

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 2, 2021

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, General Manager



SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

| <u>From</u>   |        | <u>Action Taken</u>         |
|---|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1) John Baginski comments regarding Venice Beach  | #8874v | Referred to General Manager |
| 2) Sandy Huse comments regarding Debs Park  | #8937n | Referred to General Manager |
| 3) Pae White comments regarding Debs Park   | #8937o | Referred to General Manager |
| 4) Lorraine comments regarding Debs Park  | #8937p | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Jake Lanza comments regarding Debs Park  | #8937q | Referred to General Manager |
| 6) Tom Marble comments regarding Debs Park  | #8937r | Referred to General Manager |
| 7) Pae White comments regarding Debs Park   | #8937s | Referred to General Manager |
| 8) Sandy Huse comments regarding Debs Park  | #8937t | Referred to General Manager |
| 9) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park                                      | #8972b | Referred to General Manager |
| 10) Jen Ritchkoff comments regarding trash at Westwood Park                                 | #8981  | Referred to General Manager |
| 11) Jason Greenwald comments on behalf of the Griffith Park Advisory Board regarding LA Zoo | #8982  | Referred to General Manager |

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| 12) Joseph R Cornwell comments on behalf of Fort MacArthur Museum Association regarding off leash dog park at Fort MacArthur | #8983  | Note and File               |
| 13) City Council motion regarding Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration  | #8984  | Note and File               |
| 14) City Council motion regarding lease agreement for 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive/Temporary Bridge Housing                 | #8985  | Note and File               |
| 15) City Council motion regarding 2021-22 Adopted Budget for RAP Capital Improvements  | #8986  | Note and File               |
| 16) City Council motion regarding 2021-22 Adopted Budget to reestablish licensed childcare centers                           | #8987  | Note and File               |
| 17) Richard Stephens comments regarding Briarwood Park   | #8988  | Referred to General Manager |
| 18) Yong Kim comments regarding Queen Anne Park tennis courts  | #8989  | Referred to General Manager |
| 19) Andy Kim comments regarding Queen Anne Park tennis courts  | #8989a | Referred to General Manager |
| 20) Maceo Laronde comments regarding Spring Street park  | #8990  | Referred to General Manager |
| 21) Clara Vega comments regarding Sylmar Pool  | #8991  | Referred to General Manager |
| 22) Levi Zollinger comments regarding Spring Street park   | #8992  | Referred to General Manager |
| 23) Clara Solis comments regarding Arroyo Seco Park  | #8993  | Referred to General Manager |
| 24) David Haub comments regarding blocked public parking south of The Greek  | #8994  | Referred to General Manger  |

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| 25) Sarajane Schwartz comments regarding Lake Hollywood Park                                     | #8995  | Referred to General Manager |
| 26) Kristin Brown comments regarding renaming Chase Park to Sean Brown Park                      | #8996  | Referred to General Manager |
| 27) Kammie Hertz comments regarding renaming Chase Park to Sean Brown Park                       | #8996a | Referred to General Manager |
| 28) Denise Kurtzer comments regarding renaming Chase Park to Sean Brown Park                     | #8996b | Referred to General Manager |
| 29) Lisa Janes comments regarding renaming Chase Park to Sean Brown Park                         | #8996c | Referred to General Manager |
| 30) Robert Ferguson and Eileen Edwards comments regarding renaming Chase Park to Sean Brown Park | #8996d | Referred to General Manager |
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Prepared by Jessica Martinez, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Encampments Are Rapidly Returning to Venice Boardwalk - 50+ Tents/Encampments Back

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 8:52 AM

To: John Baginski <>  
 Cc: "pamela.perez@lacity.org" <pamela.perez@lacity.org>, "enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org" <enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org>, "ruben.hernandez@lacity.org" <ruben.hernandez@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "darenreif@gmail.com" <>, Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, "mj.bonin@lacity.org" <mj.bonin@lacity.org>, "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, "Kristen.gordon@lacity.org" <Kristen.gordon@lacity.org>, "councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org" <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, "Jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org" <Jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org>, "Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org" <Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org>, "Gerald.gubatan@lacity.org" <Gerald.gubatan@lacity.org>, "councilmember.price@lacity.org" <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, "Sherilyn.correa@lacity.org" <Sherilyn.correa@lacity.org>, "councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org" <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, "paul.koretz@lacity.org" <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, "councilmember.martinez@lacity.org" <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org" <councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org>, "councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org" <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, "councilmember.wesson@lacity.org" <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, "sylvia.lacy@lacity.org" <sylvia.lacy@lacity.org>, "councilmember.Lee@lacity.org" <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, "councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org" <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, "councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org" <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 12:16 PM John Baginski

> wrote:

If the opinions of the people that you represent matter, please take the time to read the results of this survey, see below.

On my short block in Venice, we have 12 homes on my side of the street. 4 are empty because families have left due to the homeless situation. They lost faith that Venice is going to stop its rapid decline.

The beach cleanup was a great start. Since the cleanup ended there are over 50 tents back on the beach and boardwalk and growing every day. Please do not let us slide back into that horrible situation. Fund the Parks and Sanitation and the Police Department to keep the encampment off Venice or we are going to quickly get right back to where we were.

We need to ensure that everyone knows the beach cleanup was not a one-time thing. The beach must remain free of encampments, or all that effort, time and money was for nothing.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

**From:** Daren Reifsneider

**Sent:** Saturday, August 07, 2021 6:59 PM

**To:** Daren Reifsneider

**Subject:** CD11 Neighborhood Survey Results

Thank you so very much for taking the recent CD11 Neighborhood survey. Here is the [link to the final report](#).

### Summary of findings

- Respondents feel unheard. Overall, 90% strongly disagreed or disagreed when asked if Bonin listens to residents in the community and responds appropriately. (Venice was 97%; Mar Vista 94%).
- Less than a quarter (24%) said they think their neighborhood is a good or excellent place to raise kids. In Venice, it was only 8% and Mar Vista, 14%.
- 90% said they disapprove of the job Bonin is doing on city council. By neighborhood, this ranged from 83% disapproval in Brentwood to 96% in Mar Vista.
- In Venice: 60% feel unsafe walking alone in their neighborhood during the day; 91% feel unsafe at night.
- 69% said they have an encampment in their neighborhood, while 34% said they have an encampment right next to their home.
- Overall, 98% said that homelessness had gotten worse in the last 3 years.
- 91% said they believe that CD11 is on the wrong track.
- 36% rated their quality of life as Very poor or Poor. In Venice and Mar Vista, more than half rated their quality of life as Poor (57%, 52% respectively)
- Despite the dismal feelings in CD11, overall, 60% said they feel connected to their neighborhood. This ranged from less than half in Brentwood (43%) feeling connected to their neighborhood to a high of 76% in Westchester.
- Overall, more than half (53%) said their neighborhood is a poor place to raise kids. This ranged from a low of 34% in Westchester to an alarming 80% in Venice.
- Most (85%) think the amount of police patrolling in their neighborhood is not enough.
- In the open-ended comments, when asked the main issue their neighborhood is facing, over 77% said homelessness.

### Additional info

- N=623 CD11 residents took the online survey. Duplicate responses and responses from those who included a zip code outside of CD11 were excluded, resulting in 607 valid responses.
- Only Venice, Brentwood, Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Mar Vista had an adequate number of responses to report individually.
- Results were weighted using data from the U.S. Census to ensure the sample proportions reflect demographic and geographic proportions within the actual population.
- Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding error.

Again, thank you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Your neighbor,  
Daren Reifsneider, Brentwood

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:02 AM

**To:** 'pamela.perez@lacity.org' <pamela.perez@lacity.org>; enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org; ruben.hernandez@lacity.org; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

**Cc:** Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>; mj.bonin@lacity.org; mike.bonin@lacity.org;

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**Subject:** During the Venice Beach cleanup, a Woman was being held against her will in a tunnel on the beach

Skeletal remains found in search for missing woman during homeless camp cleanup on LA's Venice Beach. During the cleanup, police responded to a report that a woman was being held against her will in a tunnel near the beach

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/skeletal-remains-woman-venice-beach-la-b1886258.html>

City policies created the environment for this horrible situation to happen. Allowing hundreds of people with mental health, drug, and alcohol issues to live virtually unsupervised on Venice Beach has created the environment that situations like this can and do happen.

It is time that you accept some responsibility for what you have created.

Venice Beach is still a disaster area. The community has been damaged. The reputation of Venice is damaged. People have moved. Businesses have fled. Venice's citizens and visitors have lost their lives, property, access to the beach and security.

When are you going to recognize the damage, you and Mike Bonin's policies have done to this community?

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 9:31 AM

**To:** 'pamela.perez@lacity.org' <pamela.perez@lacity.org>; enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org; ruben.hernandez@lacity.org; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

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**Subject:** RE: Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately - Crime is Out of Control

Just a normal surf camp drop off in Venice with a person screaming obscenities. Such a great way to feel safe dropping your kids off to summer camp.

Venice supports the Sheriff's efforts to clean up the beach. Mike Bonin had a big hand in creating this crisis. His refusal to work with the Sheriff for his own political reasons is disgusting.

John Baginski

30 Year Venice Resident

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 12:14 PM

**To:** 'pamela.perez@lacity.org' <pamela.perez@lacity.org>; enrique.zaldivar@lacity.org; ruben.hernandez@lacity.org; Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

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**Subject:** Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately - Crime is Out of Control

Anyone who cares about Venice Beach.....

Recent Crime Statistics For Venice Beach Specifically (not Entire Pacific Division)

Robberies up 187%

Robberies involving Homeless up 260%

Assaults Deadly Weapon up 85%

Assaults with Deadly Weapon involving Homeless 118%

Stop following the failed policies of Mike Bonin. Work with the Sheriff and clean up Venice Beach.

You have created a disaster in Venice Beach by following Mike Bonin's lead. It is time to change what you and doing a clean it up.

Please change course and save our city.

John Baginski

Member of Venice Neighborhood Council

30 Year venice Resident

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:00 PM

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**Cc:** Councilmember Mike Bonin <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>; mj.bonin@lacity.org; mike.bonin@lacity.org

**Subject:** Please Recognize the Disaster that Current City Policies Have Created - Clean Up Venice Beach Immediately

Please clean up our parks and beaches. The press of the world has recognized your failure to clean up Venice Beach and the resulting crime, violence, fires, drugs, and despair that has followed. Bonin's failed policies have destroyed Venice Beach and he is not stopping. Please step in and help Venice Beach.

