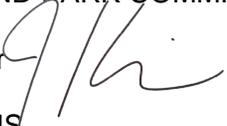


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

September 15, 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) Griffith Park Pony Ride comments	#9054bva	Referred to General Manager
2) Lisa Gaines comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aaa	Referred to General Manager
3) Tim Campbell comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aab	Referred to General Manager
4) Tim Campbell comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aac	Referred to General Manager
5) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aad	Referred to General Manager
6) Lisa Gaines comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aae	Referred to General Manager
7) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9136aaf	Referred to General Manager
8) Mark Soslow comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150f	Referred to General Manager
9) People of California comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150g	Referred to General Manager
10) Jason Douglas comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150h	Referred to General Manager
11) Mark Soslow comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150i	Referred to General Manager

12) Bethy Greenwald comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150m	Referred to General Manager
13) Ingrid Muller comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150n	Referred to General Manager
14) Margaret Molloy comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150o	Referred to General Manager
15) Laddie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150p	Referred to General Manager
16) Kate Scanlon-Double comments regarding Oakwood Park	#9150q	Referred to General Manager
17) Jerry Bass comments regarding Pickleball	#9166b	Referred to General Manager
18) Tracy Sandler comments regarding Pickleball	#9166c	Referred to General Manager
19) Lisa Russo comments regarding Pickleball	#9166d	Referred to General Manager
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22) David Kamm comments regarding Pickleball	#9166g	Referred to General Manager
23) Miriam comments regarding Cooling Centers	#9187	Referred to General Manager
24) Ansu John comments regarding Swimming Pools	#9188	Referred to General Manager
25) Matt Schwartz comments regarding Griffith Park Closure	#9189	Referred to General Manager
26) Sarajane Schwartz comments as Safety Chair Hollywoodland HOA regarding Hollywoodland	#9190	Referred to General Manager



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Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 9:41 AM

To: nicebunny <

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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, Sep 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM nicebunny < > wrote:

As a resident of Los Feliz I urge you to not renew the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo concession contract. The animals are being neglected and abused. All of the animals should be released to a sanctuary.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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Re: Vicious dog attacks LAPD officer and homeless accost CBS News Team in Westchester Park Muni Lot

1 message

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Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:30 PM

To: Lisa GAINES < >
 Cc: Debra Huston < >, tony.royster@lacity.org, John Szabo <jszabo@lapl.org>, "cris b. liban" < >, " >, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <Sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Sue Pascoe < >, Jamie Paige < >, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" < >, DeAndre Parks < >, Beth Rubenstein < >, Jose Ramirez <jose.m.ramirez@lacity.org>, "Villegas, Catalina" < >, Chip Mallek < >, Alex Reynolds < >, Paula Gerez < >, connie.llanos@lacity.org, Brian Hale <brian.hale@lacity.org>, Brian Gallagher <brian.gallagher@lacity.org>, Sophia Castenada LAPD <35080@lapd.online>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, joe.losorelli@lacity.org, Beth O'Rourke < >, Dan Mohler Mohler < >, "Cloud, Hamilton" < >, Jessica Froehlinger < >, kristin.ziebarth < >, Tom Brewster < >, Howard Wong < >, "Shuman, Phil" < >, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, contactCD4@lacity.org, paul.koretz@lacity.org, councilmember.martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org, greg.good@lacity.org, L Perez < >, Nickee Liang < >, Cyndi Hench < >

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On Fri, Aug 26, 2022 at 8:10 AM Lisa GAINES < > wrote:

I had sent an email to you last week highlighted by photos of the egregious lack of city intervention in our Park over a week ago and without a call or email. Most importantly, the problem has worsened in just one week. Title II is not being adhered to in this city park. Other cities have implemented a responsible plan: get placements (all Westchester Park "residents" had been given at least twice in 3 months), post the camping, and debris housing sign, communicate, remove and then prevent encampments. Here is what Calabasis does:



Let's talk facts:

1. This Community is grossly below the city's minimum of parkland to population: Westchester 0.8 acres/1000 people, LA 4.0 acres/1000 people so any policy you make which reduces use of the park due to fear/parking/access makes this community at risk (mental health is a crisis in US and exercise is the known elixir) and consciously is not adhering to the mayor's park equity plan
2. There are clear Title II violations, endorsed by this administration
3. The seniors, handicapped and children are at risk with homeless encampments endorsed and within yards/feet from children, entrances and parking
4. The senior center is a FEMA cooling center and it won't be used because the elderly and vulnerable will not be able to access handicapped or close parking and because the encampments debris and aggressive behaviors of some residents
5. Every single park parking spot is needed for the entire population using the park. Taking the Pool and Library lots for 24 hour safe parking will adversely affect the neighborhood due to an onslaught of on street parking and overflow into the neighboring streets.
6. There are regulations on the books on the required number of off-street parking for public parks, as well as, clear access to public spaces via parking spots; Recently, DOT had taken away available parking on Manchester for the bike lane, leaving one whole side of the street without available street parking
7. Children continue to be assaulted by the homeless encamped in the park. Are these men sex offenders? Don't they need to register? Are you complicit in allowing sex offenders to live close to children?

Let's agree that it is in the community's best interest to keep the park free of homeless encampments. Taking needed parking spaces and converting them into 24/7 camping will harm this community. Please do the right thing and follow the law, enforce the law and prevent the back flow. Schools, Parks and Sensitive areas should NOT have homeless encampments close by.

I eagerly await to learn your position and desire to follow the law.

Lisa Gaines

On Aug 26, 2022, at 6:23 AM, Debra Huston

> wrote:

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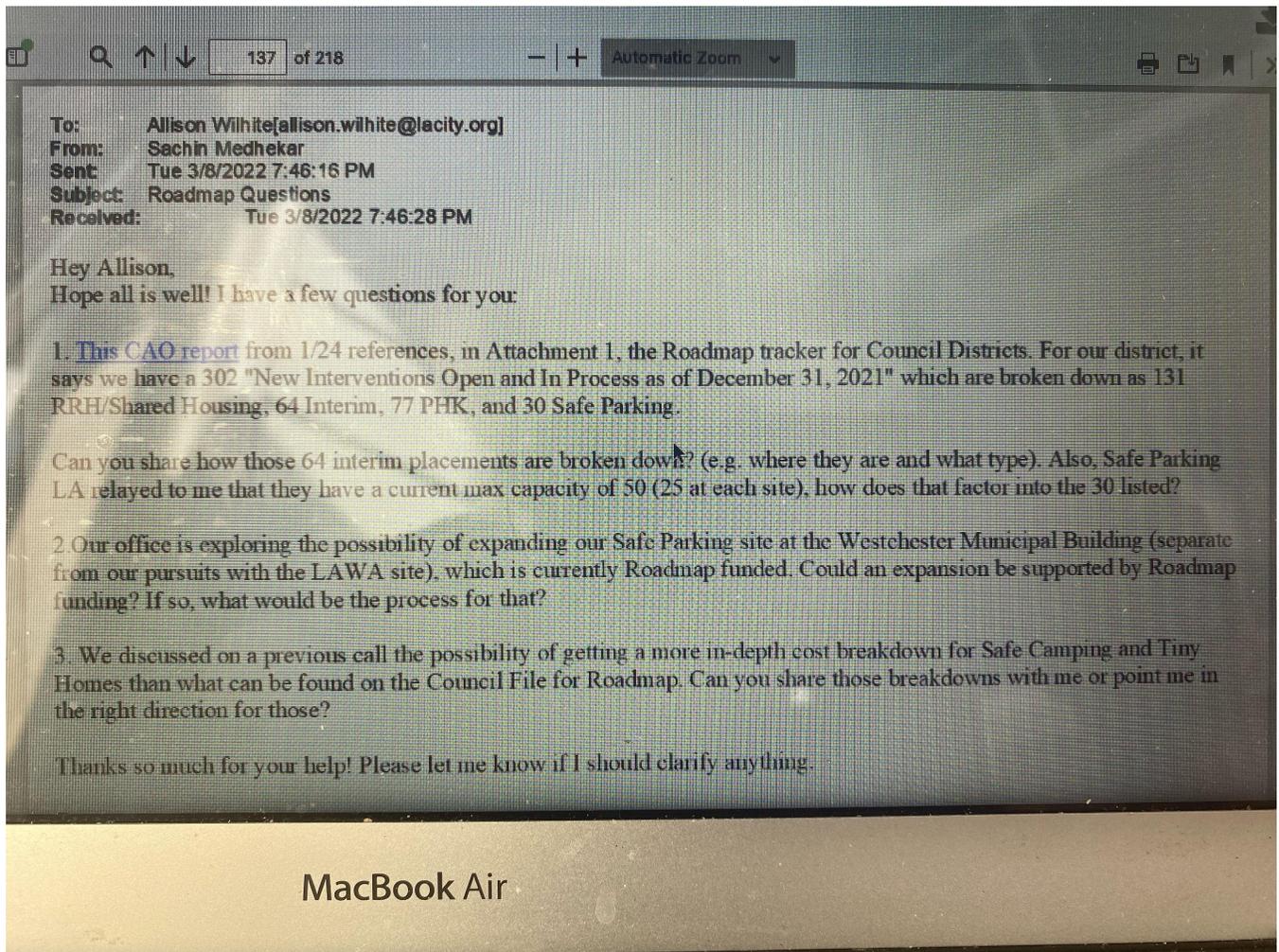
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We plead with our city officials to find another lot for people who reside in their vehicles in Westchester Park. There is no other park in the City, out of 480 parks, that has a Safe Parking program. Using this lot as a Safe Parking program is not consistent with park uses or purposes, and it is not safe for children, seniors, and others.

Please contact me with any questions, and if you would like to visit the park and see this situation for yourself. Our community would like to work with you and be a part of this public process. Thank you.

