

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

December 01, 2022

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, 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) Various comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride		Referred to General Manager
2) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150aa	Referred to General Manager
3) Hector Garcia comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ab	Referred to General Manager
4) Ruben Pacheco comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ac	Referred to General Manager
5) Hugo Moreno comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ad	Referred to General Manager
6) Alfonsina Gonzalez comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ae	Referred to General Manager
7) Jose Gonzalez comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150af	Referred to General Manager
8) Francisco Juarez comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ag	Referred to General Manager
9) Alison R. Jefferson comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ah	Referred to General Manager

10) Allyson Tabor comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150ai	Referred to General Manager
11) Allyson Tabor comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150aj	Referred to General Manager
12) Laura Ceballos comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150x	Referred to General Manager
13) Darlene Rodriguez comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150y	Referred to General Manager
14) Chris Printup comments regarding Oakwood Park Name Change	#9150z	Referred to General Manager
15) Gregory Francois comments regarding Dearborn Park	#9179d	Referred to General Manager
16) Judy Diamond comments regarding Dearborn Park	#9179e	Referred to General Manager
17) Michelle Crammes comments as new Chair of Griffith Park Advisory Board regarding Civilian Conservation Corps signage	#9219	Referred to General Manager
18) Michelle Crammes comments as new Chair of Griffith Park Advisory Board regarding Rodger Young Village Installation	#9220	Referred to General Manager
19) Myrka Martinez, Field Deputy for Council District 12 forwarded letter on behalf of the family of Jim and Rita Ciccarelli	#9221	Referred to General Manager
20) J.Taylor Ganz comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222	Referred to General Manager
21) Rosanne Cooper comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222a	Referred to General Manager
22) Robert Wilson comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222b	Referred to General Manager

23) Marco comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222c	Referred to General Manager
24) Dan Urbach comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222d	Referred to General Manager
25) Jewlz Fahn comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222e	Referred to General Manager
26) Brooke Sutton comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222f	Referred to General Manager
27) Kiela Hine comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222g	Referred to General Manager
28) Karen Shaw comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222h	Referred to General Manager
29) Dan Urbach comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222i	Referred to General Manager
30) Rhonda Lubka comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222j	Referred to General Manager
31) Bob and Marge Gold comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222k	Referred to General Manager
32) Catherine and Rudy Alvarez comments regarding Potrero Park operating hours	#9222l	Referred to General Manager
33) Jennifer Massey comments regarding Veteran's Garden grills	#9223	Referred to General Manager
34) Sue Pascoe comments regarding Veteran's Garden grills	#9222a	Referred to General Manager
35) Sue Pascoe comments regarding Veteran's Garden grills	#9223b	Referred to General Manager
36) Jennifer Massey comments regarding Veteran's Garden grills	#9223c	Referred to General Manager
37) Jennifer Massey comments regarding Veteran's Garden grills	#9223d	Referred to General Manager
38) Judy Barba- Valadez comments regarding Pettit Park-Granada Hills RC	#9224	Referred to General Manager

39) John Givens comments regarding Rancho Park Clubhouse	#9225	Referred to General Manager
40) Anastasia Mann on behalf of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council comments regarding Runyon Canyon Park	#9226	Referred to General Manager
41) John S. Lee, Council Member 12 District letter regarding naming of New 50 Acre Park in Porter Ranch	#9227	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: PLEASE Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Zora Andrich <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 4:26 AM Zora Andrich <

> wrote:
Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 9:01 AM Tammi DeMaio < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

As a Los Angeles resident who cares about the wellbeing of animals and an In Defense of Animals supporter, I urge you to stop animal suffering in your district by eliminating the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo's contract, replacing Griffith Park with a non-animal model and sending all of the animals to a sanctuary.

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Sincerely,
Ms Tammi DeMaio

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Helen Carlisle >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 3:21 AM Helen Carlisle < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Helen

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Sheryl Becker >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 7:27 PM Sheryl Becker < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:03 AM

To: Zohra Fahim <

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Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:56 PM Zohra Fahim <

> wrote:

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Michael Lutz <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:11 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 10:59 PM Michael Lutz <

> wrote:
Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign NOW!**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: rita Claessens <

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 2:47 AM rita Claessens < > wrote:

Rita Claessens Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 8:10 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 1:27 PM Valérie Cassé <

> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners Recreation and Park Commissioners,

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

To: alexandra mcardell <

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Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 1:57 PM alexandra mcardell <

> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Linda Middlesworth

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:05 AM

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 10:51 AM Linda Middlesworth < > wrote:
Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

To: Erika Mijuskovic <

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On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM Erika Mijuskovic <

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Hiroko Yatsu <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:08 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 6:53 PM Hiroko Yatsu < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Sincerely from Japan
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Re: Anima Abuse is Illegal in the US

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

To: herbivorousomnivore <

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Best,

Concerned Citizen / Educator / Graphic Artist / Aunt

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Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

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

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:17 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Nov 19, 2022 at 9:35 PM anthony terrulli < > wrote:

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Mr. anthony terrulli

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Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

1 message

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

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:18 AM

Good morning,

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Re: Griffith Park pony rides

1 message

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To: Rick Van Stralen <>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:20 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 9:02 PM Rick Van Stralen <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners -

I am writing to express my feelings and opinion regarding the Griffith Park Pony Rides. It would be an injustice to fail to renew or extend the contract with Mr. Weeks to continue to operate this long-standing (73 years!) operation. The pony rides have provided joy and exposure to ponies to generations of children who would otherwise have no such experience. Mr. Weeks provides excellent care of both the currently used ponies and the retired ponies, who live out their lives in the same location and with no disruption that would cause them distress. Mr. weeks has even hired a welfare officer to ensure the proper care is given to these ponies.

The extremists who have been protesting the pony ride operation have threatened Mr. Weeks, his employees and even the parents who have brought their children to enjoy riding the ponies. Members of this group of radicals have been arrested and even threatened the lives of those employees and Mr. Weeks. It would be a terrible shame to reward such behavior. These extremists have the ultimate goal of eliminating all pet ownership. As ponies and horses are not native to North America, what would be the alternative? Euthanize all ponies and horses in North America as an invasive species? What will happen to the ponies of Mr. Weeks' operation if you shut it down? It is doubtful that they will benefit.

Please decide on the basis of reason, common sense and the facts to extend the contract with Mr. Weeks and the Griffith Park Pony Rides operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Eric Van Stralen

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: If you cannot help the animals, please resign!!!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Susan Estrella >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:04 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 10:06 PM Susan Estrella < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

I am calling upon your resignation for allowing ongoing animal abuse at Griffith Park and Pony Rides. It is shocking that you're allowing this park to remain open when Stephen Week is in violation of the law and his current contract.

It appears you are providing a disservice to all Angelenos by allowing animal abuse to continue and that is why we are asking you all to resign if you cannot get this simple but urgent matter resolved ASAP!!!

You pass inspection reports when laws are being violated, you don't answer public act requests, and you're allowing for a concessionaire to operate when he is in violation of his contract.

This is a humanitarian concern above all! These innocent ponies are suffering terribly and for NO good reason!!!

Every single one of the animals at Griffith Park need to be at a sanctuary, immediately!

Respectfully,

Susan Estrella

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

Re: Please stop the abuse

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

To: Stephen Chu <

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Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 3:05 PM Stephen Chu <

> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign immediately!**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:03 AM

To: anne oliver <

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Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:49 PM anne oliver <

> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Yours truly

Anne Oliver

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Christina Kaylor >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:04 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 9:44 PM Christina Kaylor < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Sincerely,
Christina Kaylor

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Rubi Ramirez >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:09 AM

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 2:58 AM Rubi Ramirez < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: David Tang >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:07 AM

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 3:50 PM David Tang < > wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Shelley Watkins <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:08 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 4:36 PM Shelley Watkins < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Shelley J. Watkins

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Elizabeth S <>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 7:09 AM Elizabeth S <> wrote:
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Shame on you- resign now!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Ana Goldberg >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 10:21 AM Ana Goldberg < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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- a concerned citizen

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: These equines have been stripped of everything

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:05 AM

To: Donny Moss <

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Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 5:44 AM Donny Moss <

> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

In 2022, how can anyone think that using ponies to haul around kids in the heat is humane? These equines have been stripped of the ability to do anything that comes naturally to them. Beasts of burden have no place in modern day society. Please do the right thing by shutting down this archaic, exploitive concession and sending the animals to a sanctuary.

Thank you.

Donny Moss

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

Re: Time to Resign?

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Aylam Orian <>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:13 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 7:10 PM Aylam Orian <> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

I am very upset by your allowing the ongoing animal abuse at Griffith Park and Pony Rides. It is egregious that you're allowing for this park to remain open when Stephen Week is in violation of the law and his current contract.

You're providing a disservice to all Angelenos by excusing animal abuse! You pass inspection reports when laws are being violated, you don't answer public act request, and you're allowing for a concessionaire to operate when he is in violation of his contract.

Every single one of the animals at Griffith Park need to be at a sanctuary, immediately! Please do that asap, or give your seats to more compassionate public service people, Who will do the right thing and shut this animal abuse down.

Thank you!

A. Orian

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: What is going on?

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:07 AM

To: Tamara >

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 2:53 PM Tamara <

wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re:

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:19 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 6:52 PM <

> wrote:

Hi, i am texting to encourage you to support the ponies at griffith park. The horses and ponies of the world need people who love them and care for them. This ride is the starting point of many new horse enthusiast that will care for horses and ponies all their lives. Animal activist are the people who no nothing of what they do, and will end the love and care of future horses and ponies. Please stop them. Kids need animals to learn love of all living things in many different ways. These ponys are well cared for by people who know what they are doing. Stop the crazy animal activist that know not what they are doing.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Casey Phillips <

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:18 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 11:09 AM Casey Phillips < > wrote:
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you grant Stephen Weeks another 1 year extension on his operating permit for the pony rides. I've been up there since the fiasco with the animal extremist groups started. I'm a registered veterinary technician, experienced with working with all breeds of horses, a horse owner until my own horses passed on, and a former employee of Disneyland's Circle D Ranch, which housed horses, ponies, draft breeds, burros, goats, as well as many other species.