New York

<https://nypost.com/2021/05/10/californias-venice-boardwalk-is-now-dangerous-homeless-encampment/>

London

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9557069/Residents-Los-Angeles-Venice-say-world-famous-beach-boardwalk-crippled-crime.html>

LA Times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-13/venice-beachfront-property-destroyed-in-early-morning-fire>

Ireland

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/us/la-divided-on-how-to-deal-with-homeless-encampments-on-venice-beach-1.4544729> Fox News

The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/unbundling-police-venice/613822/>

Fox News

<https://www.foxla.com/news/business-owner-on-venice-boardwalk-shutting-down-shop-after-rise-in-crime-and-drugs-in-area>

NBC

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/venice-beach-homeless-crime-fires-tents-homelessness/2569359/#:~:text=Now%2C%20Venice's%20housed%20residents%20are,for%20the%20homeless%20in%20Venice.&text=LAPD%20crime%20stats%20from%202020,suspect%20was%20described%20as%20homeless.>

Trip Advisor even is offering tours for the Venice Beach homeless encampments. Reviews are not that great....



462lorraines  
Los Angeles,  
California  
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## Tour of LA homeless encampments

Review of Venice Beach

●○○○○ Reviewed June 19, 2020 via mobile

Filthy!! People, garbage and disease line the entire boardwalk. The tide line at the beach was piles of plastic, broken sunglasses, food wrappers, needles and used condoms. We could not get in a hot shower fast enough and left our shoes outside our house for two weeks. The desire to burn the clothing we were wearing was overwhelming. Gross

Date of experience: May 2020



Ask 462lorraines about Venice Beach

8 Thank 462lorraines



Please clean up Venice Beach immediately. We need your help.

John Baginski

**From:** [publicsafety@venicenc.org](mailto:publicsafety@venicenc.org) <[publicsafety@venicenc.org](mailto:publicsafety@venicenc.org)> **On Behalf Of** John Baginski  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:14 AM  
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**Subject:** Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures - Venice Boardwalk and City Parks

RAP Team,

The Venice Neighborhood Council and Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee are extremely concerned about the imminent danger to people and property posed by the numerous fires at encampments and RVs throughout Venice Beach. On March 26, 2021 the VNC Board approved a Resolution to Require a Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0) See attached.

*The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee requests your immediate support of this resolution by calling upon and working with the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct a study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from close proximity to those structures and fire access lanes on the Venice Boardwalk area and within Venice City Parks.*

Please let the VNC know of any action you take on this issue so we can support you accordingly.

Your actions will protect lives and property. We are sure you will give this resolution the attention and immediate support it deserves.

Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

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**From:** John Baginski

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:55 AM

**To:** [mike.bonin@lacity.org](mailto:mike.bonin@lacity.org); [armando.hogan@lacity.org](mailto:armando.hogan@lacity.org); [councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org); [Nisa.Kove@lacity.org](mailto:Nisa.Kove@lacity.org); [mayor.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.garcetti@lacity.org); [brad.fingard@lacity.org](mailto:brad.fingard@lacity.org); [claudia.martin@lacity.org](mailto:claudia.martin@lacity.org); [holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org); [alek.bartosouf@lacity.org](mailto:alek.bartosouf@lacity.org); [Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org](mailto:Keyonna.Kidd@lacity.org); [Rita.Moreno@lacity.org](mailto:Rita.Moreno@lacity.org); [Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org](mailto:Dennis.Gleason@lacity.org); [chad.richardson@lacity.org](mailto:chad.richardson@lacity.org); [michael.webb@lacity.org](mailto:michael.webb@lacity.org); [publicsafety@venicenc.org](mailto:publicsafety@venicenc.org)

**Subject:** Venice Neighborhood Council - Resolution to Require Fire Safety Buffer between Encampments and Structures

Mr. Bonin and Mr. Hogan,

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The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee requests your immediate support of this resolution by calling upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct a study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from close proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.

The Venice Neighborhood Council Safety Committee would be glad to join the fire department staff as they conduct their study. Please let the VNC know of any action you take on this issue so we can support you accordingly.

Your actions will protect lives and property. We are sure you will give this resolution the attention and immediate support it deserves.

Thank you for making Venice safer.

Best regards,

John Baginski

On Behalf of the VNC Public Health and Safety Committee

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

From: <Clerk.CIS@lacity.org>  
Date: Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 1:31 PM  
Subject: Community Impact Statement - City Council and Committees  
To: <clerk.CIS@lacity.org>  
Cc: <president@venicenc.org>

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [NCsupport@lacity.org](mailto:NCsupport@lacity.org).

\*\*\*\*\* This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. \*\*\*\*\*

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Venice Neighborhood Council

Name: Ira Koslow

Phone Number: (

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/16/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/05/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0010-S16

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

**Summary:** Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to immediately pass an ordinance to reinforce and enhance the current LA City Fire Code by; prohibiting tents and/or temporary flammable structures to be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines; banning any fires for any purpose on public property within 50 feet of any structure; banning flammable-liquid-fueled equipment use in tents or membrane structures; requiring flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored per LA Fire Code not less than 50 feet away from lot lines, buildings, other tent or membrane structures, and parked vehicles; and ensure all fire access lanes are clear for emergency use. The Venice Neighborhood Council further calls upon the Los Angeles Fire Department to conduct an immediate study of the fire hazard posed to structures in Venice by encampments and to issue orders for those encampments that pose a fire threat to be removed from proximity to those structures and fire access lanes.

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## Crazy Machete Man in Debs Park

1 message

**Sandy Huse** > Fri, Aug 13, 2021 at 3:41 PM  
 Cc: Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>, Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Richard Stabile <26260@lapd.online>, Gil < >, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, ralph.terrazas@lacity.org, joe.losorelli@lacity.org, Gil < > Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Jose Rodriguez <Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org>, Johnny Altamirano <38828@lapd.online>, Roseann Gentry < >, Sweet P Vaughn < >, Thomas F Marble < >, "Trinidad, Marcos" < >, Fabiola Torres < >, Pae White < >

Hi all—

Just wanted to send along a copy of an email I received this afternoon from the ranger team about our friend Machete Man...he has (at least for now) left the building which is great news. Thanks and kudos to them for ferreting out our little buddy and his weapon of destruction.

Sandy.

Sandy Huse

**From:** David Ebner [mailto:[david.ebner@lacity.org](mailto:david.ebner@lacity.org)]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 1:56 PM  
**To:** Frank Barron; Larry Khou; a  
**Subject:** Machete suspect

Good afternoon Ma'am,

I am Park Ranger Ebner, assigned to parks in the metro area. We located the individual suspected having and brandishing a machete. We removed him from the park and a service request for his encampment has been generated. A clean up of his encampment will be scheduled soon. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

-Park Ranger Ebner

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David Ebner

Park Ranger

City of Los Angeles Park Ranger Division

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City of Los Angeles Mail - Crazy Machete Man in Debs Park

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Just another update on the fire situation in Debs.

This morning, I had a wonderful view from the top of the hill watching the FD respond to what appeared to be yet ANOTHER fire on the east side. I do not know if it was a spot left from the weekend conflagration or a fresh fire, but what I do know is that smoke was visible and I could see a pretty extensive response with trucks and a foot crew. Again, kudos to our firefighting team members.

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On a slightly different note, I have attached a pic of a rake, shovel and SOLAR LIGHTS that were in the area of Machete Man and Shovel Guy's camp, which definitely looks inhabited again as well. Guess our pals have an account at Lowes gardening center because these tools are obviously brand new. It's also nice to see that the boys are comfy enough to install mood lighting in a designated wildlife sanctuary...guess that helps them see better when chopping down trees and digging holes.

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**Montecito Heights Local Issues Committee**

**AGENDA**

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**Chair Steve Austin**

Drew Paonessa (co-chair), Neiel Norheim, Tim Gillis,

Harv Woien, Lucia Fabio

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## Re: multiple fires in Debs Park last weekend

1 message

**Pae White** <pae@paewhite.com>

Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 1:56 PM

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Cc: Lorraine <lorrainewardrobe@gmail.com>, Alejandra Fiallos <31770@lapd.online>, Patrick Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Richard Stabile <26260@lapd.online>, Gil <emilianogil@verizon.net>, Cynthia Gonzalez <cynthia.gonzalez@lacity.org>, "ralph.terrazas@lacity.org" <ralph.terrazas@lacity.org>, "joe.losorelli@lacity.org" <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Gil <gilcedillo45@gmail.com>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Jose.A.Rodriguez@lacity.org, kevin.deleon@lacity.org, Nate.Hayward@lacity.org, sarah.flaherty@lacity.org, Johnny Altamirano <38828@lapd.online>, Frank Barron <frank.barron@lacity.org>, "larry.khou@lacity.org" <larry.khou@lacity.org>, "david.ebner@lacity.org" <david.ebner@lacity.org>, Yves Spinelli <yves@spinellikilcollin.com>, Bryan Volk <mugczar@gmail.com>, Dwyer Kilcollin <dwyer@spinellikilcollin.com>, Chantal Thomas <ChantalThomasNYC@gmail.com>, Deandra <deandra1@hotmail.com>, Duke Heberlein <donttreadonme23@yahoo.com>, Eva Ortega <Evaortegarobboy@gmail.com>, Gabriel Buelna <gabriel@buelnastrategies.com>, Jenna <jennabell@gmail.com>, Johnny <johnnytoomey13@gmail.com>, Joyce <joyfortune@gmail.com>, Meade Robboi <Meade@amplus.com>, Tashi <neadams95@gmail.com>, Jaun Alvarado <onejuan24@gmail.com>, Seth Cuddeback <secuddeback@gmail.com>, Tim Jordan <tim@timjordanarchitects.com>, Thomas F Marble <tom@tommarble.com>, Nicole Smith <yourfoodguide@gmail.com>, Tatianna Campise <tatiannacampise@gmail.com>, Ashgentry670@gmail.com, Roseann Gentry <gentrydev@roadrunner.com>, lindatorn@gmail.com, Sandy Huse <askzeldaagain@gmail.com>, Sweet P Vaughn <sweetpvaughn@me.com>, Jpgarcia3@gmail.com, Stephen Sabatella <sabs1499@yahoo.com>, Jake Lanza <jakelanza.is@gmail.com>, tswida@hotmail.com, FABIOLA TORRES <fabiolatorres@mac.com>, "Trinidad, Marcos" <Marcos.Trinidad@audubon.org>

Hi Bill

This is all fine and good but what about future enforcement? Fences? Mitigation? I think it's a safe bet that not every camp occupant is going to accept a tiny home.

