that any person in violation of this ordinance will be subject to citation for violation thereof.

The ordinance requires that the Board install signage at all-wheel parks providing reasonable notice of the following (LAMC 63.44 N.2):

- that any person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device at the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads while riding
- that no person shall ride anything other than a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the riding area
- that the park hours are 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays
- that the park will be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions make it unsafe to ride
- that any person in violation of this ordinance will be subject to citation for violation thereof.

In order to conform to the amended LAMC Section 63.44.N, RAP staff has evaluated all skate parks on City-owned property and classified each facility as either an “all-wheel park” or “skateboard park”. The list of proposed all-wheel parks is detailed in Attachment 1. The list of

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proposed skateboard parks is detailed in Attachment 2. Upon approval of this Report, the “all-wheel” and “skateboard” park designations for the facilities set forth in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 will be adopted. This Report also authorizes staff to install appropriate signage consistent with the rules and regulations outlined in LAMC Section 63.44.N.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed project consists of signs located on City property managed by a City department which has a sign policy adopted by its Board of Commissioners.

The majority of the sites are not within a coastal, methane, or historic zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. Only one site is located on the coastal zone and 6 are located in the methane zone. However, the nature of the project will not create any impact on environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. In all these sites, no other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. As of October 8, 2021, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) has not listed the Project site or any contaminated sites near any of these sites (within 500 feet) in 23 out of 27 sites. In the remaining 4 cases, Envirostor lists cases in the vicinity of the project sites, but all the cases have been resolved and closed between 1990 and 2010. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map, there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the project or within the project sites. Furthermore, only two (2) of the project sites are located in proximity of a known historical resource, however, given its unobtrusive nature, the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

As such, staff recommends that the Board determine that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11(5) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15311(a) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The impact to RAP's General Fund is currently unknown. RAP will need to fund the production and installation of new appropriate signage at all-wheel and skateboard facilities.

This Report was prepared by Ajmal Noorzayee, Management Assistant, Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 - List of All-Wheel Parks
- 2) Attachment 2 - List of Skateboard Parks
- 3) Attachment 3 – LAMC Section 63.44.N

ALL WHEEL PARKS :

Park Name	Skate Park Name (if applicable)	Park Address
Andreas Maria Cardenas Recreation Center		14740 Blythe Street, Panorama City, CA 91402
Rancho Cienega Sports Complex	Charmette Bonqua Skate Park	5001 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90016
Chevy Chase Park		4165 Chevy Chase Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90039
El Sereno Park		4721 Klamath Place, Los Angeles, CA 90032
Harbor City Park		24901 Frampton Avenue Harbor City, CA 90710
Hazard Recreation Center		2230 Norfolk St., Los Angeles, CA 90033
Hollenbeck Park		415 S. Saint Louis St., Los Angeles, CA 90033
North Hollywood Park		11430 Chandler Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601
Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center		1535 West 62nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90047
Lafayette Park		625 South Lafayette Place, Los Angeles, 90057
Lake Street Community Center		227 N. Lake St., Los Angeles, 90026
Lanark Recreation Center		21816 Lanark St., Canoga Park, CA 91304
Lincoln Park		3501 Valley Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90031
Watts Serenity Park		11320 South Monitor Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059
Ritchie Valens Park	Paul Rodriguez Skate Park	10731 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331
South East Valley Skate Park (AKA Sheldon Skate Park)		12511 Sheldon St. Sun Valley, CA 91352
Sunland Recreation Center		8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040

ATTACHMENT 1

Park Name	Skate Park Name (if applicable)	Park Address
Westchester Skate Park		7000 West Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045
Wilmington Recreation Center	Ambassador Skate Plaza	325 Neptune Ave., Wilmington, CA 90744
Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center		429 East 42nd Place, Los Angeles, CA 90011
Watts Skate Park		Imperial Highway and Wilmington Avenue
Normandale Recreation Center		22400 Halldale Ave, Harbor Gateway, CA 90501
Trinity Skate Park		2415 Trinity St, Los Angeles, CA 90011
Hansen Dam Recreation Area		11770 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
Channel Street Skate Park (Not RAP owned)		610 W Channel St. San Pedro, CA 90731

ATTACHMENT 2

SKATEBOARDING ONLY PARKS :

Park Name	Skate Park Name (if applicable)	Park Address
Garvanza Park		6240 Meridian St., Los Angeles, CA 90042
Peck Park Community Center		560 North Western Ave., San Pedro, CA 90732
Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area	Pedlow Skate Park	17328 Victory Blvd, Lake Balboa, CA 91406
Stoner Park		1835 Stoner Ave, LA 90025
Venice Beach		1800 Ocean Front Walk Venice, 90291
Echo Park		751 Echo Park Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 63.44.N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow riding of non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs in designated all-wheel parks.

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

Section 1. Section 63.44.N of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

N. Skateboard and all-wheel facilities.

1. Within the limit of any park or portion thereof designated by the Board as a skateboard facility, whether the facility is supervised or unsupervised:

(a) No person shall ride a skateboard unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.

(b) No person shall ride anything other than a skateboard in the skating area.

(c) The opening and closing hours of the park shall be 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays; however, skate parks shall also be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions, such as vandalism, make it unsafe to skate.

(d) The Board shall cause signs to be erected at all skateboard facilities providing reasonable notice that any person riding a skateboard at the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads while skateboarding; that no bicycles or scooters are allowed in the skating area; that the park hours are 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays; that the park will be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions make it unsafe to skate; and that any person in violation of this ordinance will be subject to citation for violation thereof.

2. Within the limit of any park or portion thereof designated by the Board as an all-wheel facility, whether the facility is supervised or unsupervised:

(a) No person shall ride a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads.

(b) No person shall ride anything other than a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the riding area.

(c) The opening and closing hours of the park shall be 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; however, all wheel parks shall also be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions, such as vandalism, make it unsafe to ride.

(d) The Board shall cause signs to be erected at all all-wheel facilities providing reasonable notice that any person riding a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device at the facility must wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads while riding; that no person shall ride anything other than a skateboard or other wheeled recreational device in the riding area; that the park hours are 12:00 noon to sunset Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays; that the park will be closed during periods of wet weather or when conditions make it unsafe to ride; and that any person in violation of this ordinance will be subject to citation for violation thereof.

3. In addition to the Board's Charter authority to establish, construct, maintain, operate, and control all property acquired by it or assigned to its jurisdiction for public recreation, for purposes of implementing this subsection, the Board shall have the authority to designate all applicable facilities located on property owned by the City of Los Angeles, but not under the control, operation, or management of the Board, as either skateboard facilities or all-wheel facilities.

4. **Definitions.** For purposes of this subsection, the following words or phrases shall mean:

(a) **"Other wheeled recreational device"** means non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, and wheelchairs.

(b) **"Park"** shall include every skateboard facility and all-wheel facility located in a public park or other recreational facility area, owned by the City of Los Angeles, whether or not such facility is controlled, operated, or managed by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners.

Sec. 2. 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.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By  _____
MICHAEL J. DUNDAS
Assistant City Attorney

Date 8/30/21

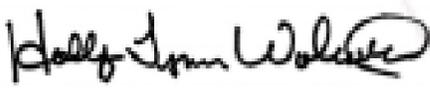
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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed _____

Approved 10/04/2021

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