The Pony Rides are kept in a manner very similar to Disneyland's Big Thunder Ranch- employees cleaning, interacting with guests, animals calm and well-behaved. The ponies are not being forced to work, in fact, several ponies would take a trip around their track even when it wasn't their turn.

The fact that Mr. Weeks has complied with all of the recommendations made, plus hired a full time Animal Welfare Officer to oversee each pony's health daily, says a lot about his commitment to provide a safe, well-run facility in which Angelenos can spend quality family time. Ponies are not treated as commodities- if they were, they would be sent to auction the second they became infirm, or ill. Ponies are treated as the valuable partner in an entertainment field. Please don't take that away from the children. This may be their only chance to interact with a horse.

Thank you,

Katherine Phillips, RVT

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign immediately!**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Deborah Martin <>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:04 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM Deborah Martin <> wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Angela Fischetti LMT RYT

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

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To: Susan Kohn <

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 5:42 PM Susan Kohn < > wrote:

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Alex Zalkin >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:13 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 12:57 AM Alex Zalkin wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign immediately!**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:06 AM

To: Zahira Yacoub

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Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 1:24 PM Zahira Yacoub < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Please end this animal cruelty NOW!

Zahira Yacoub
Los Angeles, CA

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1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:05 AM

To: Tridoshic 1 <

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> wrote:

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1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:09 AM

To: Stella bridge <

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Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 8:46 PM Stella bridge < > wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign immediately!**

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:06 AM

To: karen elger >

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 1:05 PM karen elger < > wrote:

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kathleen Cullen <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 11:15 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:18 AM Kathleen Cullen < > wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Breyanna Lewis <>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 9:52 AM Breyanna Lewis <> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Amanda Hedgpeth <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:07 AM

Good morning,

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 3:18 PM Amanda Hedgpeth < > wrote:

Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Amanda

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Re: Resign NOW!

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To: Rach Hos >

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Stephen Young >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM

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On Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 9:31 AM Stephen Young < > wrote:
Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Mike Fujimori >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:05 AM

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 9:48 AM Mike Fujimori < > wrote:

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Wendy Hollis <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:04 AM

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 5:17 AM Wendy Hollis < > wrote:

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:08 AM

To: LeeAnn N <

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 6:18 PM LeeAnn N <

> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

I have cared for elderly horses and ponies for over a decade, horses that have been given a kind retirement when too old to carry riders. I am deeply saddened by what I see going on at Griffith Park. A rider much too large for a small pony sitting on her cell phone while the pony labored under the excess weight. Horses' backs and joints are not meant to carry excessively heavy loads, and I often see these ponies walking with obvious lameness in their gates. Any time you use animals like this for profit, it is always the animals who pay. Making these ponies labor in the heat as I have seen is cruel and only teaches children that it's OK to abuse animals for their pleasure.

How can you allow this operation to remain open when Stephen Week is in violation of the law and his current contract?

I am calling upon your resignation for allowing ongoing animal abuse at Griffith Park and Pony Rides. You are providing a disservice to all Angelenos, and to these poor ponies, by excusing animal abuse! You pass inspection reports when laws are being violated, you don't answer public act requests, and you're allowing for a concessionaire to operate when he is in violation of his contract.

The animals at Griffith Park should be retired to a suitable sanctuary immediately.

LeeAnn Neylans

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>**Re: Resign NOW!**

1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:08 AM

To: Jorie Denny <

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 5:54 PM Jorie Denny <

> wrote:

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Jorie Denny

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Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:06 AM

To: Evelyn Pleitez

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 2:01 PM Evelyn Pleitez < > wrote:

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To: Anthony Shale <

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On Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 1:34 PM Anthony Shale <

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign immediately!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Zohra Fahim >

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 11:45 AM

Good morning,

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On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:17 AM Zohra Fahim < > wrote:

Thank you!

Zohra Fahim

On Monday, November 14, 2022 at 10:04:10 AM PST, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:56 PM Zohra Fahim < > wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:39 AM

To: Kath Walker >

Cc: ap.diaz@lacity.org, cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, controller.galperin@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, noel.williams@lacity.org, rachel.ramos@lacity.org

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:26 AM Kath Walker < > wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
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Re: Resign immediately!

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Wayne Orkline <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:07 AM

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Pam Bishop <
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Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 5:54 AM Pam Bishop <
> wrote:

Dear Los Angeles Recreation and Park Commissioners and Executive Team,

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Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Alexa-Sascha Lewin <

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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Good morning,

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On Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 10:41 AM Alexa-Sascha Lewin < wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Resign NOW!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:20 AM

To: Cathy Bolger < >

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Re: Meeting for Oakwood Park Name Change

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 1:32 PM
 To: Darlene Rodriguez < >
 Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Anthony Noriega < >, Ethics Enforcement <ethics.enforcement@lacity.org>, Frank Sr Juarez < >, Hector Garcia < >, Jose Barrera < >, Jose Gonzalez < >, Laura Ceballos < >, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Raymond Delgado < >, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Venice Kush < >, alfonsina gonzalez < >, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, desiree.ramirez@lacity.org, ethics.commission@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org,

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 11:18 AM Darlene Rodriguez < > wrote:
 Hello Mr. Kim,

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Thank you,

Darlene Rodriguez

On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 10:55 AM Laura Ceballos < > wrote:

Mr Kim,

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To: alfonsina gonzalez <

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 1:34 PM

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 9:59 PM alfonsina gonzalez <
Mr Jim

> wrote:

This email is for our voices to be heard since we are sadly disappointed by all this that is happening to change the name of the park we are in disagreement with the Venice community that our voice be heard we do not want the name to be changed behind the name there is a lot of history changing the name is like erasing the history and identity of venice

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De: Laura Ceballos <>
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Cc: Ruben Pacheco <>; Hector Garcia <>; Chris Printup <>; Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>; Frank Sr Juarez <>; Jose Gonzalez <>; Jose Barrera <>; Darlene Rodriguez <ethics.commission@lacity.org <ethics.commission@lacity.org>; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org

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Asunto: Re: Meeting for Oakwood Park Name Change

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Respectively- (O.G Venice)

Jose G.

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Re: Due Process Not Employed

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Francisco Juarez <

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 2:18 PM

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Francisco Juarez

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Re: Reese-Tabor Oakwood Park and Recreation Center || Renaming

1 message

Meghan Luera <meghan.luera@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 8:12 AM

To: "Alison R. Jefferson" <

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Cc: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

Hi Alison,

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1 message

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Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 8:16 AM

To: Allyson Tabor <>

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:06 PM Allyson Tabor <> wrote:

Thank you for conducting the presentation tonight. Please email me your presentation, which was not visible to us attending the Zoom meeting.

I am mindful of and appreciate the reasons some of the attendees at tonight's meeting do not support the naming of the park for Arthur Reese and Irvin Burns Tabor, historical black figures in early Venice history, to wit: "it does not honor other groups, ie, Native Americans or Mexican-Americans who live in Venice". I noticed that the opponents did not mention the Japanese-Americans or other non-white populations, who also lived in that part of Venice because they, too, were subject to racist CCRs.

I might argue that this is not a zero-sum game. Naming the park after early black pioneers does not mean that other sites cannot be named for Native Americans/Chicanos, et al. There are many place names in Venice that could be named in honor of other notable people or groups. Oakwood Park, (which has no historical derivation, despite the claims of some of the callers) is not the only place that can be subject to name change.

I urge the opponents to seek other places and suggest honorific name changes, or erect monuments, as mentioned by some of the callers (i.e., the circle). Two rooms in the Rec. Center honor other residents. This is a good start. Perhaps an historical walk of signs could be erected, like the park in Santa Monica, which commemorates the contributions of many groups to Sta. Monica history.

Several callers pointed out that naming the park for people made them aware of their contribution to history and the community. This is key. The word "Oakwood" means nothing and does not prompt anyone to look into the history of "Oakwood".

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Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:16 AM

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City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

August 29, 2022

Jimmy Kim
General Manager
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Re: Preliminary Biographical Information for the Reese and Tabor Families in Support of the Renaming of Oakwood Recreation Center to the “Reese-Tabor Oakwood Park and Recreation Center”

General Manager Kim,

On behalf of the community, I formally requested that the City of Los Angeles consider renaming the Oakwood Recreation Center to the **“Reese-Tabor Oakwood Park and Recreation Center”** in recognition of the deep, rich, and diverse history of the neighborhood. Per your request, I have compiled the following historical information to enrich your discussion on the matter and share the stories of this community and the contributions of these families.

Over one hundred years ago, the Reese and Tabor families were pioneering Black members of a once independent shoreline community that became the City of Venice before being annexed by the City of Los Angeles. Most Black residents in Venice up until the 1940’s lived in clusters between California Avenue, Electric Avenue, Brooks Avenue, and Lincoln Boulevard. By the 1970’s, Black residents expanded to living farther north to Rose Avenue. These residential patterns were due to housing discrimination in the form of informal discrimination, racist covenants, and redlining. Attached to this letter are maps demonstrating the entrenched residential segregation of Venice during the 1970s positioned in contrast to the outcome of decades of displacement that we see today.

This Black community had an important impact on the development of Los Angeles' special coastal community. Venice’s Black progenitors moved here wanting to fulfill the dream of buying land, achieving prosperity, and self-fulfillment. Black migrants were especially looking for escape from the worst of White supremacy, anti-Black restrictions, and social injustice in the Jim Crow South. The contributions of these settling families survive well into the twenty-first century despite decades of community change.

Venice in the 1890s was largely part of the Ballona Creek marshlands and lagoons that was later purchased and developed by the businessman Abbot Kinney (1850 –1920). Kinney’s ventures evolved into new resort and amusement facilities with vacation and permanent dwellings along the beach. “Venice-of-America” would open in 1905 as an imaginative, spectacular and picturesque resort with its architecture, canals, walkways and streets inspired by Venice, Italy. Many Black and Mexican-American paid laborers worked to build these canals and Kinney’s vision for this shoreline community.