Debra Huston



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Re: Bonin staff confirms plan to use Westchester Parking lot for 24-hour Safe Parking, and it will be at the expense of children

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 2:35 PM
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On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 8:58 AM Tim Campbell <> wrote:

I was a public sector audit program manager for many years, and hold two professional certifications in internal auditing. My training included public ethics and waste and mismanagement. Based on the documentation provided by Ms. Huston, Mr. Bonin's plan for Westchester Park is a clear breach of public trust and quite possibly public law. Eventually, hiding behind the smokescreen of "emergency ordinances" will have serious consequences, as it has for other cities trying to circumvent environmental and housing laws by using their emergency ordinance powers.

The City's Department of Recreation and Parks' analysis clearly shows using the park as a safe parking site is in direct opposition to its intended purpose. Using a park to provide services to a few dozen campers at the expense of denying its use to thousands of residents is a gross misuse of a public asset. In addition, if state and federal parks funds have been used for any improvements to the park, they most likely come with restrictions requiring its continued use as a park. Saying it can continue as a park with no parking facilities is neither realistic nor ethical, especially since the only other parking is on two busy arterial streets—Lincoln and Manchester.

The parking lot does not have the necessary physical facilities to support a 24-hour campsite: no sewage draining facilities, no showers, and no trash facilities capable of handling the refuse load of a campsite. These assets could be added, but at exorbitant cost, and again, in direct opposition to its intended use. As the recent City Controller's audit of homeless response points out, there are many other sites more suited for use as shelters at a much lower cost.

The lack of physical resources also brings up another issue: environmental hazards. The City has already documented several cases of RV's leaking raw sewage and other hazardous materials into the drainage system. Although some of these hazards have been mitigated after the fact, the purpose of the City's NPDES permit is to prevent illicit discharges, not to clean them up after they occur. Purposely creating a hazard is a violation of NPDES and Clean Water Act regulations.

Using Westchester—or any other park—as a 24/7 campground, when there are other more practical and safer alternatives, is wasteful, unethical, and puts the city at risk of losing funds and incurring significant financial loss. It is

more a reflection of Mr. Bonin's personal agenda than what is in the community's best interests.

On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 6:59 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners and Deputy Mayor Che Ramirez,

One of our Neighborhood Council members received confirmation from CM Bonin's office that they are actively working on getting approval for 24-hour Safe Parking in the parking lot near the ball fields and recreation pool in Westchester Park.

Our community stands in strong opposition to this plan. We have 200 letters signed (wet signatures) by community members opposing Safe Parking in the park, and the Action Network letter opposing Bonin's plans for Safe Parking in the park has been signed by many more. As of today, nearly 14,000 letters have been sent to City officials opposing this plan. <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/save-westchester-park>

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In this "fact sheet" it is represented that the Safe Parking program in that small lot would not pose a danger to children because the people using the Safe Parking would be there only at night when children are not there.

Under CM Bonin's 24-hour Safe Parking proposal, the homeless vehicle dwellers would be in the lot all day and all night. The ball fields and the recreation pool are both adjacent to this lot. Children play on the ball fields until after 9:00 p.m., and in the winter months it is dark shortly after 5:00 pm.

A 24-hour Safe Parking program poses so much danger to children that it is doubtful that parents and coaches would even let their children play on the ball fields next to this lot, that parents would let their children swim at the recreation pool, and that parents would let their children play tennis in the park or engage in any other activities there.

Picture vehicle dwellers from the Wetlands living in this parking lot, and you will get an idea as to what this could look like and the danger it could present.

In the "fact sheet" I have provided, many representations were made that turned out to be completely false. Therefore, despite CM Bonin's representations as to lack of danger to children and other members of the public, we are not persuaded in the least.

We now have about 20 vehicle dwellers in the municipal lot near the senior center and the city library and in just the last two months, we have had incidents by homeless people harassing children in the park and exposing themselves to children in the park.

Specifically, within the last two months, a homeless man walked onto a tennis court, exposed himself and urinated on the tennis court. Another homeless man walked onto a tennis court on two separate days and saying to the five-year-old girls on one court want to have sex with him, and the same thing the next day to 12-year-old girls on another court. Yet another homeless man spent an entire day at the courts, and much of the time he was lying on the sidewalk near the entrance to the courts with his bare buttocks exposed.

Just last week, homeless men accosted a CBS News Team in the municipal lot as they were trying to film a news piece. A vicious dog attacked an LAPD officer. A homeless man assaulted another homeless man with a golf club.

More homeless dwellers in the park would increase the number of incidents, despite any representations to the contrary by CM Bonin and his staff to the contrary.

We are aware that CM Bonin is looking for places to move RVs from the Wetlands because LAWA has confirmed he is asking FAA permission to move 25 RV dwellers from the Wetlands to Northside Parkway, near the Airport Police Department near the park. We can fairly assume he is looking to move Wetlands dwellers to the park.

It seems Bonin is intent on destroying the park, as it seems clear that 24-hour Safe Parking in the park would have that effect. This intent would be consistent with his motion (CF-21-0350) that would have led to further action by Bonin to rezone a portion of the park for homeless housing. We believe that "portion" would have been the ball fields. The CAO determined in a report from August 2021 (attached) that Westchester Park was not feasible for "safe sleep" because of the heavy use of the park by park users. Bonin seems unwilling to move on and find another location for his Safe Parking plans. It seems he wants to take from one group (park users, including children and seniors) and

give to another group (homeless) when there are surely city parking lots that are not in or near a park that could be used for Safe Parking for people who are homeless.

If Bonin succeeds in destroying the park, he will be destroying the youth athletic opportunities of thousands of children in the "park poor" communities of Westchester and Playa Del Rey, and Inglewood. Our communities have .8 acres of park space per 1,000 people, and the standard is four acres. Our children, our seniors, and our entire community need safe park space. Here is the information for Westchester and Playa Del Rey from a 2016 LA County Park Needs Assessment:

https://lacountyparkneeds.org/wp-content/root/FinalReportAppendixA/StudyArea_067.pdf

And here is the info for Inglewood:

https://lacountyparkneeds.org/wp-content/root/FinalReportAppendixA/StudyArea_116.pdf

Westchester Park serves a high diverse population of children. Most children who use the park are of color, and many are from low-socioeconomic groups.

Our community respectfully asks that you deny CM Bonin's plan for any Safe Parking in the lot near the ball fields and swimming pool so our children will be safe in the park. There are other locations for Safe Parking. A central part of the LA Parks' mission is for children to be safe in parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra Huston

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Re: Bonin staff confirms plan to use Westchester Parking lot for 24-hour Safe Parking, and it will be at the expense of children

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 2:36 PM

To: Lisa GAINES <>>
 Cc: Debra Huston <>>, Jose Ramirez <che.ramirez@lacity.org>, Steven Embrich <30993@lapd.online>, Sophia Castenada LAPD <35080@lapd.online>, Paula Gerez <>>, Alex Reynolds <>>, Chip Mallek <>>, "Klemack, John (NBCUniversal)" <>>, Sue Pascoe <>>, Jamie Paige <>>, "Healy, Patrick (NBCUniversal, KNBC)" <>>, Nickee Liang <>>, Zaller <>>, sandra clark <>>, "Lara, Jovana M." <>>, Julie <>>, Tim Campbell <>>

Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 9:22 AM Lisa GAINES <>> wrote:

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Enough is enough. There is no way you can argue that this plan benefits more than it harms. Find your voice and be loud. Parks are for everyone, not just a few. We can rally around you and support your decision to prevent this ill conceived calamity.

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Thank you,

Lisa Gaines

On Aug 30, 2022, at 6:59 AM, Debra Huston <>> wrote:

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1 message

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Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 11:59 AM

To: Debra Huston <>

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Good morning,

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On Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 7:08 AM Debra Huston <> wrote:
Council Member Bonin and Mr. Fleishman,

During the NCWP meeting of September 6, Mr. Fleishman you discussed in detail the Council Office plans and work with LAHSA to use the entire parking lot adjacent to the ballfields and the recreation pool at Westchester Park for 24-hour Safe Parking, and you informed us that the Council Office has obtained county money to fund this. Mr. Fleishman also informed the NCWP that the plan would be to move vehicle dwellers from the Ballona Wetlands to the park, and those people will reside there all day and all night when children are using the ballfields and the recreation pool. As you know, the Ballona Wetlands is considered a crime hot spot by LAPD. Having these same people live in the park is unimaginable and dangerous, and it would destroy the park. Ballfield users and recreation pool users would also have nowhere to park. The ADA requires handicapped parking within 100 feet of public facilities.

I assume you were on the RAP Commissioners meeting in July in which the RAP Commissioners reluctantly granted your request for a 90-day extension of the Safe Parking permit for the lot by the swimming pool and the ballfields.

During that meeting, the RAP Commissioners made it very clear that LAHSA has those 90 days to find other Safe Parking arrangements for the people who use that lot because the ballfields will be opening for the winter season on October 3. RAP Commissioners extended the permit until October 2, and said the fence surrounding the 50 parking spaces that have been used for the Safe Parking program must come down on October 2 so the people using the fields will have parking.

This Safe Parking program has been using 50 parking spaces, fenced in, for a program for 25 cars, which is the maximum number of cars that can use the program. We have information, based on personal observations by many in our community, that there are never more than six to eight cars in that parking lot. Mr. Fleishman, you represented to the NCWP that 22 cars use that parking lot every night. This is false. Perhaps LAHSA or Safe Parking LA represent this to you because they have had 22 people sign contracts for the use of the lot? Never has anyone in our coalition seen anywhere near that number of cars in the parking lot.

I have received information from the CAO that you, Mr. Bonin, are in meetings with RAP and the mayor's office regarding this program. Because of our experience last summer with you getting a permit at the last minute to extend

the Safe Parking permit, we have concerns. We have obtained emails from you, Mr. Bonin, in response to PRA requests that show you began a bullying campaign with RAP, and a shaming campaign, to persuade RAP to issue another permit last summer on the eve of the expiration of the permit. By going in at the last minute, you were able to exclude our Neighborhood Council and our community from having any input whatsoever regarding your plans.