While we appreciate your help tremendously, we would all feel more assured if there was a greater sense of the big picture. Not sure a concert/fundraiser is reassuring - especially knowing that Rec & Parks have had recent budget boosts.

thank you

Pae

On Aug 16, 2021, at 1:48 PM, Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Pae and Lorraine,

Yes, we did have another fire this weekend in Debs. I was there on this side over by Monterey Road in CD14 (where I live) and where it started. I was there on Saturday with numerous community members, LACC, Marcos and others picking up brush, leaving what needed to be left in the areas based on what we were told was best for the situation. I was there handing out maps of the Catchment areas where outreach is starting for the new Tiny Homes and showing how the maps go all through Debs, all along Griffin and down to Ave 43. The map even has the encampments that Tom sent to myself and CD14. I also addressed what the next steps will be and how there will be large clean-ups going forward and adequate transitional housing with services. I was also up there yesterday looking at the situation and I will be up there talking with Marcos tomorrow.

I will attach the map here. I have been busy most of the morning making sure that everything is in place for the next steps for Debs. Feel free to call me at 310-602-9565.

Thanks,

Bill

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On Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 1:17 PM Lorraine <[lorrainewardrobe@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainewardrobe@gmail.com)> wrote:

Yes Bill, this is the FOURTH fire we've had this month in less than a mile from our homes, how is it that the no camping ordinance is still not being enforced in the High Fire Zones??? The fiscal cost (not to mention mental stress and health costs of the air quality, etc etc) of fighting these fires obviously is far higher than the enforcement; Enough is way more than enough.

On Aug 16, 2021, at 12:57 PM, Pae White <[pae@paewhite.com](mailto:pae@paewhite.com)> wrote:

Hi Bill

Seems like now would be a good time to update our neighborhood on what the hell happened this weekend with the massive fires in Debs Park. This is precisely what we have been warning you about - **for years.**

We demand to know what caused the fire.

We demand to know what the city plans on doing to ensure our safety moving forward - wrought iron fences come to mind...regular monitoring and enforcement come to mind - the list goes on and is actually surprisingly obvious for anyone who is paying attention.

We are done with excuses.

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Also - we keep waiting for the big reveal. Apparently there was next to no new information shared at Saturday's clean-up, contrary to what was promised.

As you know, our neighborhood is highly organized and can be persistent when it comes to our safety. We are eagerly awaiting your responses to the above.

Pae

\*\*\*NEIGHBORS PLEASE ALL BE ON THIS CALL TOMORROW AND DEMAND ACTION

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To echo Sandy's concerns - for those of you who have not had the great pleasure of seeing the remains of our community's park and essentially our backyard - behold.

PLEASE PLEASE do not let up on our city officials and their responsibilities to keep us safe. This means enforcement enforcement enforcement. We are an VHFHSZ and they have a special this designation. Based upon the multiple fires this weekend, including today - we can see that what (little) they have done so far hasn't worked.

If you see anything concerning please contact one of the park rangers below. **Bill, please share the contact for our new Senior Lead Officer.**

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Please put pressure on city officials TO DO SOMETHING - this means fences and enforcement. Bill - why is machete man allowed to be back in the park!!!!??

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On Aug 18, 2021, at 12:39 PM, sandy h. <[askzeldaagain@gmail.com](mailto:askzeldaagain@gmail.com)> wrote:

Just another update on the fire situation in Debs.

This morning, I had a wonderful view from the top of the hill watching the FD respond to what appeared to be yet ANOTHER fire on the hillside. I'm not sure if it was from the weekend conflagration or a fresh fire, but what I do know is that smoke was visible and I could see a pretty extensive response from our firefighting team members.

Not so many kudos to our other city officials who have yet to coherently vocalize what in god's name is actually happening to get this area back to normal. The streets are still full and seem to be creeping past the gates again and all the camps inside the park on that side are occupied and active. An old man who lives over by the old folks home has apparently returned to his old haunt my assumption is that we can expect another blaze there any minute.

On a slightly different note, I have attached a pic of a rake, shovel and SOLAR LIGHTS that were in the area of Machete Man and Solar Man's camp. The area has been inhabited again as well. Guess our pals have an account at Lowes gardening center because these tools are obviously brand new. It's nice to see the area is being taken care of enough to install mood lighting in a designated wildlife sanctuary...guess that helps them see better when chopping down trees and c

Sandy.  
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On August 17, 2021, at 8:53 AM, Pae White <[pae@paewhite.com](mailto:pae@paewhite.com)> wrote:

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>On Aug 16, 2021, at 9:38 PM, Duke Heberlein <[donttreadonme23@yahoo.com](mailto:donttreadonme23@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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>>When is this Zoom meeting? I don't see a link anywhere.

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>>Thanks, everybody!

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>>Duke

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>On Monday, August 16, 2021, 02:48:59 PM PDT, sandy h. <[askzeldaagain@gmail.com](mailto:askzeldaagain@gmail.com)> wrote:

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>>Friday. 5 p.m. Tick tock.

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>On August 16, 2021, at 2:31 PM, Bill Cody <[bill.cody@lacity.org](mailto:bill.cody@lacity.org)> wrote:

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>>Hi Sandy,

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>>That event has nothing to do with Debs. It's an environmental fair in Sycamore Grove that a group of HP stakeholders want to do.

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>>The map us the issue which I thought you understood but maybe not. If you look at the map, you'll see the areas for outreach which

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>>I also explained what is about to happen which I can not detail in an email.

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>>Bill

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>On Mon, Aug 16, 2021, 2:17 PM Sandy Huse Artist <[askzeldaagain@gmail.com](mailto:askzeldaagain@gmail.com)> wrote:

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>>Sorry all, I didn't provide an update on the "Big Reveal" at the community cleanup on Saturday.

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>>According to Mr. Cody, council member Cedillo is planning to have a...wait for it...Coachella-style CONCERT sometime...wait for it. will have A-list performers who...wait for it...cannot be revealed at this time.

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>>Yep.

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>>Supposedly, the purpose of this DebsParkalooza is to raise community awareness and raise funds. In addition, there will be an "Ad mentioned, but it was unclear as to whether those trees were the ones up for adoption and what, if anything, it will have to do with Debs Park. Hundreds of millions for parks voted in just a year or so ago went and why we are bringing a bake sale mentality to a problem that co

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>>This was revealed only hours before yet another conflagration happened in the park, so my personal hope is that DebsParkalooz community awareness going.

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>>But, really, if ya wanna talk REAL "community awareness" perhaps a chat with the hundreds of stakeholders who were directly thre

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>>When I heard there was a big fire, I popped over to see what could be seen, and I was horrified. The fire department response was authorities (police, fire battalion, etc.) providing direct info to people standing in their yards and on porches as to whether there was a fire and the situation was and what to do.

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>>I attempted to talk to some firemen directly but they either knew nothing or were instructed to say nothing. No one directed me to A

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>>I could hear folks literally discussing what they needed to do, but no one had a clue. The sheer LUCK that this didn't go east or north

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>>As of this morning, there were still spot fires smoldering and I actually had to call 911 as one appeared to be active in unburned brush so that was reassuring.

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>>When I asked Mr. Cody about the wisdom of allowing him to be in Debs again, he laughed and said "Actually, he's a pretty good artist and our graphic work."

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>>I'll just leave you with that thought, shall I?

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>We are done with begging you city folk to deal with this. We want to hear that all the homeless camps have been emptied, schedule enforcement by this Friday by 5 p.m.  
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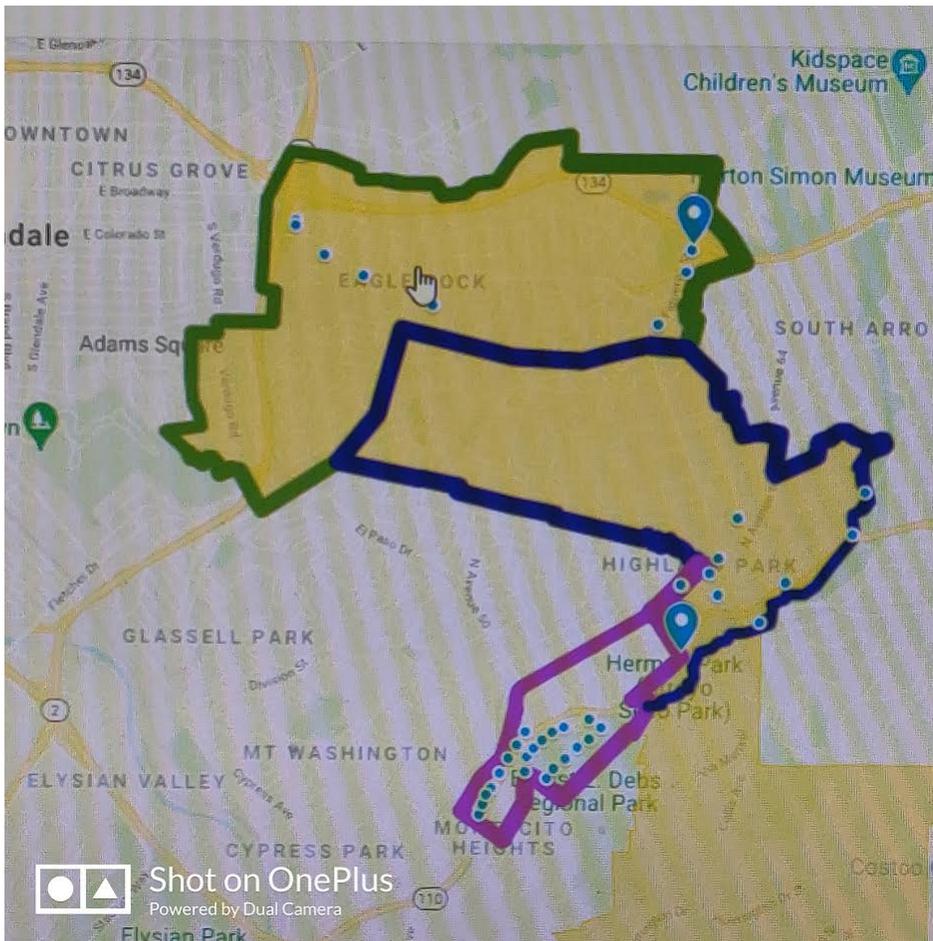
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I truly hope we see a turn towards ACTION soon, because the last few months have been met essentially and overwhelmingly with a chuckle and a cold shoulder. Believe our community would have already handled this problem OUR way if it was at all possible - do not tempt us any further.

Regards,  
 Jake Lanza

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Good morning everyone. We are conducting patrols and enforcing violations we come across. Additionally We are actively searching trails and off trail for the encampments and potential fire hazards, submitting service requests to have our BID team remove encampments and working with CD1 signage (trespassing in the VHFHSZ LAMC 57.4908.8.1) for enforcement. I have contacted the UHRC ( schedules the BID team for clean ups). They have informed me that they have comr conducting patrols and searching for encampments,"L","M", and "K".

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Good afternoon Mr. Marble,

I am Park Ranger Ebner assigned to the Metro area. I am emailing you to update you on your concerns at Debs. Using the map y Debs, we addressed each one.