Arthur L. Reese, Jr. and The Reese Family

Arthur L. Reese, Jr. (1883–1963) was a transcontinental railroad porter living in New Orleans, Louisiana who aspired to own his own business. As a Black man in this era, he was blocked from corporate management positions

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and high wage jobs due to his skin color. Arthur saw an opportunity when he read about the construction of “Venice-of-America” in a newspaper and moved to Los Angeles by 1903 as a result.

Arthur became a successful entrepreneur who established several businesses including shoeshine, building cleaning, and beach towel supply operations serving Santa Monica and Venice. Through his contract work, he became associated with Kinney’s “Venice-of-America” and other amusement facilities. He earned the moniker “The Wizard of Venice” for his marvelous and creative decorations of the Venice amusement buildings and for various parade floats and celebrations, such as for the Mardi Gras Carnival. Among his many ventures, Arthur was a business partner for the Lake Shore Beach Club, a resort site at Lake Elsinore in Riverside County which became an important venue for Black vacationers from 1921 into the middle of the twentieth century.

The first home owned by Arthur and his wife, Gertrude Sercey (1885–1950), was at 555 Westminster Avenue. They later built their next home at 541 Santa Clara Avenue by 1920 where they lived together until their passing. Arthur encouraged many of his relatives and friends still living in New Orleans and Morgan City in Louisiana to join him in California - including his mother, two brothers and one sister. Many came to Venice and became part of his workforce for various lengths of time into the coming decades. These Black migrants took up residence in what was first called West Venice, and much later “Oakwood.”

Arthur was extremely involved in his community and used his experience as a real estate investor to donate land for the First Baptist Church’s then new facility at 688 Westminster Avenue that opened in 1928. This edifice was designed by the renowned Black Angeleno architect Paul R. Williams (1894– 1980). Arthur’s brother, Joseph Allen Reese (1890-1972) was the first Black U.S. Postal Service mail carrier in the Venice area, serving in this position for over 40 years. Joseph developed youth programs at First Baptist Church before he went on to become an active member of Santa Monica’s Calvary Baptist Church founded in the 1920s. Arthur’s other younger brother, Edward A. Reese (1896–1945) joined Joseph in establishing the Baptist Young People’s Union at the First Baptist Church and an outing club for young men and their families and friends for mountain trips, truck rides, and fishing parties.

In addition to his contributions to the local community, Arthur was a founding member of Santa Monica’s Crescent Bay Lodge Number 19, a Black Mason group established in 1910. Arthur later became the Santa Monica-Venice branch president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people (NAACP) in 1918. Joseph Allen Reese would also serve as president of the NAACP for a time. Some of Arthur’s other civic accomplishments include becoming an elected member of the Republican County Central Committee of the 61st Assembly District in 1920 and his appointment to the Venice local election board and Chamber of Commerce in 1934.

Irvin B. Tabor and the Tabor Family

Arthur’s cousins from the Tabor Family soon followed as his local enterprises became established. Arthur’s cousins, Joseph H. Tabor (1883-1930) and Charles G. Tabor (1888–1963) were the first to join in 1910. These two brothers were part of a large family of eleven children - six boys and five girls - born to William Alfred “Fred” Tabor (1844-1925) and Elizabeth McCullen (1857-1919) who also migrated with them. All Arthur’s brothers and male cousins worked with his maintenance business and other ventures as they got themselves established in Venice.

Of the eleven siblings, Irvin B. Tabor (1893-1987) became the most well-known locally due to his close relationship with Abbot Kinney as his chauffeur in 1913. Even though he had never sat in or driven a car, he accepted the driver position and then learned to drive from a friend. By 1916, Irvin purchased a bungalow court property at 605-607 Westminster Avenue. By 1920 several other of his siblings who had moved out from Louisiana were living in the bungalows with him. After Kinney died, Irvin would go on to work as a guard at Bank of America and later founded Tabor’s Bay City Maintenance Company.



Irvin was bequeathed Kinney's guesthouse on the Venice Grand Canal upon his death in 1920. Although Irvin attempted to move into the house, there was extreme resistance from the White neighbors. As a result, Irvin and his brothers moved the house to 1310 Sixth Street where it stands today. He would move in with his family and live there until his passing.

Several figures from the Tabor family made notable contributions to local history. Brothers Charles and John Quincy Tabor had a trucking and hauling business and filled in the canals to make streets in Venice in the 1920s. Sister Jenny Tabor Henry and her husband Alphonse were one of the first Black families to move north of Brooks Avenue and they had a concrete business which serviced the Venice and Santa Monica area by 1930. Paul McCarty, Jr., the son of Ruby Tabor and Paul McCarty worked for the Los Angeles Planning Department as principal architect for over 40 years. Novelette Tabor was the first Black graduate of Santa Monica High in 1933. John Quincy Tabor Jr. became the first Black lifeguard in the city and the county providing service at the beaches in the 1940's. Also in the Reese family, sister Fanny would marry Arthur F. Adams; both their sons Arthur and Joe would become recognized entertainers and radio personalities.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the many community members who shared their stories so we can formally recognize Arthur L. Reese, Jr., Irvin B. Tabor, and the contributions of these families to the Oakwood community. I would also like to express my gratitude to Alison Rose Jefferson, a historian with a focus on American history, the African American experience, heritage conservation, historical memory, spatial justice, and cultural tourism.¹ Due to her passion and expertise, we continue to learn more about this historic community and give voice and recognition to their story. Lastly, I would like to thank Dario Rodman-Alvarez, Rudolph Mattheis-Brown, and Luis de la Rosa from the Center for Pacific Urbanism for their thoughtful demographic research on the community of Venice.²

For further questions, please contact my Planning Director, Jason Patrick Douglas, at (213) 473-7011 or jason.p.douglas@lacity.org.