We do not want this to happen again. Therefore, while I assume you had staff members listening in on that RAP Commissioners meeting in July, I am making sure you receive notice of what happened at that meeting so you cannot claim you have been taken by surprise and your office received no notice. RAP staff made it clear in the board report for the RAP Commissioners that the recommendation was that the extension was for 90 days--and not for the full year that a permit usually entails. So I assume you are aware that the program will not be extended beyond that time.

Mr. Fleishman, please share this email with LAHSA so they can get to work informing the six to eight people who use the Safe Program in the park that they will need to begin parking at another lot on October 3. The LAHSA website contains a spreadsheet with the Safe Parking programs in the area, and there are plenty of spaces available. In addition the Safe Parking program of 50 spaces at LAX will be open soon.

Please be aware that we are also concerned that because you are obtaining money from the county for 24-hour Safe Parking, the City Council will be excluded from this process. I do not believe City Council approval would be required if you are not asking for an appropriation of money from the City. I assume you are aware of this, and that is the reason you went to the county for money. This 24-hour Safe Parking program you are working on for our park is in a park and within 500 feet of the First Flight Child Care Center. The majority of the City Council respects LAMC 41.18, which designates parks and child care centers as sensitive locations for the safety of children and others in the community. You are now trying to put 24-hour Safe Parking in a park and within 500 feet of a child care center, and move dangerous people and their vehicles from the Wetlands to that parking lot.

Prior to Mr. Fleishman's presentation at the NCWP meeting of this week, our community had no notice of your plans even though we have been asking for information for months. This plan has obviously been in the works for months, and you did not provide notice or allow anyone in our community to be part of this public process.

We have an Action Network letter that has been signed by many and has resulted in 18,000 letters being sent to public officials regarding what we could put together about your plan. Now that the Council Office has confirmed the plan, and it is worse than we could have imagined, our community is more outraged.

We were informed by Geoff Thompson, a high-ranking member of your staff, Mr. Bonin, that you do not share your plans with the community "until they are approved," because there would be community opposition if you shared your plans. It appears that is what is happening here.

Excluding the City Council and the public from your plans is not how the process should work under the law or by ethical or moral standards. The CAO determined last summer that Westchester Park is NOT FEASIBLE for Safe Sleep because it is a heavily used park that serves thousands every year. RAP has received permit requests for the ballfields from 20 organizations so far. Your plans will destroy the athletic opportunities of hundreds of children, even though parks are deemed to be "sensitive" locations under LAMC 41.18. The City Council should be included in this process, as should the public. I am attaching the CAO report.

Thank you.

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REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: August 10, 2021

CAO File No. 0220-05734-0029

Council File No. 21-0350

Council Districts: 11

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Subject: **Report Back on Evaluation of Site Feasibility and Identification of Funding for Potential Homeless Interventions in Council District 11**

SUMMARY

On May 26, 2021 the City Council adopted recommendations from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee relative to a Motion (Bonin - Ridley-Thomas, C.F. 21-0350) instructing the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to evaluate site feasibility and identify funding for potential homeless interventions at various locations in Council District 11. These sites include: Will Rogers State Beach at 17000 CA-1; Dockweiler State Beach at Lot 3, 11999 Vista Del Mar; Dockweiler State Beach RV Park at 12001 Vista Del Mar; Marina del Rey at Lot 2, 13477 Fiji Way; a Culver City owned site; privately-owned land near 5000 Beethoven Avenue; Westchester Park; Mar Vista Park; Los Angeles World Airports land; and the West Los Angeles Municipal Building at 1645 Corinth Avenue.

The CAO followed its feasibility process as outlined in C.F. 20-1351 to assess the proposed sites. The CAO worked with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), the Department of General Services (GSD), and the public and private owners of the sites to determine feasibility. Based on these assessments, the majority of the sites are not feasible for homeless interventions, mainly due to infrastructure constraints. The Marina del Rey and the Dockweiler State Beach RV Park sites are still under assessment, and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is communicating with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about the feasibility of using airport land for homeless interventions. Finally, the City of Culver City has decided to proceed with a homeless intervention on the site it owns in Council District 5, near the border of Council District 11. Discussions regarding partnering on this effort are ongoing.

Council District 11, like Council Districts 1, 5, 7, and 12, lacks City-owned land that can be used for homeless interventions. For these areas, we should continue to identify privately-owned sites that can be leased for homeless interventions and request that the Los Angeles Housing Department pursue properties under the Project Homekey 2 Program. Most of these districts benefited from Round 1 of Project Homekey. In Council District 11, two motels/hotels were purchased, and are now operating as interim housing.

If the sites under assessment are found to be feasible for homeless interventions, the CAO will

include recommendations for the proposed sites' use and funding in upcoming reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council note and file the report as no further action is required at this time.

DISCUSSION

The following sites were assessed and found to be infeasible for the reasons outlined below.

1. State Owned Beach Sites for Tiny Homes, Safe Parking, or Safe Sleep

Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler State Beach are owned by the State of California and managed by the County of Los Angeles. The BOE assessment determined that these sites are cost prohibitive for the following reasons:

- *Lack of Infrastructure Capacity*: The beach sites were not built for 24/7 residential use, and thus, the sewer infrastructure is not suitable for homeless housing.
- *Lack of Utility Capacity*: The power capacity would have to be increased at both beaches, and the nearest transformer is located 1,000 feet from the sites.
- *Fire Safety*: There are no fire hydrants near these two beaches, and new hydrants would need to be installed as a requirement for residential use.

2. Privately Owned Site near 5000 Beethoven Avenue for Safe Sleep

The site is a peninsula of vacant land located southeast of 5000 Beethoven Avenue and is enclosed by the I-90 Freeway, the Ballona Creek, and the Centinela Creek Channel. The BOE assessment determined this site as infeasible for the following reasons:

- *No Access to Site*: The site has no pedestrian or vehicle access.
- *Lack of Nearby Utilities*: Utilities are situated far from the site, and capacity is uncertain. The closest sewer connection is 500 feet away, the closest water source is 800 feet away, and there is no apparent source for power within 1,000 feet.
- *Expensive to Develop*: The terrain is rough and substantially contoured, which would require considerable grading and soil removal to level the site for access and placement of pallets for administrative purposes, hygiene trailers, and tent spaces.

3. City Owned Westchester and Mar Vista Parks for Safe Sleep

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) assessed the proposed sites, and recommended that these parks not be used for the following reasons:

- *Sites Are Not Underutilized*: Prior to the pandemic, both Westchester and Mar Vista Parks experienced varied and robust recreational usage. Data from both parks show that on average more than 6,000 youth participants attend and utilize the parks and facilities. The parking lots are needed for pick up and drop off for programming and aquatics. Both parks returned to normal operations on June 14, 2021, and

programming is planned through the end of the fiscal year. The RAP sites that are being used for homeless interventions are on underutilized park land.

- *Revenue Generating*: These parks generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue for RAP.

These two parks should be considered for targeted outreach to connect people experiencing homelessness to housing and services through “Encampment to Home” or similar models.

4. City Owned West LA Municipal Building for Temporary Shelter

The evaluated site at the West LA Municipal Building is an approximately 5,500 square foot vacant office space with 24 enclosed offices on the second floor of the building. The State Emergency Shelter Declaration allows the City to use non-residentially zoned properties for shelter according to alternative health and safety standards. These standards limit shelter sleeping quarters to the ground floor. This standard has also been codified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code § 91.8605.2, 2.E. The Municipal Building is zoned as public facilities, and thus, not feasible for shelter use. Even if the zoning was changed to accommodate shelter, the available space is too small to make an interim housing project viable. An interim housing facility should be a minimum of 13,000 square feet to provide up to 70 beds, administrative offices, hygiene facilities, common space, and storage, to make it financially and programmatically viable.

The following sites are still under assessment.

1. County Owned Marina del Rey Site for Tiny Homes or Safe Sleep

The proposed Marina del Rey site, located in Lot 2 at 13477 Fiji Way, is an underutilized parking lot owned by the County of Los Angeles adjacent to a boat launch and commercial buildings.

- *Utility Capacity*: BOE’s final assessment and Rough Order of Magnitude is pending a report from the County Department of Public Works on sewer, water, and power capacity.

2. State Owned Dockweiler Beach RV Park for RV Safe Parking

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3. Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Owned Site for Tiny Homes, Safe Parking, or Safe Sleep

LAWA has identified possible sites for homeless interventions and requested that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) review for approval. The FAA would have to agree to allow the use of airport land for homeless housing and waive the requirement that land purchased with FAA funds be leased at market rate.

Culver City Owned Site for Tiny Homes or Safe Sleep

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund at this time.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City Financial Policies.

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Good Evening LA City Officials,

Friday night and dogs (over 20) are everywhere in Oakwood Park. Dogs running throughout the park off leash.

Several of them are repeat offenders and have been shoed away by the officers who come with sirens and warned that Oakwood Park is not and off leash dog park.

We need your assistance HELP

Thank you
Laddie Williams

Sent from the all new AOL app for Android

On Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 7:43 PM, Mark Soslow <...> wrote:

Hello all -

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People of California

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1 message

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Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 12:30 PM

To: Jason Douglas <jason.p.douglas@lacity.org>

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Please see attached

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Subject: 8.29 Correspondence from Councilmember Bonin on Oakwood Recreation Center Commemorative Naming

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Thank you!