-Vehicles illegally parked on Griffin ave have been either issued a 72 hr notice, cited, or impounded. The encampment inside debs

-"H" and "G" is believed to belong to the suspect observed wielding a machete. He was removed from the park, and a service requ generated.

-All other marked encampments on you map have been located. Each one has a work order request for removal and is in process

For any other questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

-Park Ranger Ebner

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Tom Marble Architecture

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**SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

**Garcia Incareal**

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Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM

To: rick.swanson@lacity.org, bertha.calderon@lacity.org, laura.island@lacity.org, art.gomez@lacity.org, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, iris.davis@lacity.org, valentine.brown@lacity.org, yovonte.robinson@lacity.org,

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AUGUST 17

Council member Gill Cedillo

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Attach picture

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Attach picture

The metal from the Parking Sign has not been removed or the sign has not been replaced.

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Mauro Garcia

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

1 message

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**Bill Cody** <bill.cody@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 11:17 AM

To: Garcia Incareal

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Cc:

Hi Mauro,

We're doing a clean-up over there on Saturday. Come by -

Bill

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 11:14 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

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8/17/2021

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

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LAPD Northeast Division

# Community Clean Up and BBQ after with your Senior Lead Officers!



## Community Clean Up and BBQ!

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**When:** Saturday, August 21, 2021

**Where:** Sycamore Grove Park, 4702 N. Figueroa St.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Community Relations Office (323) 561-3218



**Gil Cedillo**

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, 1st DISTRICT



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

1 message

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**Yovonte Robinson** <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>  
To: Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org>  
Cc: Garcia Incareal <incareal@juno.com> ,

Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 8:34 AM

Good morning

The job has been submitted.

Thank you

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021, 4:08 PM Bill Cody <bill.cody@lacity.org> wrote:

We're starting at 9 am. When done we're having a Bar-B-Que. With CPAB and NE Precinct.

B

On Tue, Aug 17, 2021, 3:05 PM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

Bill what time are doing the clean up?  
Mauro



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Trash can in WW Park

1 message

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

Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 11:21 AM

To: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Cc: Kortley Norris <kortley.norris@lacity.org>, Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>, Eric Mellem <eric.mellem@lacity.org>, Mark Jackson <mark.jackson@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Brad Mayors Office <brad.fingard@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Sat, Aug 14, 2021 at 1:33 PM Jen Ritchkoff < > wrote:

Pix here. I'm emailing 8 people, someone needs to take care of this park.

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Date: 8/14/21 1:31 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Kortley Norris <kortley.norris@lacity.org>

Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>, Eric Mellem <eric.mellem@lacity.org>, Mark Jackson <mark.jackson@lacity.org>, Shull <Michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, brenda.aguirre@lacity.org, Brad Mayors Office <brad.fingard@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

Please clean up this trash in Westwood park, the entrance of the park at the corner of Rochester looks like a junkyard. You need a garbage can at this corner and someone to monitor the trash. It's ridiculous that the city can't drop off another trash can but there are 4 trash cans close to each other on Veteran Avenue that are not utilized, you can take one of them and put it at this corner. You need to get sanitation out every week to manage this trash and bulky items. it's disgusting and unacceptable!

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Date: 8/10/21 11:17 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Kortley Norris <kortley.norris@lacity.org>

Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org>, Eric Mellem <eric.mellem@lacity.org>, Mark Jackson <mark.jackson@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

You mean to tell me you don't think this corner needs a trash can? I do not understand this city. Please throw away the couch as well it's been there for a week and nobody is using it it is abandoned

Jasmine can you help? This trash by the federal building has been there for months. And there is always trash in the park on the corner at Rochester. There are plenty of trash cans within the park that are not used that could be put there

if you can't get a new 1. But that seems like the most basic request there is! I don't know what rap is doing in the city of LA and Koretz office but the trash has got to be managed better.

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff >  
Date: 8/10/21 10:15 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>, Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>, Mark Jackson <[mark.jackson@lacity.org](mailto:mark.jackson@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

But there is no trash can on the corner of Rochester where it is needed most! There is always trash on the ground I'm not sure why maintenance doesn't pick it up, we are not just talking about furniture and bulky items but food containers and bags of trash

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

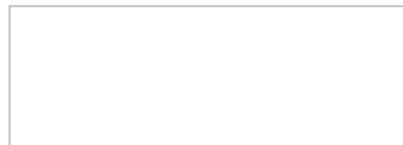
From: Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>  
Date: 8/10/21 10:00 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Jen Ritchkoff <[jritchkoff@aol.com](mailto:jritchkoff@aol.com)>  
Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>, Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>, Mark Jackson <[mark.jackson@lacity.org](mailto:mark.jackson@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

Good morning Jen.

I inquired about additional trash cans and was told that they already placed what additional trash cans they could allow in that area of the park a couple months back. The trash cans that are currently in the park need to be utilized.

***Kortley Norris***

Acting Recreation Supervisor  
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On Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 5:04 PM Jen Ritchkoff < > wrote:

Hello. Are you able to get a trashcan at that corner? There's bags of trash and food containers on the ground. I'm not sure why that can't be cleaned up by maintenance, it is not near a tent or an encampment. I'm also attaching a picture of a piece of furniture that's been abandoned across the street from 1370 Veteran Ave, it's been there a while. If someone could please discard that. There is a trashcan across from 1390 veteran that isn't used as much perhaps you can move it to Rochester where there's always trash.

Thx

 Inline image

Thanks,  
Jen

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 1:29 PM, Jen Ritchkoff < > wrote:

If not, there are several floating throughout the park perhaps there's one somewhere you don't need it as much. This corner always has trash and needs a trash can. Or maybe Jasmine can help.

However this is clearly trash that your maintenance can get rid of, no? It is not near a tent or an encampment, it's just garbage.

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>

Date: 8/3/21 1:20 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: Jen Ritchkoff < >

Cc: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>, Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>

Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

Hi Jen,

We will be submitting a report of Illegal Dumping. I can inquire about additional trash cans, but I cannot guarantee this will be done.

**Kortley Norris**

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On Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 11:16 AM Jen Ritchkoff wrote:

Why is all this trash still here? How do we get it cleaned up? Can we get more trash cans? This is clearly not nearing encampments so why can't maintenance clean it up?

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff <>  
Date: 8/2/21 12:31 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>, Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

Do you mean the green trash cans that are scattered throughout the park? We definitely need one at the corner near Rochester, there is always trash there in addition to bulky items. If someone could clean up the trash meanwhile in the park that would be great.

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>  
Date: 8/2/21 11:52 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Jen Ritchkoff <>  
Cc: Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>, Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Re: Trash can in WW Park

Hi Jen,

I'm actually not sure if that was Sanitation or RAP- Eric can you let us know?

Thank you.

Jasmine

On Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 11:11 PM Jen Ritchkoff <> wrote:  
Trash everywhere.

Thank you,  
Jen

----- Original message -----

From: Jen Ritchkoff <>  
Date: 7/30/21 5:30 PM (GMT-08:00)  
To: Jasmine Shamolian <[jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org)>, Eric Mellem <[eric.mellem@lacity.org](mailto:eric.mellem@lacity.org)>  
Cc: Kortley Norris <[kortley.norris@lacity.org](mailto:kortley.norris@lacity.org)>  
Subject: Trash can in WW Park

Hi Jasmine. Are you the one in charge of the green trash cans they put in the park? Can you put one on this corner at the intersection where the crosswalk is at Rochester. Usually there's bulky items too, but there's also a ton of trash all the time. It's so gross. Park staff should be discarding that, but since they're not, can you please put a trash can there. See attached pic.

Thank you,  
Jen

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**Re: LA Zoo Vision Plan EIR - Griffith Park Advisory Board Letter - Support for Alternative 2**

1 message

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

Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 11:34 AM

To: Jason Greenwald &lt;

&gt;

Cc: "matthew.rudnick@lacity.org" &lt;matthew.rudnick@lacity.org&gt;, Stefanie Smith &lt;stefanie.smith@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 1:50 PM Jason Greenwald <

&gt; wrote:

Dear Commissioners and RAP Executive Team,

As you know, the LA Zoo Commission has approved the LA Zoo Vision Plan EIR, which now goes to the City Council for consideration. Our board has spent a great deal of time and focus analyzing the project and its impacts on Griffith Park. We believe the Zoo's plans to add roughly 1.25 million annual visitors without sufficient mitigation would directly challenge RAP efforts to enhance public transit, reduce traffic congestion, and maintain public safety in and around Griffith Park.

With that in mind, we have sent the attached comment letter to members of the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee. We welcome the leadership of department executives and commissioners in ensuring that the interests of Griffith Park and its users are protected, and we would welcome further dialogue on this subject.

Sincerely,

Jason Greenwald  
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

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August 16, 2021

Hon. John Lee, Chair

Hon. Mike Bonin

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas

Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee

Los Angeles City Council

Re: LA Zoo Vision Plan EIR – Support for Alternative 2 (Multi-Modal Transportation Alternative)

Dear Council Members,

The LA Zoo Vision Plan outlines a 20-year construction program to modernize and create a world-class facility that will draw visitors from across the region and around the world. These are worthy ambitions of great consequence: The Zoo intends to add roughly 1.25 million annual visitors to a congested section of our city on the edge of Griffith Park, leading to *significant and unavoidable* impacts that would directly challenge existing City of Los Angeles policy on transit and transportation.

While we wish to support the LA Zoo, as articulated in [our response to the draft EIR](#), we urge policy-makers to take appropriate steps to reduce the transportation impacts from this influx of new visitors. The Zoo projects that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will rise 72 percent for visitors and 93 percent for employees by 2040. If City Council members do not require sufficient mitigation, the result will be a step backward – for Griffith Park, its users, and the entire region.

Fortunately, there is a clear path to mitigate these impacts: The Final EIR presents the Multi-Modal Transportation Alternative (Alternative 2) as meeting all project objectives and reducing environmental impacts in seven of 17 measured categories. This alternative, developed in close consultation with the LA Department of Transportation, sets reasonable mitigation targets and proposes meaningful investment in alternate modes of transport. We urge the City Council to require the transportation mitigation measures contained in Alternative 2 in order to approve the LA Zoo Vision Plan.

*BOARD MEMBERS: Chair – Jason Greenwald; Vice Chair – Michelle Crames; Secretary – Chris Laib;  
Past Chair – Ron Deutsch; Gene Gilbert; Mike Hain; Alex Phillips; Karen Thornton*

While the LA Zoo is administratively separated from the rest of Griffith Park, it is directly contiguous to more than 4,000 acres of urban wilderness and regional city park. As such, the Zoo's impacts on the park and its users must be considered. Our board was created as a result of City Council policy that sought to ensure a meaningful voice for stakeholders in decisions impacting Griffith Park. Five years ago, we supported Recreation and Parks (RAP) officials who cited traffic congestion as a top priority and stated, "significant changes must take place to ensure the future safety and efficiency of Griffith Park" (RAP Board Report 16-186). For the Zoo to add roughly 1.25 million annual visitors without adequate transportation mitigation would directly contravene those goals.