Warm Regards,

MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, District 11

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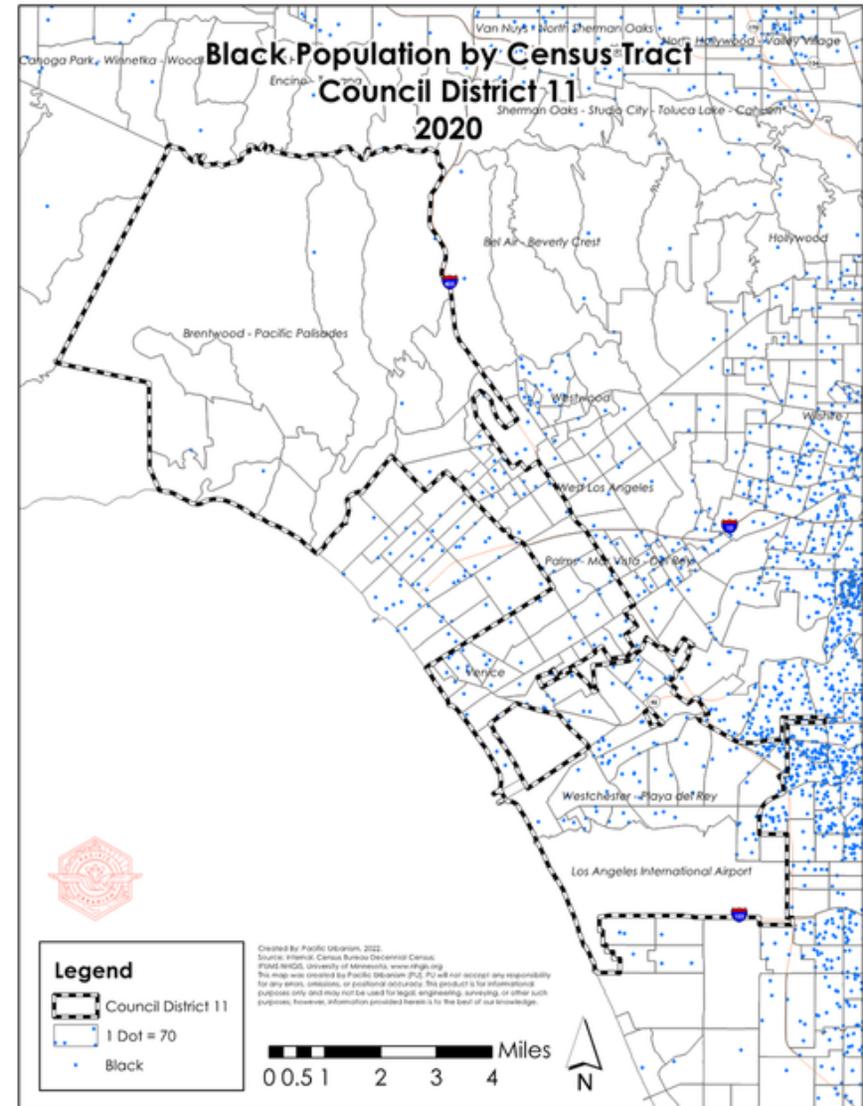
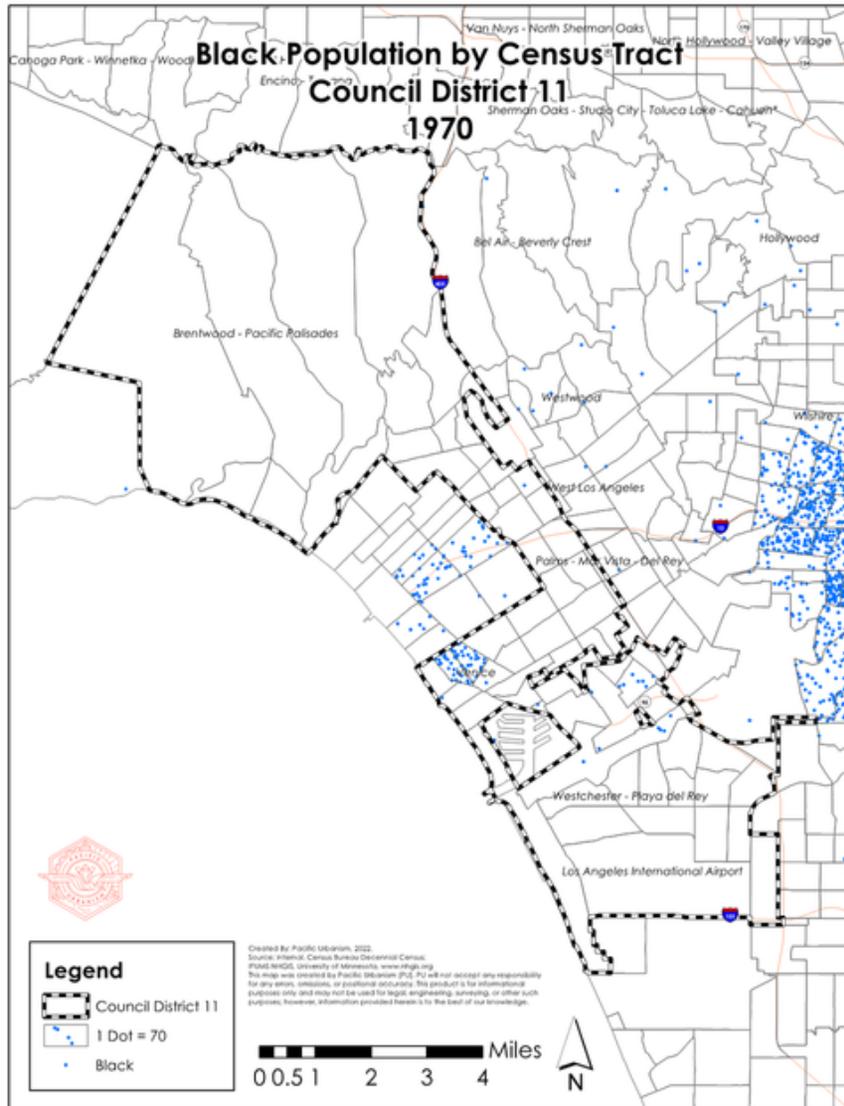
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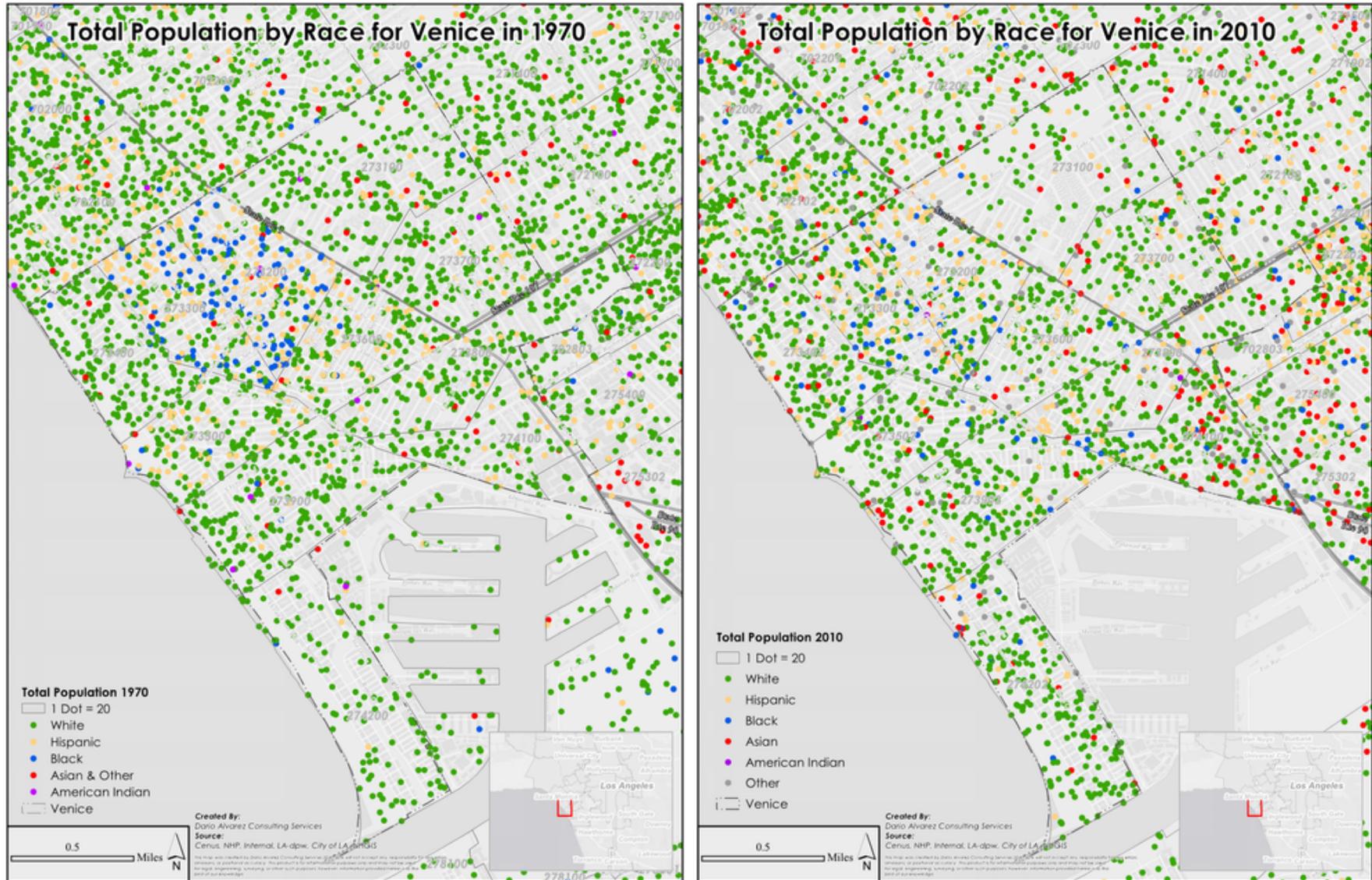
Attachment 1: Black Population by Census Tract in Council District 11 between 1970 and 2020



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Re: Meeting for Oakwood Park Name Change

1 message

Laura Ceballos

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Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 1:21 PM

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Cc: Belinda Jackson

Mr Kim,

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Staff has sent out notice 4 weeks ago and have followed all procedures to my knowledge. In addition, RAP will host another meeting in the near future on the same topic.

I am adding Belinda Jackson, AGM of Recreational Services Branch to answer any other questions you may have.

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:53 AM Laura Ceballos

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Mr Kim,

For the record, you and your staff have made the decision to move forward with the meeting without publicizing the meeting and giving advance notice to the Venice Community Residents. You need to be inclusive throughout the whole process. If you continue to move forward without proper policy and procedures, we will take legal action.

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<Oakwood Recreation Center Community Meeting (1).pdf>

Laura Ceballos
Venice Community Organizer

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Meeting for Oakwood Park Name Change

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 1:32 PM

To: Darlene Rodriguez <>
 Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Anthony Noriega <>, Ethics Enforcement <ethics.enforcement@lacity.org>, Frank Sr Juarez <>, Hector Garcia <>, Jose Barrera <>, Jose Gonzalez <pepeata@live.com>, Laura Ceballos <>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Raymond Delgado <>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Venice Kush <>, alfonsina gonzalez <>, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, desiree.ramirez@lacity.org, ethics.commission@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org, mayor.helpdesk@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 Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 11:18 AM Darlene Rodriguez <> wrote:

Hello Mr. Kim,

My family has resided in Venice for over 50 years and I am writing today to ask that the virtual meeting regarding the Oakwood Park name change this Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 7:00pm be cancelled. The community was not properly notified about the name change and this meeting should include all members of the community at a later time and date with proper notification.

Thank you,

Darlene Rodriguez

On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 10:55 AM Laura Ceballos <> wrote:

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Re: Meeting for Oakwood Park Name Change

1 message

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To: Chris Printup <
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Activity at Dearborn Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:36 AM

To: GREG GBF < >

Cc: Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 5:38 PM GREG GBF < > wrote:

Re: Activity at Dearborn Park

My name is Gregory Francois and I live one block northeast of Dearborn Park in Northridge. My wife, 3 kids, and I have owned and resided in our current home for more than 25 years. All three of my kids attended the neighborhood elementary and junior high school and have now graduated from Southern California universities.

When we first purchased our home, one of the attractions of the area was the local park within walking distance. We had very young kids at the time and saw the park as a great place to take them to enjoy its many amenities. In our early years living in this area, the park was mostly used by neighborhood families. Over time it became a practice spot for youth sports teams as well, but it still had the family feel.

Several years ago, we began to see more family parties and party bouncing apparatus, but the parties were basically limited to toys, tables, and chairs. These parties could sometimes be large, but they were never a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the neighborhood parks became overrun with people looking to get out of their residences. This was totally understandable and expected. My family also took advantage of spending more time enjoying more outdoor Southern California venues. Over the course of the pandemic and even after it was lifted, we began to see larger adult-style parties. DJs with outrageously loud amplified equipment and full bands playing for parties became the norm.

On any given Saturday or Sunday, there can be 5 or more parties that consist of between 20 to 100 people in each group. Giant tents are now erected and tables and chairs are set up inside and outside of the structures. Some parties have full kitchen setups for both cooking and cleanup. It has gotten so out of hand that there is not enough space for a family to come and enjoy the park. Many times, people are arriving as early as 6 am just to secure their space.

As you know, Dearborn Park is relatively small and surrounded by homes. These excessively large parties that are now occurring every Saturday and Sunday are impacting the peacefulness of the surrounding neighborhoods. At this point it does not feel like there are any rules or regulations being followed. Music is extremely loud; partygoers are loitering long after dark and liquor can be observed just passing by in a car.