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City of Los Angeles
Councilmember, Eleventh District

August 29, 2022

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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,

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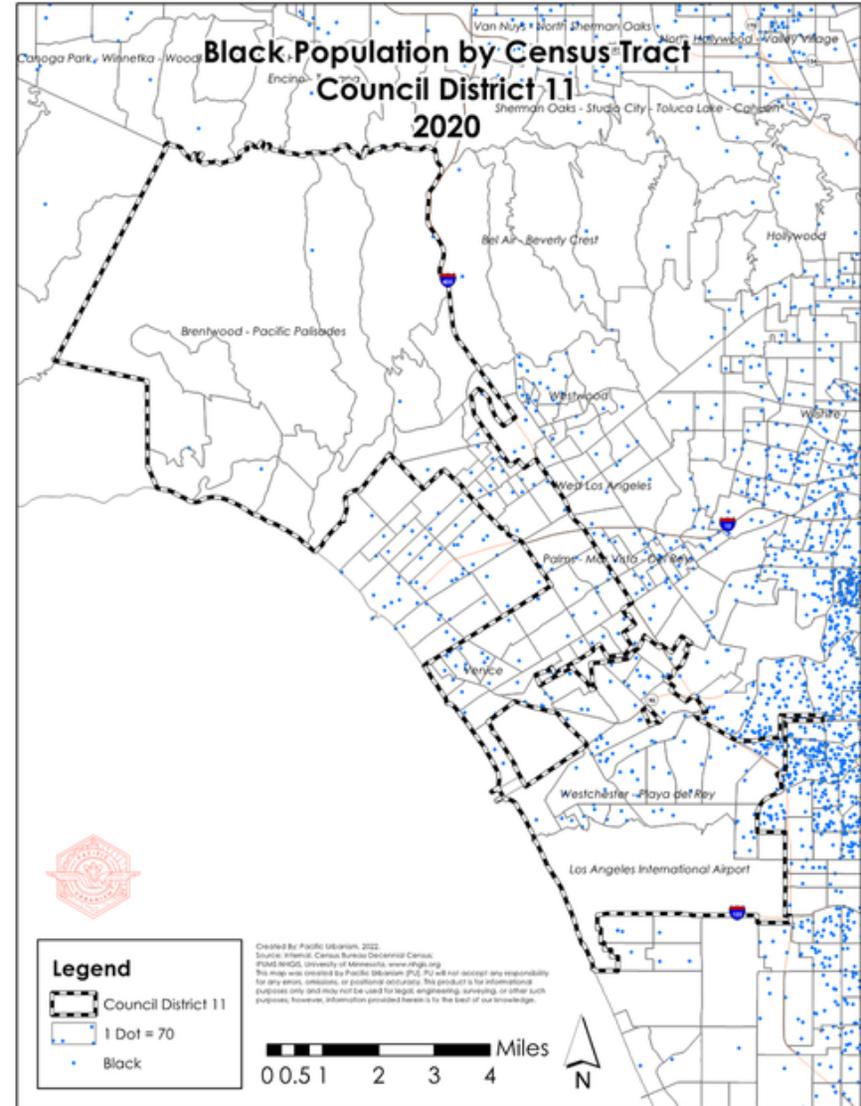
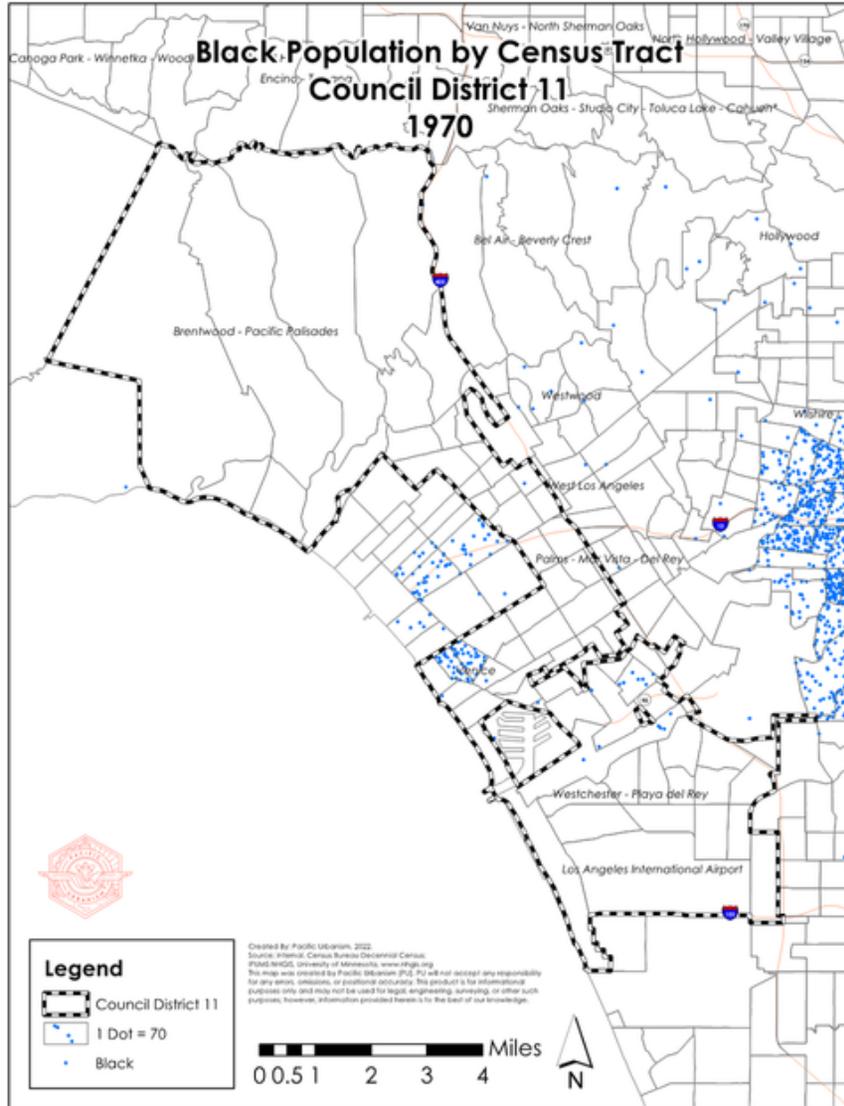
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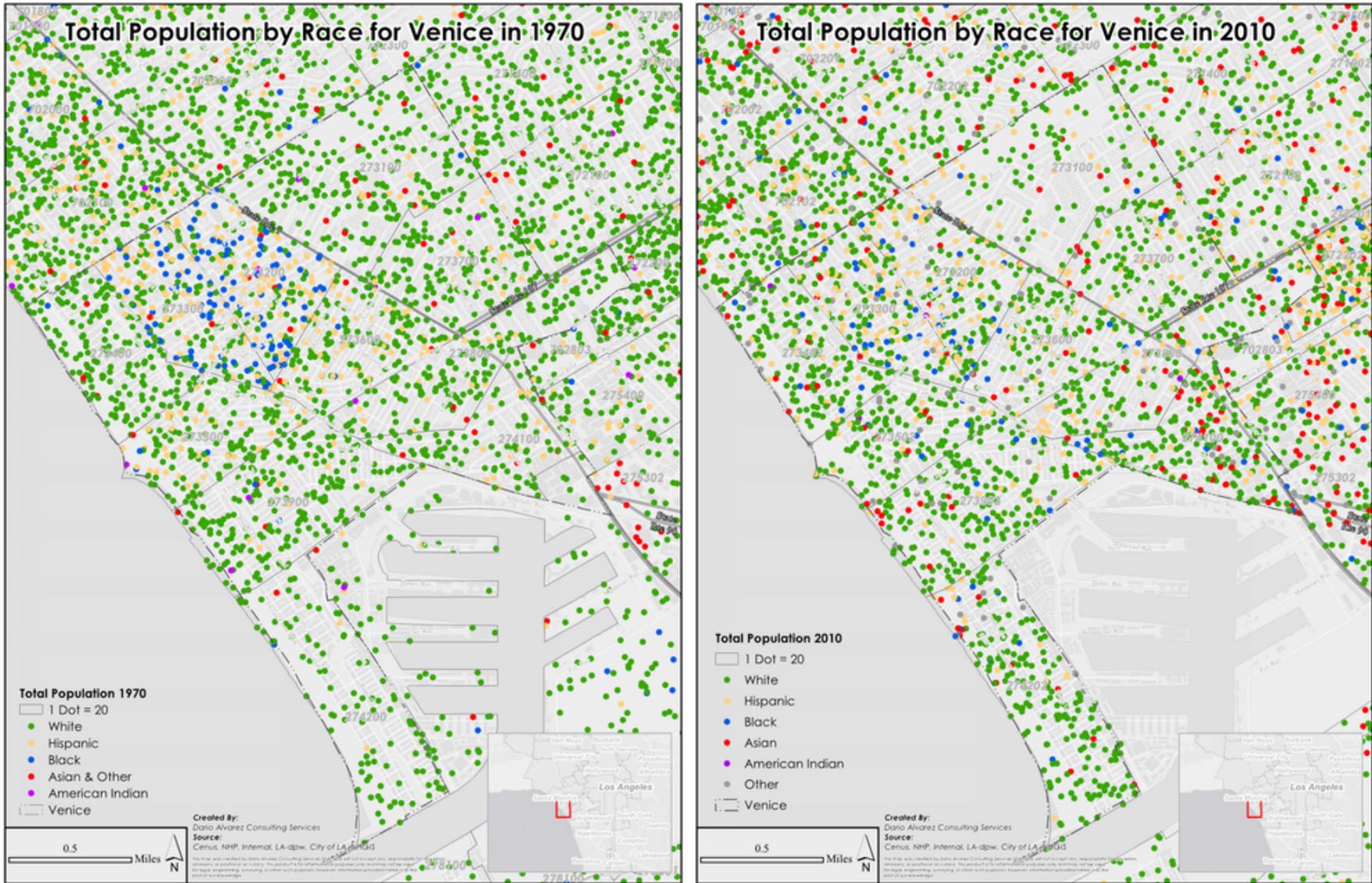
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If I left anything off or left anyone out please feel free to add them or respond.

Thanks again for taking the time.

Best,

Oakwood Community

ONE NOTE RE UPCOMING TASK FORCE VISITS

**As stated on this call there is a task force coming up and we would love to assist you in being effective. In the AM's the dog owners have been congregating more so on the Oakwood side closest to 1046/1042 Oakwood. You can't miss them. We are happy to help you day if you text any one of us who lives right on the park will gladly tell you where they are congregated to help make these task force visits most effective.