Earlier this year, following our extended discussion with the project team, we were hopeful the Zoo would pursue the measures in Alternative 2, which we stated as a condition of our support. After all, the rationale is self-explanatory: "Without investments in multi-modal transportation infrastructure and equipment and targeted incentives and public information to change travel behavior, additional trips to the Zoo under the Project would continue to be made largely by [private] vehicle" (Final EIR, 4-87).

Yet in the end, the Zoo rejected Alternative 2. In the findings of fact that accompany the Final EIR, the Bureau of Engineering, as the lead agency, states: "The City finds this alternative less desirable than the proposed Project" (Page 8-3). Yet the basis for rejection can be distilled to two points, neither of which survives close examination: 1) that Alternative 2's reduced impacts would still be "significant and unavoidable" and 2) that the cost might be too great.

First, as to impacts: Alternative 2 would mandate a 15 percent reduction in VMT, as compared to the originally proposed project. While it would still represent a huge increase in both visitors and private vehicles, it would nonetheless pave the way for significant, inter-jurisdictional investment in precisely the kinds of transportation and transit strategies that city policy-makers have long championed: shuttle buses, linkage to the regional transportation network, increased bike and pedestrian access, incentives for employee carpooling, transit use and telecommuting. Unlike the Zoo's proposed project, Alternative 2 sets hard targets that would apply to both employees and visitors. As a result, what might otherwise simply be a wish list of hoped-for projects could instead be a viable program.

The Zoo points out that Alternative 2 would "substantially" expand the use of transit, bicycles, walking and ridesharing, and would "substantially" reduce total Zoo VMT, leading to reduced environmental impacts in these seven categories: aesthetics and visual resources; air quality; energy; greenhouse gases and climate change; land use and planning; recreation; and transportation (Final EIR, 4-21 - 4-22). Again, all project objectives would be met; the only material difference would be a smaller parking garage. It is disingenuous for the Zoo to ignore these benefits simply because some impacts remain. The mandated reduction in VMT – and the transportation strategies to achieve it – would be in line with policy-makers' ongoing efforts to support alternate modes of transit and a more sustainable city.

The economic argument against Alternative 2 similarly fails to withstand scrutiny. While the findings of fact state that transportation improvements “would be costly” and “present challenges in terms of economic feasibility,” these statements are made in a single sentence without underlying analysis. It is simply not credible for the Zoo to make this argument without a detailed economic analysis to enable policy-makers and the public to judge the merits of mitigation against any added cost. To that point, the Zoo proposes to spend \$650 million on the first three phases of its expansion – dollars said to be raised through such means as grants, fundraising, and collaboration with other agencies. If such investment is feasible for the project, isn't it reasonable for policy-makers to require a robust commitment to transit?

Again, we are not calling for the LA Zoo to downsize its ambitions to serve as a world-class facility that will draw families from across the region and around the world. We are merely asking the Zoo to be partners in a shared vision of our city with more transit, fewer cars and a meaningful commitment to sustainability. At a time when the urgency and inequities of climate change are all-too-clear, we urge the City Council to embrace Alternative 2 as the only truly responsible and appropriate path forward.

Sincerely,



Jason Greenwald  
Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: Hon. Nithya Raman and staff  
Recreation and Parks Commissioners  
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Denise Verret, LA Zoo

Joseph R. Cornwell

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
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Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328

Re: Proposed Off Leash Dog Park at Battery Osgood Farley National Register Site

Dear Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners:

We encourage and support your moves to expand public use of the Former Federal property at Fort MacArthur's Upper Reservation. The Fort MacArthur Museum Association has, for the past 30 years, invested heavily, in time and finances, to pursue our ethical responsibility to preserving and develop the historic resources that have been enjoyed by the local and wider community. This includes multiple shows that draw in thousands of visitors, the "Hey Rookie" pool, serving as a valuable historic resource for researchers, and existing as a free museum that has educated locals and visitors on the military history of San Pedro, and greater Los Angeles area.

Given our duties and responsible leadership, you can imagine our surprise to learn about the proposed off leash dog park scheduled for half of the Osgood-Farley National Register Site from a person walking their dog off leash on Museum Grounds during our open public hours. We have never been contacted or included in any discussions regarding the property that we were founded to support. Why has our organization; professionally managed, with years of proven support for the City and the Department of Recreation Parks, be omitted from any notification or planning for the proposed reuse of the site?

Battery Osgood-Farley was deeded to the city as an historic 20 acre facility. The site was so significant that when it was declared a Los Angeles City Cultural Heritage Monument, the City stated that the battery "*embodies historical significance expressive of trends in national and local history, as well as in terms of military technology and engineering characteristic of a particular period in the past*". In 2009, the entire former Upper Reservation (including LAUSD property) was nominated and approved by the California State Historical Resources Commission as a State listed Historic District. Additionally, the deed specifically states that the property is to *remain as a 20 acre facility for the purposes interpreting the historic value of the site*, and that failure to do so will result all properties from the deed be reverted back to the Department of the Interior.

So, currently, Federal, State and even our own City recognize the Battery Osgood-Farley National Register Site as a significant historic resource, and by the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Department of the Interior, must remain as a single, undivided property.

It may interest you to know that the very area that your staff and the people behind the park plan to use for this off leash dog park were directly related to the Defense of Los Angeles.

During WWI the Upper Reservation was used to train soldiers for deployment to France, in the years after WWI, the area was used by US soldiers as an anti-aircraft training area as well as a position for anti-aircraft units during time of war. In the 1920s and 30's US soldiers augmented national defense training to include young high school men to train in the Citizen's Military Training Camps (CMTC). Specifically, in 1938 the CMTC at Fort MacArthur was expanded to include local black youth to train and prepare for war. Some of these young black men later became Tuskegee Airmen with Colonel Charles Bussey as perhaps one of the most famous. Of course during the State of Limited Emergency declared by FDR in 1940 led to the draft with thousands of men arriving to Fort MacArthur. During WWII the hillside was used throughout the war to protect Los Angeles from possible attack. In the Post War years, Fort MacArthur and the Upper Reservation was used for the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC) training which included Combat Engineer training, Anti-Aircraft Training, Armored Force training and Infantry training. The men of ORC were sent to Korea to defend United States interests in the Far East. During the Vietnam War era the very area that you plan to use for off leash dog activities was actually set up as a mock Vietnamese village to train soldier for pre deployment training. Perhaps the most significant of these was the 12<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. Your plan for an off leash dog park appears to be bereft of any consideration of the historic significance and more importantly, demonstrates a lack of knowledge regarding the importance of the men who served this great nation, including those that served in the most trying times of the segregated military and society.

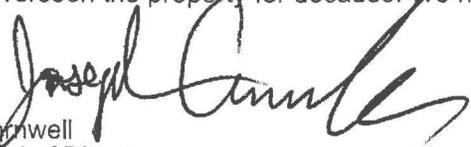
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Without the space, the museum would be unable to continue our large events. Drawing thousands of local and out of state residents every year, our "Los Angeles Air Raid" and "Old Fort MacArthur" shows have become dearly cherished by the public. The most common question fielded by museum tour guides since reopening has been "when will the shows start again?" Without the entirety of the property, we simply won't have the space and will have to permanently end the shows.

Our organization has contributed greatly to the education and enjoyment of the local community, and has responsibly overseen the property for decades. We hope that you will reconsider your choice of locations.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph R. Cornwell  
Member, Board of Directors  
Fort MacArthur Museum Association

J. Cornwell  
323 N Coronado St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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## RULES, ELECTIONS &amp; INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles, with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project (LARERR), also known as Area with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization (ARBOR), in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the LARERR plan will restore 11 miles of the Los Angeles River from Griffith Park to Downtown Los Angeles, providing ecosystem benefits while maintaining existing levels of flood risk management; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently working with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to implement portions of the LARERR plan; and

WHEREAS, the City and USACE are working to implement alternative delivery methods to reduce redundancies, allowing the project to be completed swiftly and at lower cost; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the LARERR project is to reestablish riparian strand, freshwater marsh, and aquatic habitat communities and reconnect the Los Angeles River to major tributaries, its historic floodplain, and the significant ecological areas of the Santa Monica Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, Elysian Hills, and Verdugo Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the project will also provide new recreational opportunities consistent with the restored ecosystem, that will service historically-disadvantaged communities with lower access to natural open space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for any legislation and/or administrative action that would provide funding to support the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project.

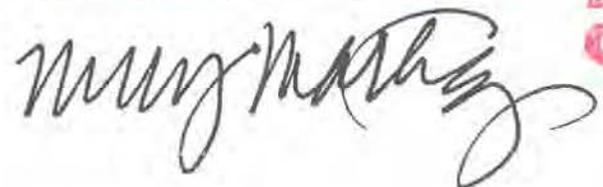
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Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

MOTION

I MOVE that the Council Action of May 5, 2020 relative to a lease agreement for 3210 and 3248 Riverside Drive / Temporary Bridge Housing (CF 19-0126-S2) **BE AMENDED** to approve a lease term of 3 years, as approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission, in lieu of the lease term originally approved by the Council (3 years with two 1 year options).

PRESENTED BY: Nithya Raman  
NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilwoman, 4<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: Mark Boley - Thomas

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## MOTION

## BUDGET &amp; FINANCE

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$75,000,000 in the Unappropriated Balance (UB) for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to make capital improvements at City parks and facilities.

RAP has developed a capital improvement plan to utilize the \$75,000,000 in funds to complete 71 projects (citywide) that would improve RAP facilities by replacing/refurbishing aging outdated equipment and facilities and improve other areas to reduce demands on maintenance and/or improve access for patrons.

RAP has proposed projects that include:

- 16 playground replacements
- 10 new or replaced restrooms
- 13 building improvements/upgrade projects (including ADA access, security, HVAC, and roof repairs)
- 14 sports fields/park lighting upgrades
- 7 sports field improvements
- 9 general park improvements
- 2 swimming pools (replacement/refurbishment)

RAP's plan was developed with a focus on equity, sustainability and protecting park facilities and assets. The majority of these projects are located in disadvantaged communities, and are focused on meeting the needs of the City's youth, adults and seniors in those communities. The plan continues RAP's strong and on-going commitment to equity and to providing safe and accessible parks in all areas of the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Office of the Controller to transfer \$75,000,000 from the Unappropriated Balance-Maintenance at Recreation and Parks Facilities to Recreation and Parks, Fund 302, Department No 89, APPR Account No. TBD, APPR Name Maintenance at Recreation and Parks Facilities.