As the Park Commissioners, I feel it is your duty to set some rules to return stability to this park. I feel that amplified music should never be allowed in a park this small that is surrounded by homes. There should be a limit as to the size of the structures that are being erected. There should be no public consumption of alcohol and the park hours should be enforced especially on the weekends. Finally, there should be an individual or group that monitors the parks on the weekends to ensure that the rules are followed.

As neighborhood homeowners and taxpayers, we need you to return order to this park. As I stated above, this neighborhood park was always the pride of the area. Now it has become a source of stress and concern for all of the neighbors. I look forward to your comments and hope to see some expedited improvements.

Gregory Francois

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Re: Dearborn Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:40 AM

To: Judy Diamond >

Cc: John Lee <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, Glenn Bailey <

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Good morning,

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

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:42 PM Judy Diamond <

wrote:

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Commissioners;

Thank you in advance for your commitment to our parks, so they can be enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the residents near Dearborn Park wake up on the weekend and holidays wondering what the park has in store for them. Residents often have to leave their property for the day to get peace and quiet. I have spoken to others who have sold their home to get away from the constant noise.

Last Saturday(November 12th) I opened my door to the sound of loud music, and by the time I arrived at the park it was impossible to hear any conversation. I had to leave the area just to hear the call to non emergency police dispatch.

Besides the amplified music was a pickup parked next to the party in the middle of the park.

Two other calls were made by neighbors, Sheri Beiber and Greg Francois, with the same complaints.

Unfortunately another call had to be made when I discovered another pickup truck, parked in the middle of a party next to the west wall. A thank you to the police for their quick response.

My neighbors and I are tired of this happening every single weekend with nothing being done. No neighborhood in the city should have to be invaded like this.

I remember at one of your past meeting, commissioner Chase asking if anything was in the works to remedy this, and hearing that a staff member was gathering information.

Sincerely, Judy Diamond, NENC





















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Re: GPAB Letter in support of Civilian Conservation Corps signage

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 1:41 PM

To: Michelle Crames <

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Cc: jimmy.kim@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@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 Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 1:49 PM Michelle Crames <

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commission,

I hope you are well. As the new Chair of GPAB, I am happy to reach out on behalf of our advisory board. Please find attached letter from GPAB in support of CCC signage. As always, we appreciate all of you and your hard work in support of our city's parks. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to be helpful.

Best,

Michelle Crames

Chair, GPAB, 2022-23

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November 9, 2022

Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

Griffith Park has an undeniably rich and often storied history, which should be available and accessible to all users of the park. Over the past year, Recreation and Parks staff has done an amazing job identifying locations and narratives of historical significance to be highlighted through educational and informational signs throughout the park. We applaud this effort to bring both the positive and complicated stories to life.

During World War II, thousands of Japanese, German, and Italian immigrant leaders were confined without due process in US detention and internment camps as suspected threats to national security. One such camp, operated by the Army, resided in Griffith Park at the site of the former Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Riverside, now home to Travel Town Museum and Los Angeles Live Steamers. For more than a year, this small camp, which could accommodate over 500 people, served as a staging area for larger camps in other parts of the country.

While this shameful part of our nation's history is problematic, we applaud the effort to acknowledge it and educate visitors. Shining a light on our park's role in this sad chapter will enhance the experience of visitors by deepening the public's understanding of its history. We strongly support the signage proposal for the Griffith Park Internment Camp and look forward to seeing more proposals for educational signage brought forward by Recreation and Parks staff and others who are knowledgeable about the park's history.

Sincerely,

Michelle Crames

Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Cathie Santo Domingo; Darryl Ford; Stefanie Smith; CD4: Emma Taylor

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: GPAB Letter in Support of the Rodger Young Village installation

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 1:40 PM

To: Michelle Crames <>

Cc: carolyn@laparksfoundation.org, estefany@laparksfoundation.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, matthew.rudnick@lacity.org

Good afternoon,

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On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 1:45 PM Michelle Crames <> wrote:

Dear Carolyn and the RAP Commission,

I hope you are well. As the new Chair of GPAB, I am happy to reach out on behalf of our advisory board. Please find attached letter from GPAB in support of your Rodger Young Village installation. As always, we appreciate all of you and your hard work in support of our city's parks. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to be helpful.

Best,

Michelle Crames

Chair, GPAB, 2022-23

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Dear Commissioners,

Over the past year, numerous stakeholders have come together in support of projects that highlight the rich history of Griffith Park. One such project continues a trend of improving educational signage throughout the park, an endeavor we wholly support. So many Angelenos rely on Griffith Park as an outlet and resource in their daily lives, and tapping into its many, varied stories brings yet another important aspect of this beloved park to life.

Long before the Autry Museum, the present-day LA Zoo, or the collection of nearby freeways, the northeast portion of Griffith Park was an airfield. In 1946, a housing crisis for returning veterans highlighted the need for emergency housing. Thankfully this 100-acre airfield, which was already connected to gas, water, and sewer lines, provided an ideal solution. In barely two months, 1,500 Quonset huts were assembled to ultimately house 5,000 residents. The village was named for Rodger Young, a World War II private who posthumously won the Congressional Medal of Honor for drawing fatal fire so that the rest of his cornered platoon could escape.

With the help and hard work of the LA Parks Foundation, funding from the Griffith J Griffith Charitable trust, and of course the leadership of RAP staff, this fascinating story will be on display outside the Autry Museum. GPAB views this installation as a worthwhile addition to the growing educational and informational signage throughout the park.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Griffith Park Advisory Board

cc: RAP: Jimmy Kim; Matthew Rudnick; Brenda Aguirre; Cathie Santo Domingo; Darryl Ford; Stefanie Smith; CD4: Emma Taylor; LAPF: Carolyn Ramsay

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Fwd: Letter Forwarded from Councilman Jon Lee's Field Deputy

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 8:40 AM

To: Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org>

Hi Myrka,

Joel Alvarez of our Partnership section will address the letter you sent to the RAP Board Office. If you have any further questions or concerns please email him @ joel.alvarez@lacity.org

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

From: **Joel Alvarez** <joel.alvarez@lacity.org>

Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 2:04 PM

Subject: Re: Letter Forwarded from Councilman Jon Lee's Field Deputy

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

Thanks, Partnerships will address it.

Joel

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

11/16/22, 10:57 AM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Fwd: Letter Forwarded from Councilman Jon Lee's Field Deputy

Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Subject: Letter Forwarded from Councilman Jon Lee's Field Deputy

To: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>

Cc: Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>, Carolyn Shannon <carolyn.shannon@lacity.org>

Hi Jimmy and Matt,

Who should the attached letter be sent to? We received this letter from Field Deputy **Myrka Martinez Council District 12. Please advise**

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City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Park Board Commissioners
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September 20, 2022

Dear City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Board
Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the family of John and Susan Ciccarelli and are inquiring on how best to possibly accomplish a desired goal to honor a parental family legacy in a named Council 12 District Park Amenity by virtue of recognition merit and a offered family monetary donation to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks Department .

We are most fortunate to be working with Councilmember John Lee's Field Deputy Myrka Martinez who has been extremely helpful and has provided our family with City of Los Angeles Recreation and Park's Policies in the naming of Park Amenities .

Background –

Jim and Rita Ciccarelli lived and raised their family in the Northridge and Porter Ranch Communities starting in 1963 and each passed away in 2018. During the past six decades and in continuance today is the owned and operated family business Kirby Vacuum Company of Granada Hills established in 1961 and is the oldest business member today representing forty one years participation in Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce . Jim and Rita were among the original Charter Sponsors of the Bank of Granada Hills in 1982 which today is HomeStreet Bank on Zelzah Ave. Granada Hills. They were both in Civic original involvement with the Northridge Baseball Little League and Granada Hills Woman's Club.

The Jim and Rita Ciccarelli Family founded the Granada Hills Holiday Parade in 1983 (one of the largest Community Holiday Parades in Southern California) and serving on its Steering Committee every calendar year since inception . The Granada Hills Holiday Parade has had over One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Youth Parade Participants representing various public and private Schools, Scouting Organizatons . Houses of Worship and Service Organizations

In 1984 Rita Ciccarelli was instrumental in key sponsorship of creating a North San Fernando Valley established "Township " Community Lighted Christmas Tree located at the Rotary Club of Granada Hills Veterans Triangle at Chatsworth Street and Zelzah Ave Granada Hills and enjoyed by thousands each Holiday Season.

In addition the family of Jim and Rita Ciccarelli in conjunction with Councilmember John Lee and the Rotary Club of Granada Hills (since it's charitable inception five years ago)and in each calendar December provide and distribute to Fifty Identified Families in Need a donated fresh cut Christmas Tree to help enjoy the spirit of their Holidays

Jim and Rita Ciccarelli have represented the spirit of many proud "Angelenos" and residing in the City Council 12th District who raised their family, worked hard and made many civic contributions for the public benefit .

Proposal

In the spirit of a proud Italian American family heritage , our family would like to discuss with the City of Los Angeles Recreations and Parks Board of Commissioners the possibility of a named Park Amenity in the example of a '*Jim and Rita Ciccarelli Bocce Ball Court* ' placed in a identified public interest and enjoyment site in an outdoor CD-12 Park location deemed by your agency to be of favorable goal and purpose .

We are very blessed throughout the City of Los Angeles and as residents of CD -12 to enjoy a multitude of Recreation Parks locations of which among our favorites are the Mason Park Recreation Center in Chatsworth , Holleigh Bernson Park -

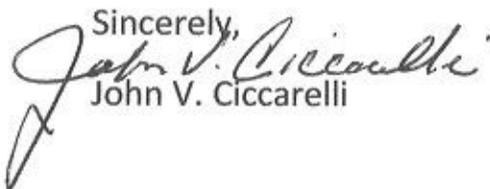
Porter Ranch , the Northridge Recreation Center and Oakridge Estate Park along with the Granada Hills Recreation Center (Petit Park)

With a large growing Senior Citizen populace especially in CD-12 ...the growing need for a low impact physical outdoor sport of Bocce Ball compared say to Tennis or Pickleball may provide a very nice offered alternative for varied public enjoyment participation.