**In the evening from 6 - 8pm owners congregate on the 7th avenue side of the park as well as closer to the picnic table area. It's impossible to miss them.

HEADLINES FROM THE ZOOM MEETING/ACTIONS TO FOLLOW UP ON

COMMUNITY

- roughly 12 signs up, warnings don't work unless consistent, tickets are effective
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- making the park less comfortable for owners via Oakwood staff on megaphone, LAPD getting on their megaphone when they drive by, community members patrolling
- Can Oakwood be made a human's only park (ala Veteran's Park in Culver City which is people only)
- Historical designation for Oakwood?
- The park is completely enclosed - if it were more open it would deter owners.
- Disparity in policing of multi-generational black/brown members of the community and white dog owners
- Private Security options?
- Photograph people with dogs off-leash so there is a record
- The liability is a concern
- CPRA request documents showed 10 tickets in the last 3 years for tickets.**

LAPD (Sergeant Lovick and Officer Acosta)

- Task force coming up in a couple of weeks (AC)
- Promise to work on solution, last resort would be to close the park down a la Centennial Park. (SL)
- Trying to step up enforcement working on a timetable for that, looking for longterm change, conferring with his Captain,
- Don't want to put the public in a situation where they are unnecessarily in danger,
- "Now our job is to do what we are supposed to do and put your taxpayer dollars to work and go out there and provide that enforcement that will strengthen that message. The plan is to figure out some effective task forces to get these people out of there, possibly closing them in the park - (SL)
- Officer Acosta promises to be at the park as much as humanly possible given other tasks (AC)
- We should feel safe to confront idiot neighborhood but by the same token if it escalates we need to use the tools (SL)

FOLLOW UP: COMMITMENT TO TICKETING, WORKING ON GETTING MORE EFFECTIVE TASK FORCE VISITS,

QUESTION FOR LAPD/RANGERS

**One question we forgot to pose is that at least 50% of the Oakwood dog traffic is from drive ups. Since people come every day at the same time, we have license plate #'s, in some cases we know the names of people - - can anything be done with this information? Warning letters? Trespass?

RECREATIONS AND PARKS (John Gavilan, Laura Island, Leslie Richeter)

JG - John shared that this issue is clearly an issue, the staff tries to walk around and remind owners about the leash rules but they are ignored or worse. John had an experience with a special needs camper that had an encounter with a dog that was upsetting as the boy was afraid of the dog. The female owner of the dog was kurt when asked to leash and John was trying to focus on the kid. Trying to provide a safe environment for people to enjoy the park.

LI - They have noticed this problem has escalated and it's concerning. It impedes programming, endangers children and divides the community. Some of these people have proven they are disrespectful, aggressive, and she would hate to see the women on this call in jeopardy.

- Plans to enhance Westminster, architects visited to make it more user friendly,
- Concern over the liability

FOLLOW UP: UPDATED ON WHERE WESTMINSTER REMODEL IS AT

-REVISITING REMOVING FENCES (NOT BY THE BASEBALL FIELDS OR PLAYGROUND BUT CENTER PARK AREA) - WORTH A LOOK AT WHAT THAT WOULD COST AND WHERE FENCE COULD BE MOVED

-SPEAK WITH CITY ATTORNEY TO SEE IF THERE COULD BE A MONITOR TO CHECK LICENSE ETC. LONG TERM SOLUTION BUT COULD TAKE A YEAR IF EVEN POSSIBLE

RANGERS (Park Ranger Brewster) -- I DO NOT HAVE RANGER BREWSTERS EMAIL

- Background to the rangers - area they cover, station in the harbor, they don't patrol
- He has spoken to Keith Rice and he has never seen a park take the steps to have enough signage up, thankful for Oakwood and the community for signs up.
- When enforcing, people spot them, leash up, text others or if they do catch them in the act - they run away. That could escalate, arrest, whole other ballgame
- Willing to come out join the task force - with animal control, LAPD,
- Rangers can write ACE and the fines start at \$250 and can escalate (people wouldn't have to go to court). Violations can be not having tags, leash can't be longer than 6ft, they can write up multiple offences/codes
- Since they don't patrol they aren't over here that said if they have a westside assignment Ranger Brewster and his partner etc can come by and do some enforcement.
- Schedule task forces at random times, keep certain gates closed before a task force which will assist in giving out tickets.

FOLLOW UP: TASK FORCE HELP

LT BOTTA (Animal Control)

- Would love to do more task force but limited with staff of 1-2 officers for entire area
- Tried to coordinate with LAPD but issue when people leash up and leave
- Suggestion that is being utilized elsewhere in LA. Close up the gates and leave one access point, hire private security that will request proof of LA license, license (which includes proof of rabies vaccination), pamphlet instructing dog to stay on leash, an ACE (administrative citation doesn't need to be issued by an officer, a security guy could issue them), this is currently being done by several parks - in Beverly Hills, and county. People are not allowed in the parks without proof the dog is licensed.

NOAH FLEISHMAN (Councilman Bonin's office)

- Current situation isn't working for the kids, community, concern for council member office
- The park is a recreation center for kids (sports), cookouts, community gathering - it's not a dog park. City has specific area dog parks.

- Diminishes from neighborhoods use to allow it to be a dog park.
- Hoping for more cooperation and enforcement

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To: "Bethy G." <...>
Cc: Mark Soslow <...>, Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>, Jeffrey Lovick <36047@lapd.online>, print <...>, Laura Island <laura.island@lacity.org>, Jc <daniel.brewster@lacity.org>, Pamela Anderson <...>, Eileen Archibald <...>, Lydia Ponce <...>, Margaret Molloy <...>, Gary Featherstone <ga...>, Ed Ferrer <30993@lapd.online>, Peggy Kennedy <...>, Naomi Nightingale <...>, Michael Applegate <34613@lapd.online>, Carl Holmes <carl.holmes@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>

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Hope all is well.

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I would snap a picture but they were rather aggressive when a Mom asked them to leash.

The entire morning crew is back as well. They stayed a way a few days after the Ranger rolled up on them a week or so ago. The same people - a guy feels so comfortable that no one is g a dog bowl up. He had the leash around his neck - he has zero fear of getting a ticket because his dog was running around and he was caught and still no ticket.

Is there a plan to issue citations as discussed on our zoom?

Thanks

On Aug 29, 2022, at 7:01 PM, Mark Soslow <...> wrote:

Hello all

Will there be citations issued at the park? Where the officers were parked a week ago; there are now upwards of 30 dogs. My neighbor sent me these pics waking their kid home for

The fact that these people are all hanging out in the area where the officers parked and issued warnings show what we all know. Warnings do not work tickets do. These are some of

Please remove fencing, cite these offenders or at the very least photograph them and issue warnings that can be enforced - repercussions leads to impact.

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Re: Council File#22-0290 / Renaming Oakwood Park

1 message

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To: Ingrid Mueller <

Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 3:32 PM

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On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 12:50 PM Ingrid Mueller <

> wrote:

Thank you, Commissioners,

For paying close attention to our old, beloved Venice histories and cultures.

Sincerely, indeed,
Ingrid Mueller
Since 1988 at
Landmark Lincoln Place

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

From: "Ingrid Mueller" <
Date: Aug 17, 2022 15:31
Subject: Council File#22-0290 / Renaming Oakwood Park
To: "Councilmember Mike Bonin" <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>
Cc:

Hello, Council District11 Office:)

Who knew this Oakwood Park
Re-Naming effort by VeniceLovers would be This mis-understood?Please keep the city process on tract.
Honorable people need recognition.
'Reese-Tabor Oakwood Park and Recreation' may be a mouthful...
May it also play part in the healing of hearts.Sincerely, indeed!
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On Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 12:40 PM Margaret Molloy <

wrote:

Please include this letter of support for the renaming of Oakwood Park to Reese Tabor Oakwood Park in Council File: 22-0290.

I submitted it through the Public Comment portal for CF 22-0290 on 8/29/22 but I do not see it posted.

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

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Date: 08/30/22

Subject: Renaming of Oakwood Park to Reese Tabor Oakwood Park

Hello Commissioners,

I am writing to enthusiastically support of the renaming of Oakwood Park to Reese Tabor Oakwood Park, for these reasons:

- **The Oakwood area of Venice was the first intentional Black coastal community on the entire west coast of the United States. It is the only remaining intentional Black coastal community on the entire west coast of the United States.**
- You have to recognize history, in order to preserve it.
- Arthur Reese and Irving Tabor were amongst the first Black residents to arrive in Venice in the early 1900's escaping the deep racism of the Jim Crow south. They created a pathway for others to do the same.
- Mr. Reese and Mr. Tabor worked for the Abbot Kinney Company developing "Venice of America".
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- Mr. Tabor was Mr. Kinney's chauffeur and confidant.
- These two young entrepreneurs helped to establish the area of a restrictive covenant known today as Oakwood that limited where Blacks could live and own property in Venice. It was the first intentional Black coastal enclave in California.
- In 1910, Mr. Reese was a founding member of the First Baptist Church of Venice (FBCV). In 1927, he donated the land at 688 Westminster Avenue, opposite the park, for construction of the second FBCV home designed by Paul R. Williams.
- On September 29, 2021, the Los Angeles City Council approved Historic Cultural Monument designation for First Baptist Church of Venice at 685 and 688 Westminster Avenue.

Yes, Oakwood became more culturally diverse over time, but at its inception it was a Black community. Today, it is the only remaining intentional Black coastal enclave in California, and on the entire west coast of the United States. As such, the City of Los

Angeles should do all that it can to rectify the white washing of history in the Venice community, and to safeguard the history and cultural legacy of the historic Black community. Renaming Oakwood Park to include the Reese and Tabor names is very fitting.

Some community members have expressed concerns that adding these two names to "Oakwood Park" diminishes Mexican and Indigenous history and contributions to this community, but this is adding to the name, not taking away from the Oakwood Park name or Mexican and Indigenous history.