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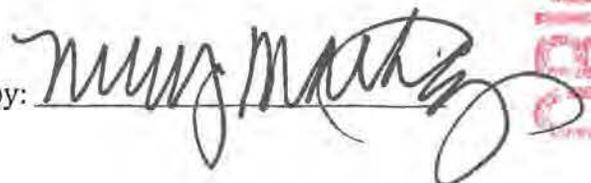
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Presented by:



PAUL KERKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by:



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MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$20,000,000 in the Unappropriated Balance (UB) to reestablish licensed childcare centers. During the great recession, The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was forced to shutter 24 of its 26 licensed childcare centers due to lack of funding. Two licensed childcare preschools continued operating, the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at the EXPO Center (Council District 9) and the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center Preschool (Council District 10).

It has become abundantly clear that there is a lack of licensed child care facilities in the City of Los Angeles. This was highlighted during the COVID-19 crisis as many parents were unable and continue to be unable to return to work due to a lack of childcare. The 2021-22 Adopted Budget included \$20,000,000 to restore licensed childcare sites in economically disadvantaged communities, which would allow refurbishing and reopening 10 licensed preschool facilities. Approximately \$16,000,000 in capital funding is needed to refurbish the 10 centers and \$4,000,000 would provide funding for first year operations. RAP is also requesting Council to authorize 37 resolution authorities to staff and operate the facilities.

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Presented by: Paul Kerkorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Seconded by: [Signature]

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Briarwood Park's Disastrous and Dangerous Condition**

1 message

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

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 12:25 PM

To: Richard Stephens &lt; &gt;

Cc: Mark Jackson &lt;mark.jackson@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 11:26 AM Richard Stephens <

> wrote:

Dear Mr. Jackson

I am a local attorney and frequent user of Briarwood Park. I have registered complaints with the Park maintenance crews about the hundreds of gopher holes permeating the upper level of the park, and complained to the Park Rangers who assured me that they were submitting a work order to fill the holes. I have mentioned to many Park representatives and put them on notice that these gopher holes are dangerous to people, especially children, and pets, and can easily cause serious bodily injury that the City will be forced to compensate, perhaps with punitive damages for gross negligence after notice.

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**Re: Briarwood Park's Disastrous and Dangerous Condition**

1 message

**Melissa Rivas** <melissa.rivas@lacity.org>

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 1:31 PM

To: Robert Buenrostro &lt;robert.buenrostro@lacity.org&gt;

Cc: Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;, Javier Solis &lt;Javier.Solis@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon Robert,

Please see the email below regarding Briarwood and send a response to Mr. Stephen's concerns to [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org).

Thank you,

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 12:56 PM Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

Hi Melissa,

Please see the message below regarding gopher holes and sprinklers and advise.

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From: **Richard Stephens** < >  
Date: Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 11:26 AM  
Subject: Briarwood Park's Disastrous and Dangerous Condition  
To: <[mark.jackson@lacity.org](mailto:mark.jackson@lacity.org)>  
Cc: <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>

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## Briarwood Park

1 message

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**Robert Buenrostro** <robert.buenrostro@lacity.org>  
To: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 3:19 PM

Dear Commissioners,

On Friday August 20, 2021 I met with Karen Marks and her husband at Briarwood Park to discuss their concerns along with the concerns Mr. Richard A. Stephens had shared with the Commissioners in a previous email. The meeting went very well. We discussed the course of action we would be taking and they were very pleased with what we proposed. In regards to the gophers, we have been addressing the issue and will continue to address the issue. We are going to the park on Tuesday August 24th to continue with our efforts to reduce the gopher activity. We are also checking the irrigation and making any necessary repairs and adjustments. We are also searching for a location to place a bench. In regards to the drinking fountain and bathroom, this park does not have potable water. Rest assured that we will continue to address the gopher issue and the irrigation issues as well.

Thank you,

Robert Buenrostro, Acting Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II  
City of Los Angeles  
Department of Recreation and Parks  
Pacific Region Maintenance  
435 N. Neptune Ave  
Wilmington, CA 90744  
Office: (310) 548-7598  
Email: [Robert.Buenrostro@lacity.org](mailto:Robert.Buenrostro@lacity.org)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Fwd: Fw: usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Debra Price <debra.price@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 3:42 PM

Please see attached picture.

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

From: **yong kim** < >  
Date: Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 2:18 PM  
Subject: Fw: usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park  
To: [RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG) <[RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org)>, [councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org) <[councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org)>, [QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG](mailto:QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG) <[QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org](mailto:QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org)>

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**From:** yong kim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** [RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG) <[RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG)>; [councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org) <[councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org)>; [QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG](mailto:QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG) <[QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG](mailto:QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG)>  
**Subject:** usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park

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**TENNIS COURTS  
WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR OUR  
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**SATURDAY  
AND  
SUNDAY 8AM-3PM**

**Thank you,  
Queen Anne Staff**



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Fw: usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park

1 message

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

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 1:38 PM

To: Debra Price <debra.price@lacity.org>

Cc: Councilmember Ridley-Thomas <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>, Chinyere Stoneham <Chinyere.Stoneham@lacity.org>, Sharon Nishihara <sharon.nishihara@lacity.org>, Nicole White <nicole.white@lacity.org>

Thank you, Debra. It was a pleasure speaking with you yesterday. Could you please respond to the constituent?

On Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 6:13 PM Debra Price <debra.price@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Harold,

In regards to the complaint, Queen Anne Recreation Center does not use a reservation system. Our recreation center programs are priority.

Queen Anne Recreation Center Tennis Team Matches are on Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00am-3:00pm (unless the matches run long).

Queen Anne Recreation Center tennis courts are never locked. They are open to the public Saturday and Sunday 5am-7:30am and 3:30pm-until it gets dark,

The individual referred to in the complaint is one of our tennis instructors. He is on duty working the Tennis matches on Saturday and Sunday.

Unfortunately, I have never been contacted by Yong Kim. I have never spoken to Youn Kim.

Thank you,

Debra Price

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Date: Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 3:42 PM

Subject: Fwd: Fw: usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park

To: Debra Price <debra.price@lacity.org>

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Date: Wed, Aug 18, 2021 at 2:18 PM

Subject: Fw: usage of tennis courts at Queen Anne Park

To: **RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG** <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, **councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org** <councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org>, **QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@LACITY.ORG** <QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org>

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**Debra Price**  
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**I am currently assigned at Queen Anne Recreation Center for SPLA / Office 323-857-1180**



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**Re: Issues at Queen Anne Recreation Center**

1 message

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

Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 4:35 PM

To: Andy Kim &lt; &gt;

Cc: Councilmember Ridley-Thomas &lt;councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org&gt;, RAP Queen Anne RC &lt;QUEENANNE.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 4:05 PM Andy Kim < > wrote:

Dear City Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas,

As community members of Los Angeles County District 10 and supporters of what you are doing for our community, we are emailing you asking for your help in regards to a community issue. Our local recreation center is Queen Anne Recreation Center and our favorite activity at that park is to play tennis.

However, the tennis coach is kicking us off of the courts for his for-profit tennis lessons, even though there is more than enough space for us all to play. Our team members just want to continue playing tennis here and need your help to resolve this issue.

We have tried to take action by contacting Queen Anne Recreation Center to resolve this issue, but they only suggested that we pay to play in a public tennis court by signing up for the lessons.

Firstly, our team wants to play on a public court with our own team members to train; secondly, we play at a higher skill level than the lessons are suggested for; and lastly, our only free time as everyday workers is on Saturday and Sunday early morning.

We have even tried to reserve the courts like they asked us to, but upon going into the online reservation portal, there are zero time slots available, and I have been very thorough in finding an open time slot.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope we can discuss future steps to resolve this issue.

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Best Regards,

Andy Kim

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Spring Street Park possible security intimidation**

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 8:37 AM

To: Maceo LaRonde &lt;

&gt;

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 3:27 PM Maceo LaRonde <

&gt; wrote:

I was walking passed Spring Street Park last night Thu 8/19 and saw a security guard telling park goers on lawn to do something in a threatening manner. Guard had a pistol and baton on his belt and his posture was one of coercion, intimidation or else. Talked to two of those people this morning how they liked having guard with a gun telling what to do and they didn't. One said the guard worked at neighboring El Dorado building but in any case no guard working at park should carry a firearm, or in El Dorado for that matter. There are other ways to handle situations and if the guard thinks the only way is through intimidation he shouldn't be a security guard.

Also, previous guard working park said employer sent him to different posts while technically being paid by city, and that employer doesn't pay overtime to any guards in his company.

Maceo Laronde

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## Re: Sylmar Pool

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 8:42 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 6:33 PM Clara Vega < > wrote:

Hello, this is Clara a parent of Sylmar Park Pool. I apologize now for the grammar. I have a complaint, during the summer Sylmar Park has ran out of chlorine several times. Our kids were able to still qualify for finals. Now in the coming week they are going to run out of chlorine again. I cannot sit back knowing that they might not be able to compete Because they will not get chlorine on time. I need some answers, it is not fair that our kids cannot compete if they have no chlorine. There are several other cities surrounding us that have never ran out. Just because where a smaller pool does not mean our kids should suffer. My frustration comes because of other pools not having the same problem. Why do we continue not having chlorine?

I hope you can help these kids, they work so hard through this and knowing the situation we're in this is their only outlet. Please help them compete in their swimming finals.

Thank you Clara Vega (

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**Re: Drug use at Spring street park**

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 8:44 AM

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On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 10:21 PM Levi Zollinger < > wrote:

I was walking my dog at the park today when somebody was sitting down lighting a piece of foil up and snorting heroin from it, out in the open and not hiding it. And the guy next to him was smoking also. Dont know why the guards are so gung ho with the dog owners when there are real problems like drug use happening in their eye sight. Why are they also taking orders from the building next door, thought this was a city park. As long as I'm following your park rules nobody from that building can tell me what I cant do. You need to fix these problems now.

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1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 10:57 AM

To: Clara Vega &lt;

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Good Morning Ms. Vega,

Please note that there is a nationwide chlorine shortage and rising costs of available chlorine. We are reaching out to additional suppliers maintain pool availability across all of our facilities. We have secured additional chlorine supplies from our City partners to help address this shortage but will continue to work with other suppliers because this is an on-going concern not just for us but for many other municipalities.