Our interested family would consider a donation of \$30, 000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) of One Full Size Regulation Bocce Ball Court with a lower maintenance alternative long lasting bocce ball court surface material (similar to what was recently installed City Of L.A Recs and Parks . Pacific Palisades Park Bocce Ball Courts a few years ago) that may include some considered option of small linear court perimeter adjoining public Bocce Ball participant/ spectator limited sitting bench(s) seating and perhaps a couple of outdoor cooking free standing adjoining barbeque grates to create a family, group., or league " opportunity outing " to play Bocce Ball and enjoy the outdoors .

We realize the expressed family donation of Thirty Thousand Dollars may or may not meet the full expenditure of even a smaller scale project as being discussed however our family was not sure if any City of Los Angeles Measure A Service Areas Recreation and Parks funding might possibly be applicable in a deemed undertaking ?

The family of Jim and Rita Ciccarelli sincerely appreciates your earnest review and thoughts of this offered proposal in the goal to create and add an attractive public purposed named Park Amenity within the existing outstanding portfolio of City of L.A. Recs and Parks Sites and Program Services

Sincerely,

John V. Ciccarelli

cc. Myrka Martinez -Field Deputy Office of Councilmember John S. Lee





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Hours for Potrero Park , Pacific Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:15 AM

To: Taylor Ganz >

Good morning,

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

Hello,

Thank you for your email. Please rest assured that there was a misunderstanding and that the George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon will be operated only from sunrise to sunset.

We will be introducing a motion in City Council to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to make those hours clear on signage, but please know that sunrise to sunset operating hours have always been the intent of the park.

I would appreciate you spreading this with your neighbors and other concerned community members.

Have a good rest of your week.

All the best,

Noah Fleishman

Noah Fleishman

District Director & LAX Community Liaison

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From: Taylor Ganz <

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To: noah.fleishman@lacity.org <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>; rapcommissioners@lacity.org <rapcommissioners@lacity.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 06:29:08 AM PST**Subject:** Hours for Potrero Park , Pacific Palisades

Good morning ,

I live in the Via Bluffs (90272) near Potrero Park. For the last 17 years that I have lived here I attended many of the meetings and have read much of the written documentation regarding park hours. The residents were assured on multiple occasions that park hours would be from sunrise

to sunset. I am shocked to see that at this point the hours are 5am to 1030pm once the park opens in December.

There is significant fire danger in the area , and unfortunately we have many dangerous fires started on a regular basis by unhoused individuals in the hillsides who are cooking and trying to stay warm.

Please keep the City's promises and take whatever action is necessary to limit hours to sunrise to sunset.

Thank you

Taylor

J.Taylor Ganz

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: George Wolfberg Park in Potrero Canyon - Request Amending Park Hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:15 AM

To: Rosanne Cooper

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Good morning,

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

Hello,

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I would appreciate you spreading this with your neighbors and other concerned community members.

Have a good rest of your week.

All the best,

Noah Fleishman

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On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:05 PM Rosanne Cooper <

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I live in a house situated on the back rim of Potrero Canyon, on Lombard Ave., for well over 10 years. I am a 30 year Palisades resident. We have lived in this pocket neighborhood in relative bucolic quiet and safety until the last several years when there was a sudden uptick in all kinds of local crime as well as the sudden and now current, commonplace appearance of threatening and sometimes violent homeless and transients in this specific Via Bluffs neighborhood, as well as in the rest of the Palisades. Our young teen daughter has not been allowed to walk our dogs alone by the bluff on Via De Las Olas (street along a side of Potrero Canyon) for the last year during the day and absolutely never at night.

This park should absolutely **not** be open from 5:30am -10:30pm. This is a very dangerous plan - for my pocket neighborhood on the Potrero Canyon rim and the Palisades. I can only speak for my family in this note, however, I know full well that my many immediate neighbors feel the same; absolutely no one with a home on the Potrero Canyon rim and this surrounding Via Bluffs neighborhood, wants the attraction of this soon to be "free for all haven" park - with the currently planned and categorically

unacceptable open and closed to the public times, virtually unrestricted access through gates with no security locks 24/7, no lights at dusk/night and no park security or patrol whatsoever. As a long-time resident of this pocket neighborhood, I know full well that if this park is open from 5:30am - 10:30pm it will without question attract even more homeless and transients, meth-heads and destructive stoner kids exponentially, making my home and neighborhood much less safe for my family - and my neighbors. My family and I would strongly prefer not to have to be forced to move out of a home, neighborhood and community that we love and care about due to what is inevitably coming down the pike if things stand where they are now with the current stated Potrero park hours and the total lack of park security or patrol.

To reiterate, my family and I categorically do not want this park open from 5:30am - 10:30pm, period. This park should have the same open/closed hours as dozens of other Los Angeles parks, ie, **from dawn to dusk, period and with enforcement.**

Please feel free to reach out if I can clarify any of the above or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Cooper

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Re: Park Hours - Potrero

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:10 AM

To: Bob Wilson <

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Good morning,

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

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:02 PM Bob Wilson < > wrote:

Please make the park hours during the daylight hours. I just learned there are plans to keep it open much later which is markedly different than what was represented earlier in the approval process.

The park is an attractive nuisance for troublemakers after hours. Drugs, violence and criminal activity will go on. Homes are on the rim and paths connect to our neighborhoods. This is a poorly conceived idea with horrific ramifications. It also deviates from the general policies on municipal parks as well.

Please reconsider. Thank you.

Robert Wilson

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: park hrs

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 1:43 PM

To: Marco <

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 9:19 PM Marco < > wrote:

I'm hearing now that Potrero Park will be open from 530am -10:30pm is this true? If so this is really not a good idea. You have homes and families right across the street for both entrances.

Palisades residents had been promised that the park would operate from dawn to dusk because of the high fire danger, the influx of transients and the lack of lighting in this 46-acre riparian park.

Thank you,

Marco

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Re: Portero Canyon Park hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Dan Urbach < >

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:11 AM

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Have a good rest of your week.

All the best,
Noah Fleishman

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Re: Portrero Park hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 1:43 PM

To: Jewlz Fahn >

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 9:22 PM Jewlz Fahn <

> wrote:

Good evening,

I am writing to ask that you please change the Portrero Park hours from 5 am to 10:30 pm to dusk to dawn. There is no reason that a park should be open past sundown in a residential neighborhood. Please do the right thing and make sure this does not happen. We are already at risk for homeless and other sorts of trouble by opening this park, please limit the hours from sunup to sundown. It will help ensure the safety of the surrounding neighborhoods and Pacific Palisades itself.

Thank you,
Jewlz Fahn
A local resident of Pacific Palisades

Sent from my iPad

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Re: Potrero Park Hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:16 AM

To: Brooke Sutton

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Good morning,

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 6:44 AM Brooke Sutton <

> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

We are concerned with the slated park hours. 10:30pm is simply too late for anyone to be hanging around a park and in my opinion a recipe for disaster. Please consider making the hours from dawn to dusk.

Thank you,
Brooke

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Wolfberg Park Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:16 AM

To: Kiela Hine <

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 8:14 AM Kiela Hine <

> wrote:

Good morning.

Dawn till Dusk makes logical sense for any Public Park.

10:30 is an irresponsible time frame to close and will only encourage bad behavior, homeless and drugs.

Kiela Hine Moriarty

Pacific Palisades resident.

Thank you.

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[Kiela](#)

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Re: Wolfberg Park Potrero Canyon Hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:26 AM

To: Karen Shaw < >

Cc: noah.fleishman@lacity.org

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 5:50 PM Karen Shaw < > wrote:

Dear Gentlemen,

I am writing to urge you to do whatever it takes to guarantee that Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon is **open ONLY from dusk to dawn**. It makes no sense to allow anything else. To do so would only invite more problems for our community which, as I am sure you are aware, has minimal police presence to deal with people who cannot or will not obey rules and laws.

It's exciting to have this beautiful area for everyone's use, let's keep it safe, please.

Karen Shaw
Pacific Palisades resident



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Portero Canyon Park hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:17 AM

To: Dan Urbach <>

Cc: Noah Fleishman <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 9:55 AM Dan Urbach <>

> wrote:

I will 100% spread the word. Thank you Noah!

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DAN URBACH

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From: Noah Fleishman <noah.fleishman@lacity.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:15 AM**To:** Dan Urbach <>**Cc:** rap.commissioners@lacity.org**Subject:** Re: Portero Canyon Park hours

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Re: The George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 11:08 AM

To: Rhonda Lubka >

Cc: noah.fleishman@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:02 PM Rhonda Lubka < > wrote:

I, like many neighbors, am dismayed to learn Wolfberg Park will be open from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. year round.

The expectation was that the park would operate from dawn to dusk. There is no reason for the park to remain open after dusk. This decision provides no benefit to the tax-paying residents of this quiet residential community. It invites problems with teens and transients.

I would like Councilman Mike Bonin to make a motion for an ordinance to RAP to amend those hours and to add this part to the list of all parks that are closed from sunset to sunrise

Respectfully,

Rhonda Lubka

Pacific Palisades 90272

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Re: Potrero Canyon Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 2:01 PM

To:

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 1:01 PM < > wrote:

Please support the hours of Potrero Canyon Park to be dawn to dusk.

Thank you,

Bob and Marge Gold

Sent from Marge's iPad

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Wolfberg hours

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 7:15 AM

To: " " < >

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On Sat, Nov 19, 2022 at 1:51 PM < > wrote:

We are residents along the rim of the Wolfberg park. Over the past many, many years, many promises have been made and many promises have been walked back and new "choices" have been instituted after we thought it was done. We are asking you to institute park hours as dawn to dusk and not the presently advertised 5 am to 10:30 pm. We have also been "promised" a locking gate and some ranger oversight. Please protect us with at least that.