The library on Venice Boulevard is named the Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, but it is likely that most residents simply call it the Venice library. In the same way, adding Reese Tabor to the name recognizes Black history but many will still simply say "Oakwood Park". So, nothing is given up in order to achieve an important recognition.

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Council File: 22-0290



Title

Oakwood Recreation Center / Reese-Tabor Park and Recreation Center / Rename

Date Received / Introduced

03/11/2022

Last Changed Date

05/25/2022

Expiration Date

05/24/2024

Council District

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MIKE BONIN
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Second

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

File Activities

Date	Activity	
05/25/2022	Council action final.	
05/24/2022	Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.	
05/20/2022	City Clerk scheduled item for Council on May 24, 2022.	
05/10/2022	Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee approved item(s) .	
05/06/2022	Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on May 10, 2022.	
03/11/2022	Motion referred to Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee.	

Online Documents (Doc)

Title	Doc Date
Communication(s) from Public	08/31/2022
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Council Vote Information

Meeting Date: 05/24/2022
Meeting Type: Regular
Vote Action: Adopted
Vote Given: (14 - 0 - 1)

Member Name	CD	Vote
BOB BLUMENFIELD	3	YES
MIKE BONIN	11	YES
JOE BUSCAINO	15	YES
GILBERT A. CEDILLO	1	ABSENT
KEVIN DELEON	14	YES
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON	8	YES
PAUL KORETZ	5	YES
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JOHN LEE	12	YES
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HERB WESSON	10	YES



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To: "awvipkpfk@gmail.com"

, "37285@lapd.online" <37285@lapd.online>

Cc:

Good Evening City of Los Angeles,

Big dogs (10 fogs)are running the entire field with the regulars who come every night. They have been warned several times and still they return each and every night to sit and relax as they chuck the balls to their dogs.

It would be greatly appreciated if the LAPD cars would circle and let them know dogs on leash.

I would be so appreciated if Oakwood could become a No Dog Park.

Thank you

Laddie Williams

[Sent from the all new AOL app for Android](#)

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 11:40 AM, print

< > wrote:

Greatly Appreciated

Thank you, Laddie Williams.

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

From: Another WorldView Is Possible <

To: Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>

Cc: Bethy G. <



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Public comments re name change for Oakwood Park in Venice

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 10:10 AM

To: kate scanlon-double <

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 9:55 AM kate scanlon-double <

> wrote:

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Please add my comments to your file re Name Change for Oakwood Park in Venice.

I support the name change to Reese-Tabor Family Park.

It will justly amplify the contributions of these African Americans to early Venice and provide recognition for their work.

Hopefully this will not devolve into a popularity contest.

I believe there exist other opportunities in Venice to memorialize the contributions of Native Americans and Latino Americans and look forward to the day honoring their legacies.

Sincerely,
Kate Scanlon-Double
40 year Venice residen

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please stop pickle ball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:42 PM

To: Jerry Bass <

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Good afternoon,

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

On Sat, Aug 27, 2022 at 5:03 PM Jerry Bass < > wrote:

I am a 66 year resident of Los Angeles, and have enjoyed playing tennis at Palisades Park & Rancho Park

Sadly, pickle ball is being allowed on courts dedicated for tennis

Putting up to 24 people on a court, essentially designed for four, creates excessive noise, spreading Covid, and frankly Mayhem... (I.e. 24 people constantly coming and going off / on the court etc.

Also I'm very concerned that the tape put down for pickle ball, leaves a sticky residue. which I'm afraid I would fall down & severely injure myself, say nothing of the potential liability to the city

I urge you to stop repurposing for pickle ball, the few tennis courts available to the public

I do understand the popularity of Pickleball and people wanting to properly enjoy it,

Perhaps they can be located in another area of the park

They're seems to be plenty of room on the athletic field or where the basketball courts are

Sincerely
Jerry Bass

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Re: Pickleball on LA City tennis courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:42 PM

To: trasaur <

Cc: " " < >

Good afternoon,

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

On Sat, Aug 27, 2022 at 5:56 PM trasaur < > wrote:

To Whom it may concern:

As an avid tennis player raised on the courts of LA city and a new pickleball player I have experienced concern over the addition of pickleball being played adjacent to reserved tennis play at Palisades Park and any LA City sister courts.

The following is a list of my concerns based on my experience participating in a doubles tennis game for 2 hours adjacent to a very large pickleball event occurring during the same time at Palisades Park (August 2022) on a Sunday from 10:00am-12:00pm :

*There were more than the allowable amount of people on the adjacent pickleball court, at times exceeding 16, which is against the listed "rules" posted on the court's gate

* The constant noise level from the pickleball court made it very difficult to hear my tennis partners , to coordinate our play, which at times almost led to safety issues, i.e. announcing to my partners that there was a tennis ball behind them, they could not hear due to the loud noise volume from the crowd of pickleballers playing or hanging out directly adjacent to the doubles alley line.

* The pickleball traveled onto our tennis court 6 times in the 2 hours, stopping play abruptly, causing difficulty hearing any announcement of "ball on" to warn us tennis players. Also, it should be notes that a tennis racket is not the proper equipment to strike a pickleball in order to return it, so we chose to toss it if close enough or had to roll it like a bowling ball. This took more than the usual time it would take to return a tennis ball to an adjacent court. This was an abnormal disruption to our tennis play.

* 2 disruptions from late pickleball arrivals onto our tennis court using our gate, rather than using the pickleball court's gate-without any apology I may add. (As longtime tennis players, my friends and I expected some measure of decorum and etiquette. This was missing for the majority of the 2 hours)

*The constant hanging out of the pickleballers alongside the middle of our net post talking/moving-gathering equipment without regard for our tennis play was a constant distraction and safety issue having to worry to avoid running into them during a point.

* The residue of the pickleball tape that was being used and then pulled up seems to be both a potential hazard for tennis players and may affect proper court maintenance.

As mentioned at the beginning of this letter, I too play pickleball at private facilities and will start a scheduled LA City clinic later next month where 2 courts are used adjacent to each other to avoid the above-mentioned nonsense.

I respect that there is limited court space for a growing sport in our city; however, something must be done IMMEDIATELY to maintain the safety and respect for the game of tennis at our beloved city parks and recreation centers for which we pay to play and our taxes maintain.

Respectfully,
Tracy Sandler

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Re: Pickle ball Disruption at Palisades

1 message

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

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:43 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Sat, Aug 27, 2022 at 7:19 PM Lisa Russo < > wrote:

Hello,

I am sure you are receiving many emails of complaint on the approval of pickle ball at the Palisades Recreation Center.

It is very difficult to write this as I do believe that we all must work together. The fact is, the Pickle ballers have no respect for the tennis players and our right to be there. They simply ignore us, are loud and have no respect for tennis and court etiquette. I would welcome them if they did but with 24 people on one court, loud and inconsiderate of us, it's just not fair.

Please do something soon and give some support for tennis that has been part of the recreation center for a lot longer than this so called sport.

Thank you,
Lisa

Sent from my iPad

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Re: Pickle ball played on tennis courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Aug 29, 2022 at 12:44 PM

To: Al Ezekiel <

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Good afternoon,

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

On Sun, Aug 28, 2022 at 3:12 PM Al Ezekiel <

wrote:

To LA Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

This email is to inform you of the horrible conditions pickle ballers are causing in Pacific Palisades, and to get the commissioners to reverse their decision allowing pickle ball to be played on tennis courts. Not only are they disrupting tennis play, their massive presence on the court is hazardous and is a safety and health concern.

A few months ago, through a vote, the commissioners allowed pickle ball to be played in Pacific Palisades only in off-peak hours. Currently, they are playing in prime time morning hours on weekends, contrary to your voting decision. Since They take up

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On Sun, Aug 28, 2022 at 4:16 PM Al Ezekiel <

> wrote:

To LA Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

This email is to inform you of the horrible conditions pickle ballers are causing in Pacific Palisades, to get the commissioners to reverse their decision allowing pickle ball to be played on tennis courts, and to offer a solution. Not only are they disrupting tennis play, their massive presence on the court is hazardous and is a safety and health concern.

A few months ago, through a vote, the commissioners allowed pickle ball to be played in Pacific Palisades only in off-peak hours. Currently, they are playing in prime time morning hours on weekends, contrary to your voting decision. Since there are only 8 tennis courts there, 4 of which are dedicated to Pro Courts where Liveball is played. By allowing pickle ballers one court in prime morning hours, they take up a valuable, hard-to-get court reserved for tennis play. Understanding that pickle ball is a growing sport, why allow them to play on tennis courts where they are noisy with so many (up to 24 at Palisades), disruptive (balls go on adjacent courts, causing tennis play to stop), and general mayhem (people walking in on tennis play courts)? Why do the commissioners allow these out of control pickle ballers to ruin the sport of tennis, where strategy, skill and silence are needed to play the game?

Besides these issues, the pickle ballers in Pacific Palisades have marked up the tennis courts so that they can place boundary lines with tape. Marking up taxpayer funded recreation facilities is clearly against the law, maybe even be called vandalism to public property. I encourage the commissioners to visit Palisades and see for themselves the markings on the court. Besides this, the tape used leaves a sticky adhesive on the court, which could cause tennis players using the court afterward to trip and fall. This is a hazard and a severe safety issue. Would the commissioners like a lawsuit against the city because of the sticky adhesive remnants on the court?

In addition to these issues, the pickle ball itself is made of a hard plastic, unlike the tennis ball which is made of rubber. Pickle ballers hit the ball as hard as they can on the smoothed surface of the tennis court. Given enough time, the hard pickle ball causes abrasions to the smooth tennis courts (resulting in small pit holes to be formed) where it is no longer suitable for tennis. The uneven surface from the abrasions will then need to be resurfaced, which is a financial burden to taxpayers. It is also a safety hazard due to the unevenness of the surface.