On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 8:42 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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## Re: Further evidence that ADA ramp design footprint extends onto Private Property

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 9:01 AM

To: Clara Solis &lt;c

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Cc: Sarah Flaherty &lt;sarah.flaherty@lacity.org&gt;, Alice Roth &lt;alice.roth@lacity.org&gt;, Sean Phan &lt;sean.phan@lacity.org&gt;,

Joanne D'Antonio &lt;

&gt;, Diana &lt;

&gt;, Sarita Zaleha

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&gt;, Emily Spokes &lt;

&gt;, Steve Crouch &lt;

&gt;, Tani

Kaye &lt;

&gt;, Suzanne Vilsack Gero &lt;

&gt;, Jamie Hall &lt;

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"Trinidad, Marcos" &lt;

&gt;, Shelley Billik &lt;

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On Sun, Aug 22, 2021 at 3:56 PM Clara Solis <

&gt; wrote:

Hi Everyone,

Please see the attached 1960 Building Plan which shows that the apartment building was built on Lots 5, 6 and part of lot C.

See below the link to the assessor's map. Note that there are Lot Ties between Lot 5 and Lot 6 and a Lot Tie between Lot 6 and Lot C.

<https://maps.assessor.lacounty.gov/GeoCortex/Essentials/PAIS/REST/sites/PAIS/VirtualDirectory/AssessorMaps/ViewMap.html?val=5492-021>

See below the link to the Assessor's Portal and Map showing the Apartment Buildings foot print.

<https://portal.assessor.lacounty.gov/parceldetail/5492021013>

Thank you Tani, Steve and Eric for helping with the research and leg work.

Please contact us if you have further questions. Please make sure the Southern California Black Walnut is not removed in error.

**Clara Solis**

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APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDING

Form B-1

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

AND FOR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

DEPT. OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Applicant to Complete Numbered Items Only. 2. Plot Plan Required on Back of Original.

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|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1. LEGAL LOT<br>5 & 6 portion                                     | BLK.<br>3                  | TRACT<br>Highland Park Add.                            | DIST. MAP<br>150-229                   |
| JOB ADDRESS<br>337 So. Avenue 60                                  | APPROVED<br>ID             |  | ZONE<br>P-3-1                          |
| 2. BETWEEN CROSS STREETS<br>Hayes Ave                             | AND<br>Arroyo Seco Parkway |  | FIRE DIST.                             |
| 3. PURPOSE OF BUILDING<br>APARTMENT BLDG & att. car port 12-units |                            |  | INSIDE<br>KEY 80                       |
| 4. OWNER<br>Ralph Cappola   | PHONE<br>CL 78641          |  | COR. LOT                               |
| 5. OWNER'S ADDRESS<br>1275 Oak Hill Ave                           | P.O.<br>So. Pasadena       | ZONE   | REV. COR.<br>LOT SIZE<br>118.53 x 140  |
| 6. CERT. ARCH.  | STATE LICENSE              | PHONE  | 45.03 x 158.16                         |
| 7. LIC. ENGR.   | STATE LICENSE              | PHONE  | REAR ALLEY<br>SIDE ALLEY<br>BLDG. LINE |
| 8. CONTRACTOR<br>Owner  | STATE LICENSE              | PHONE  |  |
| 9. CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS   | P.O.                       | ZONE   | AFFIDAVITS                             |
| 10. SIZE OF EXISTING BLDG.<br>Irreg                               | STORIES<br>2               | NO. OF EXISTING BUILDINGS ON LOT AND USE<br>16'8" None |  |

SEWER (Available) (10/6/1/60)

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| 1. MATERIAL  | <input type="checkbox"/> WOOD              | <input type="checkbox"/> METAL | <input type="checkbox"/> CONC. BLOCK | ROOF                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> STEEL | ROOFING        | SPRINKLERS       |
| EXT. WALLS:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUCCO | <input type="checkbox"/> BRICK | <input type="checkbox"/> CONCRETE    | CONST.               | <input type="checkbox"/> CONC.           | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER | Comp           | REQ'D. SPECIFIED |
| 12. VALUATION: TO INCLUDE ALL FIXED EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO OPERATE AND USE PROPOSED BUILDING. | \$ 78,000                                  |                                |                                      |                      |  |                                | BLDG. AREA     | 5400             |
|  | 86,000                                     |                                |                                      |                      |  |                                |                | 8692 s.f.        |
|  |  |                                |                                      | VALUATION APPROVED   |  |                                | DWELL. UNITS   | 12               |
|  |  |                                |                                      | APPLICATION CHECKED  |  |                                | PARKING SPACES | 12               |
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|  |  |                                |                                      | APPLICATION APPROVED |  |                                | INSPECTOR      |                  |

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I certify that in doing the work authorized hereby I will not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to workmen's compensation insurance.

Signed Ralph Cappola  
No new driveways to be built

This Form When Properly Validated is a Permit to Do the Work Described.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 3 OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDITION IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 2 PAGES 69 AND 70 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

ALSO THAT PORTION OF LOT "C" OF RALPH ROGERS ADDITION TO MINERAL PARK TRACT, IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 7 PAGE 46 OF MAPS, IN ~~BOOK 7 PAGE 46 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY,~~ THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 3, OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDITION, AS PER MAP BOOK 2 PAGES 69 AND 70 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE NORTH  $3^{\circ} 9'$ , EAST 5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH  $86^{\circ} 51'$  EAST 31.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH  $4^{\circ} 9'$  WEST 62.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH  $27^{\circ} 24'$  WEST 70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH  $37^{\circ} 25'$  WEST 69.35 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF AVENUE 60, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID AVENUE ~~60~~, 46 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 IN BLOCK 3 OF HIGHLAND PARK ADDITION, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 6, 158.16 FEET TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.



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## Re: New photos and information re Trees being removed for ADA ramp at Tiny Homes Project at Arroyo Seco Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 9:01 AM

To: Clara Solis &lt;claramsolis@earthlink.net&gt;

Cc: Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Sarah Flaherty <sarah.flaherty@lacity.org>, Joanne D'Antonio <joanne.treeadvocate@gmail.com>, Diana <diana@ittakesagarden.com>, Sarita Zaleha <sarita.zaleha@gmail.com>, Emily Spokes <emily.spokes@highlandparknc.com>, Steve Crouch <spcrch@gmail.com>, Tani Kaye <tkayeric@yahoo.com>, Suzanne Vilsack Gero <suzgero@att.net>, Jamie Hall <Jamie.Hall@channellawgroup.com>, "Trinidad, Marcos" <Marcos.Trinidad@audubon.org>, Shelley Billik <encshelleybillik@gmail.com>

Good morning,

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On Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 8:50 PM Clara Solis <claramsolis@earthlink.net> wrote:

Dear Alice and Sarah, RAP Commissioners:

As I was preparing to send a follow up email to our CFAC representative. I reviewed the diagrams in the RAP board report 21-148 more closely and noticed that it appears the ADA ramp being proposed will actually be built on the private property of the apartment building that is above the park. I think someone may have made a mistake in determining the boundaries. Steve Crouch, Tani Kaye and I visited the site today. I took the attached photos that seem to confirm that the ADA ramp is going to encroach on the apartment building's private property.

Please note that apparently there were two Black Walnuts. The one that was chopped up is on the City's property. The beautiful healthy mature still whole Southern California Black Walnut that the RAP Board Report is proposing to remove appears to be on the private property of the apartment building: APN 5492 021 013 , address 333-337 S. Avenue 60. Because the RAP urban forestry department did not prepare a proper tree report, it was difficult to understand where each tree was located.

Please have this error corrected. I request notice of the correction.

**Clara Solis**

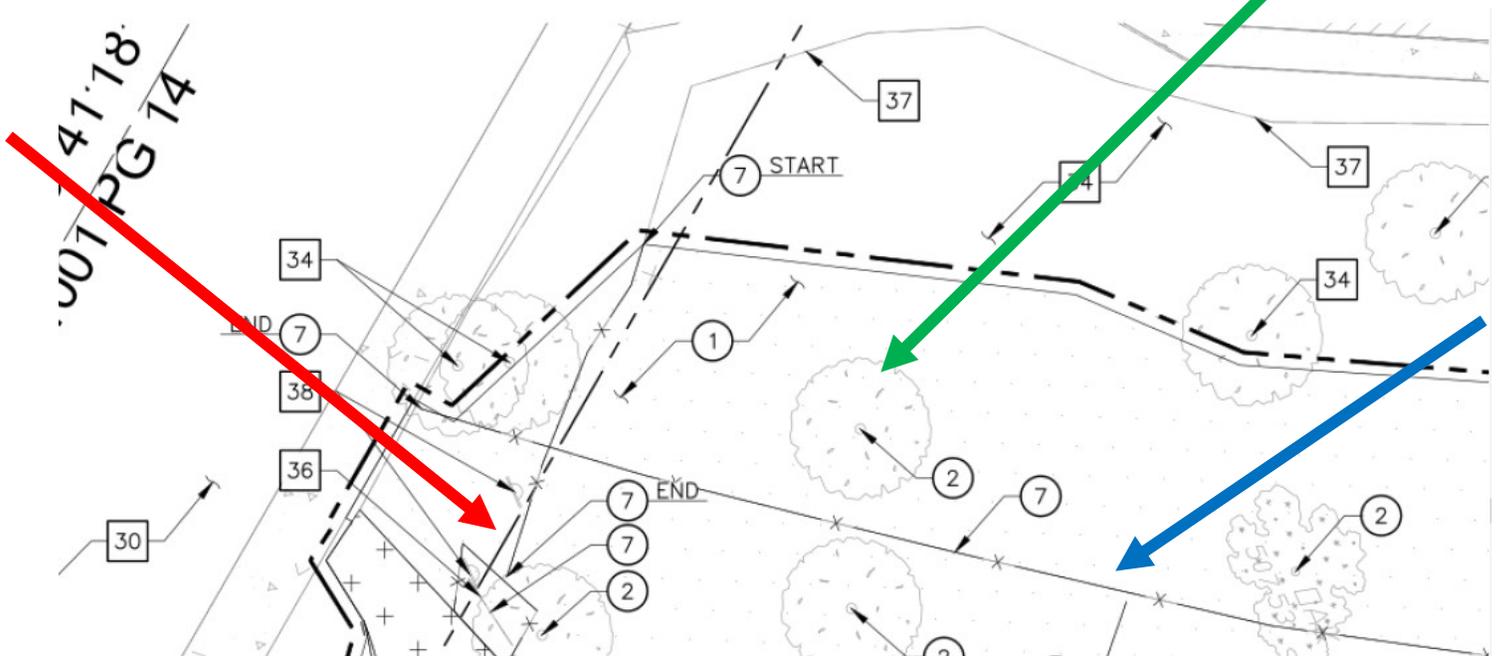
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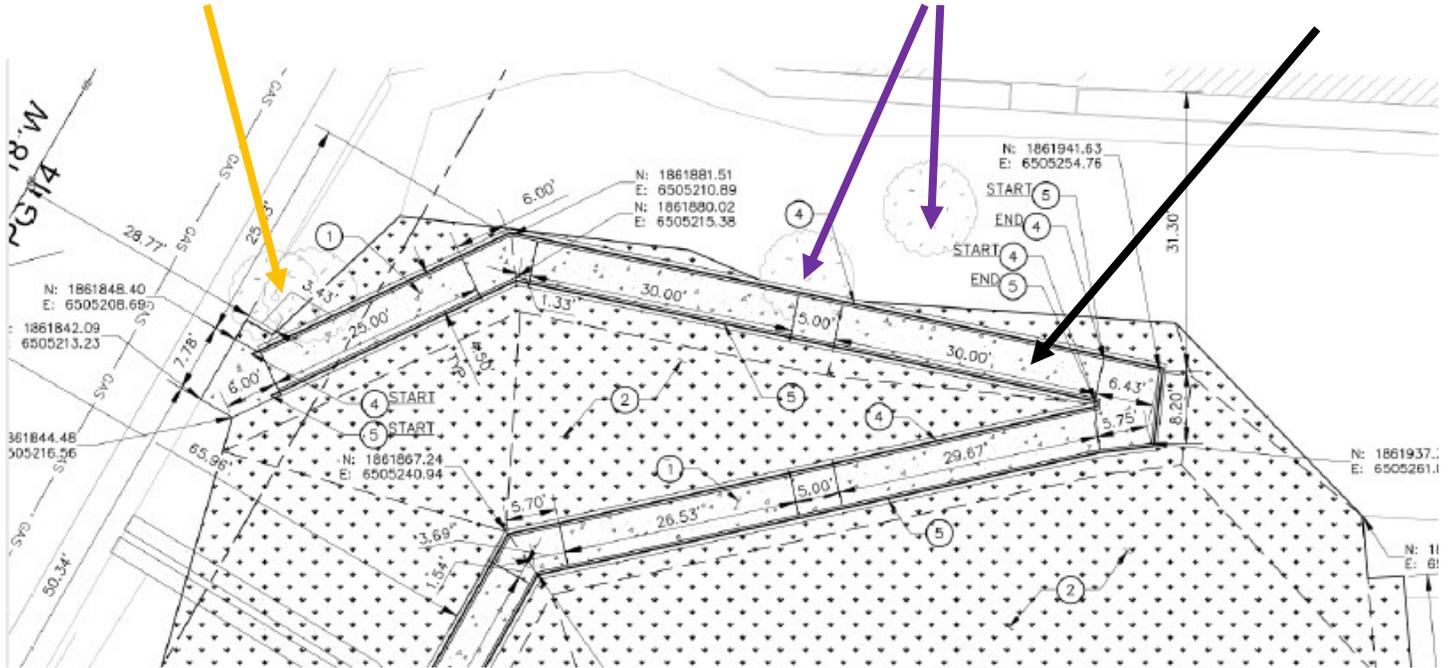
Note the location of the sign in relation to the cross walk. See the two trees that are to be retained near the sign.