Catherine and Rudy Alvarez

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

FW: Veterans Park Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site Review

1 message

To: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>
Cc: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Joe Halper >, Sue Pascoe >, Kevin Behrendt < >

Sonya,

Despite Erich Haas (the Palisades Recreation Director for over 20 years) assuring us in 2020 that all grills would be subject to advance permitting only (email chain below), the Palisades Recreation Center continues to allow groups to simply walk up and request for the grills to be open.

Erich's email to us is below.

In response to my question of February 17, 2020 (question 2): "Can you confirm only permits obtained in advance will be permitted to grill? How will this be enforced?"

Erich responded:

"Use of all park picnic areas are by permit only. If they state they will be grilling, a staff will go and unlock the grill when the permit begins, periodically monitor the area throughout the permitted time and when the permit is over will ensure the fire is out and re lock the grill."

Your staff at Palisades Recreation Center continue to permit groups to walk up and grill, with no advance permit, as has **always been required in the Palisades Recreation Center.**

I have contacted LAFD, who informed me that "it is dry and windy today, and no one should be grilling."

You continue to oversee and allow hazardous conditions in a very high fire severity zone park.

Massey Media Law, P.C.

From: Jennifer Massey < >
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:19 PM

To: Jennifer Massey < >
Subject: Fwd: Veterans Park Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site Review

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Erich Haas <erich.haas@lacity.org>
Date: February 18, 2020 at 4:40:55 PM PST
To: Jennifer Massey < >
Cc: Bill Armistead < >
Subject: Re: Veterans Park Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site Review

I am leaving early today, due to a very early start to my day tomorrow. Please call me on my cell number at

Thank you,

Erich

On Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 4:36 PM Jennifer Massey < > wrote:

Thanks Erich. I will call you before 7 (we are on the road today but should be able to call you around 530).

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2020, at 12:53 PM, Erich Haas <erich.haas@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Yes, I am able to do a follow up phone call today. I am in the office now and will be here until around 7 pm today. The number to the office is 310-454-1412 or you can reach me on my cell at 310-847-9843.

1) The operational times of the grills will be dependent on the time of the picnic permit which is approved by me. Historically, picnic permit applications usually go for about 2 to 3 hours. Time of day can vary dependent on which day of the week and the times they are requesting. As I explained to Bill at our meeting last week, the idea of keeping the grills locked when not on an approved permit was a very good idea and one I felt could be implemented without much push back.

2) Use of all park picnic areas are by permit only. If they state they will be grilling, a staff will go and unlock the grill when the permit begins, periodically monitor the area throughout the permitted time and when the permit is over will ensure the fire is out and re lock the grill.

3) I am not sure who in RAP would have reviewed the LA municipal code requirements for various aspects of the project, but I can assure you the entire project and all aspects of the project went before the Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners several times before being fully approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to groundbreaking.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Erich

On Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 7:58 AM Jennifer Massey <

> wrote:

Hi Erich,

Are you available today to do a follow up call with Bill and me?

Also, a few follow up questions:

- 1) What time will the contemplated grills be allowed to operate (the few Santa Monica parks which grilling have very small hours of operation).
- 2) Can you confirm only permits obtained in advance will be permitted to grill? How will this be enforced?
- 3) Can you please provide us with the city/park official who would have reviewed the LA municipal code requirements for various aspects of the project.

Thank you,

Jennifer

On Feb 7, 2020, at 5:29 PM, Erich Haas <erich.haas@lacity.org> wrote:

It varies.....7pm up until 9 pm.

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 5:16 PM Bill Armistead < >
wrote:

Hi Erich,

How late are you at the park typically. Next week?

Thank you

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2020, at 3:28 PM, Jennifer Massey
< > wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Erich Haas <erich.haas@lacity.org>
Date: February 4, 2020 at 2:52:05 PM PST
To:
**Subject: Re: Veterans Park
Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site
Review**

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for your email. I would like to set up a meeting with you and any other concerned homeowner that abuts the Park where the Veteran's Garden project is under construction to listen and further discuss your concerns. Please let me know what date and time works for you.

Thank you,

Erich

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 11:33 AM
< > wrote:

Hi Erich,

I hope all is well.

I am reaching out to find out next steps regarding speaking with someone in Parks and Recreation regarding our concerns over the inclusion of 9 charcoal grills in the Veterans Park Project, directly adjacent to our and our neighbors' property lines. We moved into our home this fall, were placed under mandatory evacuation for the Getty Fire in October (sparked by a eucalyptus branch, according to the LA Times), and are extremely concerned with the fire hazard posed by the grills, in close proximity of the many, highly flammable park eucalyptus trees and other brush in the park, as well as our homes. We are also concerned with the heavy carbon dioxide emissions that our families will be regularly subjected to from these grills, as well as the overall environmental impact on the park. We, along with our neighbors, sent a letter outlining these concerns to the Veterans' Park Committee, and are in the process of determining our next steps, in light of the Committee's decision to move forward with the grills.

Should we schedule a call time to discuss our concerns with you, or is there someone else at the city we should be reaching out to?

I will forward under separate cover the letter that we drafted along with our neighbors on Alma Real Drive and sent to the Committee last week.

Thanks very much for your time and attention to this.

Best regards,
Jennifer Armistead

Massey Media Law, P.C.

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Harter

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:01 AM

To: Bill Armistead

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>; Jen Massey

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David and Claire

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Cc: Erich Haas <

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Jimmy Dunne

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Bill McGregor

< Jay
McCann
> ; Rob
Jernigan
>
Subject: Follow Up to Saturday's Site
Review

Bill, Jen, Stephen, Emily, Claire and
David,

As a followup to Saturday's meeting, I
have attached a drawing that depicts the
barbecue locations that were marked on
the ground during our site review.

Bill McGregor advises that the set of
plans that he previously provided to
David are the plans that were approved
by the Department of Recreation and
Parks. Please let us know if you need a
second set of those plans and we will
provide them to you.

As to your question of whom, at the
Department of Recreation and Parks,
you should contact with your concerns
regarding the barbecues, we would
suggest the Park Director, Erich Haas.
Erich is copied on this email.

Best regards,

Bob Harter

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Erich Haas

Senior I Recreation Director

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erich.haas@lacity.org

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: FW: Veterans Park Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site Review

1 message

Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>

Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 4:46

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Erich

On Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 7:58 AM Jennifer Massey < >
wrote:

Hi Erich,

Are you available today to do a follow up call with Bill and me?

Also, a few follow up questions:

- 1) What time will the contemplated grills be allowed to operate (the few Santa Monica parks which grilling have very small hours of operation).
- 2) Can you confirm only permits obtained in advance will be permitted to grill? How will this be enforced?
- 3) Can you please provide us with the city/park official who would have reviewed the LA municipal code requirements for various aspects of the project.

Thank you,
Jennifer

On Feb 7, 2020, at 5:29 PM, Erich Haas <erich.haas@lacity.org> wrote:

It varies.....7pm up until 9 pm.

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 5:16 PM Bill Armistead <bill.armistead@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Erich,

How late are you at the park typically. Next week?

Thank you

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2020, at 3:28 PM, Jennifer Massey <jmassey@lacity.org> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

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<erich.haas@lacity.org>
Date: February 4, 2020 at 2:52:05 PM PST
To:
Subject: Re: Veterans Park Project/Follow Up to Saturday's Site Review

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for your email. I would like to set up a meeting with you and any other concerned homeowner that abuts the Park where the Veteran's Garden project is under construction to listen and further discuss your concerns. Please let me know what date and time works for you.

Thank you,

Erich

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 11:33 AM
< > wrote:

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I hope all is well.

I am reaching out to find out next steps regarding speaking with someone in Parks and Recreation regarding our concerns over the inclusion of 9 charcoal grills in the Veterans Park Project, directly adjacent to our and our neighbors' property lines. We moved into our home this fall, were placed under mandatory evacuation for the Getty Fire in October (sparked by a eucalyptus branch, according to the LA Times), and are extremely concerned with the fire hazard posed by the grills, in close proximity of the many, highly flammable park eucalyptus trees and other brush in the park, as well as our homes. We are also concerned with the heavy carbon dioxide emissions that our families will be regularly subjected to from these grills, as well as the overall environmental impact on the park. We, along with our neighbors, sent a letter outlining these concerns to the Veterans' Park Committee, and are in the process of determining our next steps, in light of the Committee's decision to move forward with the grills.

Should we schedule a call time to discuss our concerns with you, or is there someone else at the city we should be reaching out to?

I will forward under separate cover the letter that we drafted along with our neighbors on Alma Real Drive and sent to the Committee last week.

Thanks very much for your time and attention to this.

Best regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Harter

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020

11:01 AM

To: Bill Armistead

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Claire Cacciapaglia

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Cc: Erich Haas

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Bill McGregor

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Subject: Follow Up to Saturday's
Site Review

Bill, Jen, Stephen, Emily, Claire and
David,

As a followup to Saturday's
meeting, I have attached a drawing
that depicts the barbecue locations
that were marked on the ground
during our site review.

Bill McGregor advises that the set
of plans that he previously provided
to David are the plans that were
approved by the Department of
Recreation and Parks. Please let
us know if you need a second set
of those plans and we will provide
them to you.

As to your question of whom, at the
Department of Recreation and
Parks, you should contact with your
concerns regarding the barbecues,
we would suggest the Park
Director, Erich Haas. Erich is
copied on this email.

Best regards,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

Maryam Zar

To: Jennifer Massey

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Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 1:57 PM

Jennifer,

You asked for us to confer regrading the grills. You also let me know that the previous park Director had told you they'd remain locked. I offered to bring this to our board because I could see the merit in your concern, and believed others would too. I made sure everyone understood that the previous park Director has also acknowledged your concern with fire, and had offered a solution prior to his departure. I thought it was important, as you did, for both park staff and PAB members to know this.