Finally, there's a health issue. With up to 24 people on a court (and several others waiting in the wings in the court to play) on Saturday August 27, any one person having COVID can spread it to others easily. Nobody wears masks anymore so the spread of COVID presents a health concern. I'm sure LA Mayor Garcetti (he still wears a mask) would love to hear that more than 24 people were crammed in a court and that one person spread COVID to everyone in a mass gathering.

Understanding that pickle ballers need to play somewhere, one simple solution at Pacific Palisades is to have them play on Court # 4. They would be next to Liveball participants who themselves make a lot of noise and have balls going to the adjacent court. Plus, pickle ball can be played in prime time morning hours. A win-win situation. I believe this a sound solution; all the commissioners have to do is vote on it. This will leave 4 courts available for real tennis, played with skill, strategy and silence with only four players on a court (as current rules dictate). No COVID concerns, no vandalism on public courts, no taxpayer funding for resurfacing uneven courts, and no remnant sticky adhesive.

Thank you for your consideration to not allow pickle ball to be played on tennis courts, where only tennis should be played.

Al Ezekiel

Taxpayer and tennis player

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Re: Pickleball experiment at Pacific Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 11:58 AM

To: David Kamm <

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 5:17 PM David Kamm <

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners,

I wanted to share some thoughts regarding the pickleball experiment that has been occurring on weekend mornings at the Pacific Palisades courts that are part of the City of LA Recreation and Parks system.

As a person who undoubtedly has organized more tennis events in the City, including monthly events over a 10-year period that drew 100+ players to the Cheviot Hills/Rancho Park courts, plus weekly mixed doubles matches over the past 20+ years, I feel fairly versed with the LA tennis scene.

For my big events that drew 100+ players, I was considerate enough not to book the courts during prime time. Frankly, that was the rule for permits, and a good one. Prime time historically was reserved for the public tennis players.

The rule formerly was that the pros could not reserve more than 25% of the courts at any facility during prime weekend time. For Palisades, that would limit them to two courts. Unfortunately, either the rules have changed, or being overridden, because the pros take three courts. With the pros on Court 3, it makes Court 4 fairly undesirable for public tennis, because too many balls end up on the court and there is excessive noise.

With pickleball now taking one of the courts during prime time (until noon), that leaves only three courts for the public. These are generally booked up within five minutes of the opening of reservations a week ahead of time. Not only are not enough courts available for the tennis players, playing tennis next to 24 pickleball players is very distracting.

Others have written to you about the potential damage to the courts from the pickleball players. I'm less concerned about that, but it would be considerate for them to move the benches back into their original position when the finish.

To my mind, there are some reasonable options to accommodate both the tennis and the pickleball public. If the pickleball players must play during weekend prime time, then I would suggest relocating them to Court 4, which is not desirable for tennis due to the pros running clinics on Court 3. Of course, there is a separate issue with the pros being able to utilize more than 25% of the courts during prime time, but that's another bone of contention. At least by locating the pickleball players on Court 4 they will not be disrupting the tennis playing public.

The other alternative, of course, is to limit pickleball to non-prime time. Given that the game doesn't involve as much running as tennis, afternoons should not be a problem.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and am ready to discuss this with any of the involved parties.

My best,

David Bradley Kamm

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City of Los Angeles



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Cooling centers

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 3:29 PM

To: Dog Park <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <Jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Jonah Glickman <Jonah.Glickman@lacity.org>, Viana Parra <Viana.Parra@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 8:45 AM Dog Park <>

> wrote:

Good morning!

I have had this concern in the past and went before the commission and I thought we dealt with it but now it looks like it is more limited for people to get relief with their pets. It will reach 112 in the valley today, what are the options with dogs? Senior dogs, dogs with respiratory issues?

Best,

Miriam

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Cooling centers

1 message

Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 9:42 AM

To: Dog Park >, RAP DutyOfficer <rap.dutyofficer@lacity.org>

Cc: Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org>, Sylvia Patsouras <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Viana Parra <viana.parra@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

All activated cooling centers are pet friendly during activated hours.

Information on activated sites can be found at:
<https://emergency.lacity.org/la-responds/beat-heat>

Adding RAP Emergency Management staff if you have any follow-up questions.

Thank you

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**Re: Cooling centers**

1 message

RAP DutyOfficer <rap.dutyofficer@lacity.org>

To: Dog Park <

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Jonah Glickman <jonah.glickman@lacity.org>, Sylvia Patsouras <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Viana Parra <viana.parra@lacity.org>, Trudi School >

Good morning,

The city of Los Angeles has many cooling options for the public: libraries, pools, recreation centers, hydration stations, malls, and designated cooling centers.

Here are a few in your area:

Van Nus library

Tarzana library

Sherman oaks library

Encino library

A recreation center in your area (call for hours open to the public)

Mid Valley Senior is a designated Center Cooling Center located 3.5 miles from Lake Balboa residential area

<https://emergency.lacity.org/la-responds/beat-heat> - Click on the link to explore cooling options and heat safety information

Thank you,

Monica

RAP DUTY OFFICER: MONICA T. GONZALEZ

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Emergency Management Division

[3900 Chevy Chase Drive,](#)[Los Angeles, CA 90039](#)

Stop# 628-3

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On Sun, Sep 4, 2022 at 5:18 PM Dog Park <

> wrote:

Just one more thing that was just pointed out to me. None of the cooling centers are in our area, lake balboa, van nuys. One generation used to be. The balboa sports center and I believe centers used to be and all the libraries were listed. This is trimmed down from what I remember.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2022, at 3:55 PM, RAP DutyOfficer <rap.dutyofficer@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The Department of Recreation and Parks has added the cooling center pet policy on the [laparks.org](https://www.laparks.org/emergency/cooling-center-activation) website and will include it on information sent out via social media.<https://www.laparks.org/emergency/cooling-center-activation>

The Emergency Management Department has also updated the guidance on their webpage.

<https://emergency.lacity.org/la-responds/beat-heat>

Updated Policy is:

The Department of Recreation and Parks' facilities are pet-friendly cooling centers. Dogs must be on a leash and all pets must be accompanied by their owner at all time be provided upon request. As a reminder, never leave a person or a pet in a closed, parked vehicle.

Thank you,

Monica

RAP DUTY OFFICER: MONICA T. GONZALEZ

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On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 1:27 PM Dog Park <

> wrote:

Hi Jimmy!

Thanks for responding. It says that dogs have to be in carriers. That is new and very limiting. I think it used to be on leash and under control. Most people that don't have ac are no carrier, or large dogs would need large crates.

Miriam

Pets at LA City Cooling Centers

For City libraries used as cooling centers -- only service animals are allowed. For the safety of others, when the City's indoor recreation and senior centers are activated as cooling centers - during high-heat events -- household pets that are kept within carriers are allowed in.

For more information on Recreation & Parks centers, email Rap.PublicInfo@lacity.org -- or call 3-1-1.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: on LA heatwave responses by Parks/Rec

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Sep 1, 2022 at 3:34 PM

To: Ansu John <

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Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 4:26 PM Ansu John <

> wrote:

Hello good Parks Commissioners,

Spare a thought for the millions of heat-suffering denizens of your jurisdiction, and kindly send me a reply about why LA City pools are closing during the period when the region's average hottest days of the year are typically found during September and October. In case you can't feel it in an air-conditioned facility we are suffering triple digit heat and humidity and little mitigating shade in the real world of LA.

A dip in the pool might save some of the lives who have been contributing to the upkeep of your salaries and offices via their taxes. Please find it in your heart to send me a reply to my question from a few weeks ago sent via email below.

Sincerely,
Ansu

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

From: **Ansu John** < >
Date: Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 1:53 PM
Subject: on LA heatwave responses by Parks/Rec
To: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

In this city, we suffer from an unspoken bias and orientation to the northeast United States. The center of Empire is there, and thus the realities of a geographically distinct place with micro-climates and radically different annual temperature cycles tends to get swept under the rug of conformity with patterns that accommodate the northeast USA. During the colonization of LA, the process of being absorbed into the U.S. nation subsumed our place realities.

As the [Los Angeles Times recently pointed out in an article on summer patterns](#), the hottest months of the year on California's western coastal margin are not June, July, and August like the northeast U.S. [LA's hottest months are August, September and October](#). This is when night time temperatures do not get mitigated by the marine winds and day time temperatures soar.

As ordinary citizens particularly in Northeast LA suffer without air conditioning and without shade (thanks to the systematic stripping of Indigenous oak trees in favor of what some colonizer fancied would seem like paradise--scraggly sad palms which are not even trees), we face a human bureaucracy problem that compounds human misery and suffering in the heat.

Some of our pools close in early September coincident with the school year cycle. A municipal swimming pool is a public facility that does not service the rich, they have their own pools. But these facilities can make a life or death difference to people crammed in hot houses without any shade nearby to cool them.

Would you please consider my request to adjust the City budget and give some teenagers paid hours to keep the pools open? The Yosemite pool for example, is closing, when it needs to stay open ****during weekends**** at least, so people can cool off. A dip in cold water can make all the difference to a vulnerable human primate.

Please serve your city by being true to its geography and its planetary truth, and to the biological reality of human animals here. I look forward to seeing if you can adjust your legacy bureaucratic processes to demonstrate concern for the life and death of ordinary people surviving the brutal reality of climate catastrophe in your jurisdiction.

Regards,
Ansu John
Eagle Rock

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Attention: Sylvia Patsaouras

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 9:40 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, Sep 4, 2022 at 10:40 AM Matt Schwartz <> wrote:

**CLARIFICATION REGARDING ROAD CLOSURE IN GRIFFITH PARK: The true reason for this is not being revealed
 THERE MUST BE TRANSPARENCY HERE PLEASE**

ABC NEWS: MARK COTA-ROBLES: MAJOR INACCURACIES IN HIS REPORTING.....

**His story: Stretch of Griffith Park Drive closing to cars permanently to protect pedestrians, reduce traffic –
 Apparently Mark RECEIVED incorrect information from The Board of Recreation and Parks Commission.**

“The permanent closure to motorists comes after a suspected DUI driver was charged in a hit-and-run crash that killed a 77-year-old bicyclist back in April. The road between Travel Town and the Griffith Park Composting Facility had been closed since June, following community outcry over that fatal crash.” THESE ARE NOT THE FACTS.