This map was downloaded from Navigate LA. The apartment is on 3 parcels including the one near the crosswalk. Now see below the drawing included in RAP Board Motion 21-148. Note where the sign is and where the chain link fence is in relation to the crosswalk. See the location of the trees. The **red arrow** points to the sign. The **green arrow** to the Southern California Black Walnut. The **blue arrow** to the chain link fence to be removed.



See the **Gold arrow** - Note the location of the trees at the front of the property and previous diagram. Also note the location of the trees pointed to by the **purple arrows** and their relation to the previous diagram. The **Black Arrow** points to the proposed ADA Ramp.





These photos show the Black Walnut. Note it is on the side of the fence closest to the apartment building. It is 4 to 6 feet from the chain link fence. The mature Black Walnut appears healthy. The photo was taken looking down from Avenue 60.



The chain link fence is posted with a private property sign presumably to protect the apartment building..



This photo shows the Southern California Black Walnut's position in relation to the fence. This photo is looking up hill towards Avenue 60. The apartment building is to the right.



In this photo looking up the hill towards Avenue 60, the park sign is visible at the top of the hill to the left of the chain link fence. The apartment building is to the right.



Again, note the Park sign's position in relation to the chain link fence.



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**Re: Blocked from public parking and handicap access**

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 4:48 PM

To: David M Haub &lt; &gt;

Cc: joeloserelli@lacity.org, Mayor Garcetti &lt;mayor.garcetti@lacity.org&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

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On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 1:25 PM David M Haub <

> wrote:

Good morning Chief Loserelli,

My name is David M. Haub and I have been a local resident since 1955 when I was born at Hollywood Pres. Hosp. I am active on a local social website called Nextdoor and because of all the hysteria and negative press about "our coyotes" I have been trying to post photographs that show a different side to our wildlife in the park. Unfortunately I have developed COPD and asthma this year and been hospitalized 3 times at UCLA since Jan. of this year so I can no longer hike to view our wildlife. Through a lot of driving and searching I have located a few locations where I can continue to photograph the coyotes and deer without walking from my car and the best of those locations is a very short road just south of the Greek.

Approximately a week ago a film crew tried to cone off that street and block my access to where I can do my photography. Fortunately for me there was a representative from the City of Los Angeles who told me that the city has determined that a minimum of 10 parking spaces must be reserved for public parking and because of his presence I was allowed to drive to the western end of that street where I photograph. This man made a point to tell me that "no one can block those 10 parking places".

Yesterday at about 1:30 pm I tried to gain access to the same area and again was denied by a man in a yellow vest so I told him about what the city representative said and he discounted it. I asked to speak to his supervisor and he told me to "drive around and look for a white truck". As ridiculous as it sounded I did try and find the "white truck" but was unable to locate it. I went back to the initial area I was trying to access and asked the man in the yellow vest to please call his supervisor on his phone and he refused saying his supervisor would not come down here for this. At this time the man in the yellow vest was joined by another man in a khaki city shirt. At this point I feel I am being denied access to public parking against city policy and tell these two I would like to drive up to where I want to photograph and they can call the rangers if I am in violation of some ordinance. This is when your parking enforcement became abusive and personally verbally attacking me. I was getting upset and this caused me to lose my breath requiring my use of a rescue inhaler at which time the man in the khaki shirt commented to the yellow vested man "look he's faking and trying to play the victim...that's what they do."

Now it was time for me to get the rangers involved so I called your office and asked for assistance from the rangers to my location. During the 15-20 minute it took for about 7 rangers to respond a verbal assault continued from both the parking attendants. When the first of your officers arrived I was in my car in a safe location and spoke to them through my window. The ranger who first interviewed me said he would explain it to the supervisor who was on his way. He did acknowledge the fact that 10 parking spots must be available and I mentioned I was handicapped which kept me from parking at Vermont and walking up the incline to the spot I photograph from. I exited my car and was surrounded by about 7 rangers and tried to plead my case to no avail and I was pretty upset being denied access to a public park area some at least 5 hours prior to an event happening at the Greek.

There can be NO justification for city employees badgering and harassing handicapped senior park patrons trying to park in a public place that the city has told them they have a right to park in. If I don't have a right to park there I would like to know by what code the rangers were enforcing that takes my rights away to access the park at that location.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

David M Haub

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## Re: chaos, crowds and an open fire at bootlegged magnet in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 4:15 PM

To: sarah jane < >

Cc: "stefanie.smith@lacity.org" <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "tracy.james@lacity.org" <tracy.james@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 2:50 PM < > wrote:

Dear Stefanie,

The bootlegged view site magnet at Lake Hollywood Park is dangerous. Because there never was a legal public process or EIR to establish a major tourist and park attraction in this inappropriate location with substandard infrastructure which would never have passed a public study in the first place, the likelihood of a major disaster is growing daily, along with the liability of RAP. When it is busy 70 to 90 cars are parked there with constant turnover. This is thousands of cars a day. **A proper evacuation of all of these visitors and residents on our extremely narrow streets would be impossible.** In our neighborhood on surrounding streets every parked car prevents two way traffic!

I received the following communication from a resident about this past weekend.

"5 different pass vans along the stretch of Mulholland stopped in the middle of the highway, letting out tourists. Throngs of people walking. Some kind of video shoot in the middle of the street and fruit and food cart selling stuff. Groups of people smoking. Ledgewood is impassable. A small girl ran across the gridlock as an impatient car load of boys tried to pass into oncoming lane and barley struck the child. Lake Hollywood park is total gridlocked disaster. It took me 40 min to get though and another 40 min to get back. "

In addition click on the link below. If you have trouble opening it, it shows on a week day a **barbecue with an open flame over a foot high** in a portable barbecue that had been brought to Lake Hollywood Park!!!! All of this is happening while the largest fire in California history is burning. This is totally unacceptable and demonstrates a shocking degradation of supervision and safety standards.

<https://www.facebook.com/DoronOfir/videos/1307087123065402>

This whole area needs to be shut down immediately while there is a proper public safety review. Until then at the very least a minimum of three full time employees are needed every day-- One at the top near the view sites, one at the bottom by the park, and a third traveling the blind curves and the rest of Mulholland. This is not excessive. It is an example of what is needed to insure public safety in locations where there should have been no tourists attractions in the first place because of lack of infrastructure, public safety and cost considerations. The lack of present supervision borders on negligence. I am sure that the attractions located in the east side of the park have many full time employees. (Of course the other tourists magnets in Hollywoodland need additional supervision.)

Luck and hope are no substitutes for proper and safe strategies for governance. I know all of these problems were instigated before you took over and that you are a talented City rep who has demonstrated genuine concern for the public. We want to work together to finally find solutions before there is an inevitable tragedy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarajane Schwartz

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## Re: Sean Brown Park Communications

1 message

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

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 10:13 AM

To: Kristin Brown < >

Cc: myrka.martinez@lacity.org

Good Morning and thank you for contacting the Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners. Your comments will be shared with the Commissioners and appropriate staff.

On Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 11:08 PM Kristin Brown < > wrote:

Myrka and Ligaya,

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Thank you again,  
Kristin Brown

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## Re: Chase Park

1 message

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Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 10:03 AM

To: Kammie Hertz <

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On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 8:05 AM Kammie Hertz <

> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

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## Re: Re naming Chase Park

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To: Lisa Janes <

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On Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 4:37 AM Lisa Janes <

> wrote:

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Thank you

Lisa Janes

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**Re: Renaming of Chase Park in Winnetka - 2 "No" votes**

1 message

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To: Fergus &lt;

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To whom it may concern,

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All community members deserve to be heard and to know the details behind the renaming.

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My wife and I vote NO on this idea. The community of Winnetka deserves to know the history of Chase and the details and reasons for this motion.

Thank you  
Robert Ferguson  
Eileen Edwards

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