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Best, Maryam

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 1:18 PM Jennifer Massey < > wrote:
Maryam,

I sent you one email updating you on egregious safety violations involving high fire risk in a park and community you volunteered to serve, as well as two follow ups with photos of coal in the park, highlighting the myth perpetuated on the call that these grills can somehow be managed. I'm not sure that qualifies as "inundating", but nevertheless, you won't hear from me following this email, at least in your capacity on PAB.

To clarify, the agenda item I asked to be placed on the PAB call for was concerning the year-round fire risk posed by the grills, not a "traditional fire season", which anyone involved with fire safety in California will tell you no longer exists. The fire hazards on red flag days such as today do not magically disappear because it is not a "traditional fire season". Station 69 told our group of cub scouts recently that "fire season is now year round." You may have asked for this narrow restriction from RAP, but it was not what the neighbors have asked for.

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Best,
Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2022, at 12:53 PM, Maryam Zar < > wrote:

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Re: Illegal Open Burning/Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone/LAMC 57.4908.2

1 message

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Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM

To:
Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Joe Halper >, Sue Pascoe

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 2:51 PM <

> wrote:

Commissioner Halper and Sonya,

It has come to our attention that there is a provision of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that codifies Chapter 49 of the California Fire Code, and addresses specifically “open burning” in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones of Los Angeles. “Open Burning” is defined in the Fire Code as “the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber”. The 8 outdoor charcoal barbecues located within the Veterans Gardens of the Palisades Recreation Center fall under the description of “open burning”, as they have no stack or chimney.

Under **LAMC Sec. 57.4908.2:**

“There shall be no open burning or smoking in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. The Chief shall cause such districts to be posted at all times by suitable signs giving notice thereof.”

There is no exception under this code provision for the months of November through March, the period when RAP is currently allowing parkgoers to burn in this Park. The provision of the LAMC 63.44 dealing with fire months applicable to park grilling, applies only to “High Fire Hazard” parks—the Palisades Recreation Center is located within a higher risk fire zone, and therefore, LAMC Sec 57.4908.2 is directly on point and prohibits grilling at any time.

We will be providing notice to the local Fire Captain of these city laws, which codify Section 4908 of the California Fire Code (state law). The Park’s approval of any grilling within the parameters of any VHFHSZ park is in clear violation of state and local law.

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Re: Raiders Coach & Coach Assistant incident with a minor/team

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Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 8:39 AM

To: Ju Barb

Cc: "michelle.gross@lacity.org" <michelle.gross@lacity.org>

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I would like to further discuss the details, please reach me or Oscar Valadez at or I appreciate your prompt attention.

Details of Incident

Date: 11/09/2022

Time: 7:30pm

Teams: Raiders vs. Saints

Location : Pettit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center

Individuals Involved : Raiders Head Coach and Assistant Coach, Saints team.

Kindly,

Judy Barba



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1 message

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Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 7:21 AM

To: Michelle Gross De La Hoya <michelle.gross@lacity.org>

Cc: Thara Innocent <thara.innocent@lacity.org>, Richard Kraveitz <richard.kraveitz@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you we will forward.

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 2:24 PM Michelle Gross De La Hoya <michelle.gross@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

This situation happened a week ago and was resolved. I talked to the concerned patron, Oscar, about the situation and it was his son that was approached by the Asst. Coach. I also talked to the Raiders Head coach, my staff Warner, and the coach of the other team. The stories were all consistent that the referenced Asst. Coach aggressively approached and yelled at the player on the other team. Everyone agrees that it was inappropriate and there is no situation where an adult should confront a minor. Oscar appreciated that the staff on site, Warner, asked him to leave and he did. That coach was not allowed to attend the next game and actually apologized to his team. I also spoke to the Head coach about his role in this and that he needs to conduct himself with good sportsmanship. I believe that after talking to everyone the next day, it was handled well and it won't be an issue anymore.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns about this.

Thank you.

On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 10:52 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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The park leadership should not endorse such behavior and should address this immediately. It was also brought to my attention this is not the first occurrence and these coaches continue to coach, putting our community and children at risk of violence on the field. LA City Parks and Recreation , endorsing such behavior will create an environment where aggressive , abusive, and violent behavior is tolerated. This is not the what Petit Park should encourage our youth to emulate.

I would like to further discuss the details, please reach me or Oscar Valadez at 818-568-4311 or 818-723- 8536. I appreciate your prompt attention.

Details of Incident

Date: 11/09/2022

Time: 7:30pm

Teams: Raiders vs. Saints

Location : Pettit Park - Granada Hills Recreation Center

Individuals Involved : Raiders Head Coach and Assistant Coach, Saints team.

Kindly,

Judy Barba

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Michelle Gross De La Hoya

Senior Recreation Director

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Rancho Clubhouse

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:41 AM

To: John Given <

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Cc: Marcy Valley <

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Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 9:34 AM John Given <

wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

I am writing on behalf of the Rancho Park Men's Club and join with Marcy Valley of the Women's and Senior's Club to support all necessary efforts to get the Clubhouse at Rancho Park reopened and a thriving asset to the park, its users and the surrounding community. I appreciate how the Concessions Committee has expressed interest in the clubhouse and welcomes the community's input.

It is good news that a restart of construction is targeted for February, 2023. However, after the three year delay since the Clubhouse concession was granted and two years since it was closed, our community of golfers and the general public seem to have taken a sideline stance of "we'll believe it when we see it." It is a healthy skepticism but we would like to inform all interested parties at the soonest possible date that (1) the scope, costs and business terms have all been settled in a revised agreement, and (2) all milestones precedent to starting construction have been cleared.

While the scope of work, the costs, and the business terms will have changed, the vision and benefit to the community as well as the upside revenues to the City have not. In fact they seem to have become more clear. Let's get that message out and I believe the RAP Commission will have the full throated support of interested communities to approve the revised agreements thus releasing Mr. Plummer to start construction per the schedule.

Thank you for your work on this great project and inviting our input and support.

Sincerely,

John Given

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

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Nov 18, 2022 at 8:31 AM

To:

Cc:

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 5:09 PM <Clerk.CIS@lacity.org> wrote:

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council

Name: Anastasia Mann

Phone Number:

Email: president@hwwnc.org

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/16/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 11/17/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: November 17, 2022 Nithya Raman, CD 4 Councilmember Mehmet Berker, CD 4 Councilmember Stephanie Smith, Department of Recreation and Parks Anthony - Paul Diaz, Executive Officer, Department of Recreation and Parks 221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park within the parameters of SB 946 Dear City Officials: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council is one of the certified Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles. At a regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the topic of shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park within the parameters of SB 946 was considered and the following motion passed 18 yay - 0 nay. Motion: In order to ensure that Runyon Cyn Park remains an urban wilderness area park, the HHWNC requests that the Los Angeles Rec & Parks advocate, via a motion to the LA Parks Commission, a restriction / prohibition on Park Vending within Runyon Cyn Park, based on the provisions of LA City Ordinance 185900, specifically that 1) vending restrictions are directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns for parkgoers (vending activities often literally block emergency egress, ingress); 2) they are necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources and recreational opportunities which would be impacted without them; 3) that these restrictions are necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of the Park, and 4) that vending restrictions follow the 1986 Runyon Canyon Master Plan and Design Guidelines requiring the park be foremost a place for a wilderness experience. This motion is made with the support of the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks. Respectfully submitted, Anastasia Mann, President Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council



JOHN S. LEE
COUNCILMEMBER, 12TH DISTRICT

November 15, 2022

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
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RE: Naming of New 50-Acre Park in Porter Ranch

Honorable Commissioners:

I am excited to share that construction of the new 50-acre park in Porter Ranch is underway and that completion is expected in Spring 2023. I respectfully request that the Commission consider two names for the 50-acre park and pavilion, superseding previous naming requests and actions. I request that the park be named "Jane Boeckmann Park" and that the pavilion located within the park be named "Porter Ranch Pavilion."

Jane Boeckmann was the beloved matriarch of the Boeckmann Family, the First Lady of the Galpin Motors organization, and a local resident who was a San Fernando Valley icon. She was an amazing and dynamic person with a fascinating background, and a true one-of-a-kind who lit up a room the moment she entered it. Jane was truly a woman of unwavering faith, limitless energy and boundless optimism, as well as a selfless humanitarian, civic leader, and astute businessperson.

Jane Boeckmann is perhaps most recognized for her role at the Galpin Motors automotive organization, where she served for many years as Treasurer and Corporate Director. She worked side-by-side with her husband Bert to build Galpin Ford from a small dealership into the #1 Volume Ford Dealership in the world and the most recognized automotive family in the country.

In addition to her accomplishments as a businesswoman, Jane built a long and distinguished record of local community involvement, and her heart for serving the community was boundless. Examples of her service and leadership positions include serving as a Trustee of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association and also King's College, as well as a Board Member of such diverse groups as the Valley Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, Valley Presbyterian Hospital and the Salvation Army. Jane has also held key roles in organizations such as the Olive View Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board, Excellence in Media, the Heart Foundation and many more groups that benefit communities and those in need.

In 1986, Jane received the prestigious Fernando Award, widely regarded as the highest recognition for civic engagement and volunteerism in the San Fernando Valley. She holds the honor of being the first woman to receive the award following its inception in 1959.

An exciting component of the new park is the pavilion, which features a stage for arts and performances that the community can enjoy. "Porter Ranch Pavilion" provides a historical reference to George K. Porter, one of the early landowners of the community that is now called Porter Ranch. Using the Porter name brings light to an important historical element of the San Fernando Valley and provides an opportunity to showcase Valley history.

This magnificent, community oriented 50-acre park will not only be a stunning landmark, but the true heart of this community. As approved by the Commission, the park design includes drought-tolerant and native landscaping, hiking trails, and various sports courts. Most importantly, the park and pavilion will provide a safe, tranquil and inspiring environment for the community to come together.

I am confident that this park and pavilion will quickly become one of the gems of the Northwest San Fernando Valley. For the reasons above, I cannot think of more befitting names for these future community treasures than "Jane Boeckmann Park," and "Porter Ranch Pavilion."

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, Twelfth District