RYAN FONSECA Story: That Car Ban In Griffith Park Is Now Permanent — And More Road Changes Are On The Way by Ryan Fonseca.

Fonseca has the reason for the segment closure of GPD COMPLETELY WRONG and other statements of his are WRONG / INACCURATE also. First the bicycle rider tragically killed was struck at 4400 Crystal Springs Drive – FAR AWAY from the Griffith Park Drive segment that has been closed permanently.

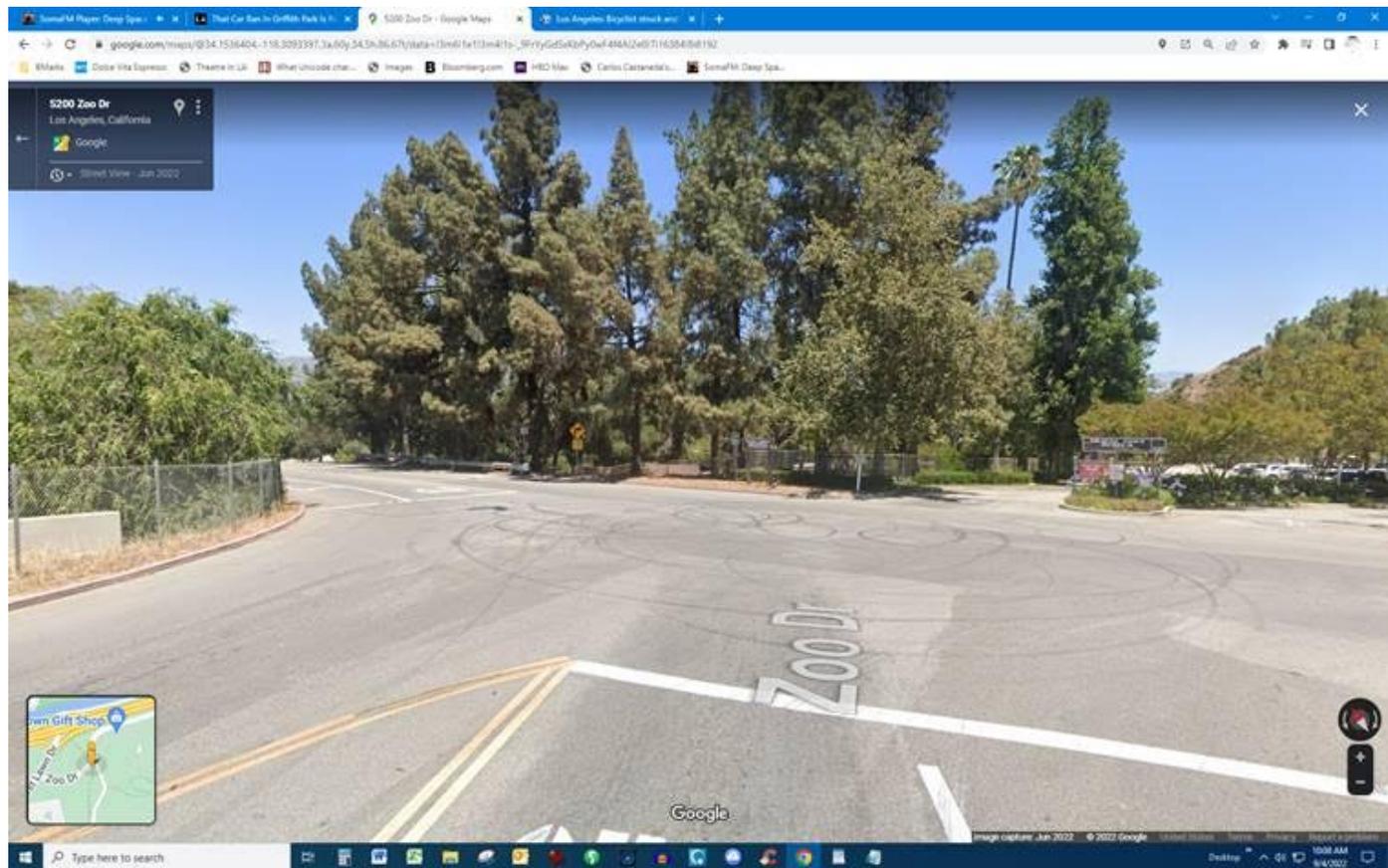
The next thing he got wrong was his statement “Back in late June, a 2/3 mile section of Griffith Park Drive was closed to car traffic from the Travel Town Museum to Mt. Hollywood Drive. The road had become a popular route for speeding drivers looking to avoid slowdowns on the nearby 134 and 5 freeways.” No this is incorrect also, NOBODY takes the

back end of Griffith Park Drive to avoid traffic on the 5 and 134 freeways – it goes NOWHERE except further inside the park! Drivers seeking to avoid freeway traffic take Zoo Drive which is parallel / alongside.

THE REAL REASON that section of Griffith Park was closed is rather alarming /disturbing as I personally found out and you commissioners certainly must be aware of this. Apparently, TAKEOVERS AND DANGEROUS DONUT MANEUVERS were being done at the back entrance to Griffith Park (where that section is now blocked off!) I enclose a GOOGLE MAPS screen grab which CLEARLY SHOWS the donut tire burns! Hard to imagine, but true.

It is the responsibility of those operating in positions of the public trust to responsibly and accurately disclose the facts of newsworthy incidents/events with complete transparency, disturbing they may be.

Matt Schwartz/ Toluca Lake



9/7/22, 2:33 PM

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Attention: Sylvia Patsaouras

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: City Emergency Alert

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 9:41 AM

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Cc:

Sent: Sun, Sep 4, 2022 2:54 pm

Subject: Fwd: City Emergency Alert

I WANT THIS EMAIL TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

Dear City Officials,

I have been emailing you for days with requests about Labor Day planning and enforcement, and the silence is deafening. I did hear back from Stefanie that rangers would be involved and that's been it.

CONDITIONS ARE WORSE THAN I FEARED.

I am going to focus on the area of Rockcliff and Deronda because that has been a hot spot, and you have been receiving emails about it. In the past few weeks **FOUR**

EMERGENCY VEHICLES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET THROUGH!!!! I am talking about four separate occasions involving three fire trucks and one ambulance. At least two if not more were involved in a real emergency call.

Responders had to wait roughly 5 minutes for cars to move that were literally parked **IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET** totally blocking it, and in one case LAFD had to wait for a car to be towed first in order to get through!! It is totally unacceptable for this to happen even once. **The fact that it is now becoming the norm is gross negligence on the part of the City.** I need not remind you again that we are in a heat emergency and heightened fire alert in our very high fire severity location.

Another issue in this area involves the difference in hours in the PPDs. Deronda prohibits parking daily until 9pm, while on adjacent Rockcliff parking is prohibited on weekends and holidays until just 6pm. In addition to cars frequently parking illegally there, Rockcliff is now being slammed with cars parking legally. It has been particularly bad during this Labor Day. Because of the heat and the holiday, huge numbers of people are showing up at the same time towards the end of the day when they still cannot park on Deronda but can on Rockcliff.

THIS IS A VERY NARROW STREET WITH LIMITED PARKING SPACES ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STREET. EVERY PARKED CAR PREVENTS TWO WAY TRAFFIC. When all of these places are filled (which would not be the case if this substandard infrastructure were just being used for the needs of the residents) it becomes almost impossible for two way traffic to navigate this street. In addition there are not spaces left for the residents. And as usual this "legal" parking is accompanied with illegal parking, like driveways and garages being blocked. Residents are left with no place to park and can't get in or out of their homes.

Again, the City is well aware of these issues. This is the type of thing that should have been covered in the planning we requested numerous times from the City. As you can see below we did request that all trails be closed during this heat emergency. We know of examples of other cities not only closing trails, but also parks during this difficult time. **We did not even get the courtesy of a response.** The congestion at this area does have a fix. The last block of Dreonda at Rockcliff has barriers that the City has placed there that is manned and prevents vehicular traffic going there, but does allow residents to go through. During this emergency alert, the manned barriers should be moved to prevent traffic onto Rockcliff Drive at Ledgewood and Rockcliff and one added at Ledgewood and Deronda. This can be done all day like the last section of Deronda or at the very least, blocking Rockcliff off from 6pm to 9pm.

I assume you can do this because you do it all of the time at Deronda, so it must be legal. If there is an issue, certainly during the Heat Emergency that has been called you have greater leeway in regards to public safety. **WE WANT THIS DONE IMMEDIATELY SO IT WILL BE IN PLACE TODAY, TONIGHT, TOMORROW AND TOMORROW NIGHT DURING THIS HOLIDAY. THIS IS A MAJOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEM EASILY FORSEEN BECAUSE OF ALL OF THESE RECENT DANGEROUS INCIDENTS AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED IN PREPLANNING FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

I will now add my own personal experience from today. I went up to the intersection of Deronda and Rockcliff which is at the heart of this email. A blockade had been put up across Deronda to prevent vehicles but not pedestrians from going onto the last street segment to the dead end. It was manned by a DOT person sitting in his car. Literally several feet a way was a line of **5 ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS** that were on Rockcliff. I motioned him over. I pointed out the cars. He said he knew and that two other units were driving around in the neighborhood and that they would come and ticket. I said they would be gone by then, as illegally parked cars leave un-cited and then are replaced with new illegally parked cars, and this was literally going on while we were talking. I said they are leaving, and have not been ticketed. **HE THEN SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT HIS JOB.** His job was to be at the barrier only, and even though the car was three feet away he would not act. When I continued to protest and say this made no sense he said, **"I DO NOT EVEN HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO TICKET."** That's right, **HE CANNOT TICKET ANYTHING!!!** In the past I have complained that enforcement in our neighborhood is 95% done by DOT, and that is part of the problem. **DOT CANNOT TICKET FOR WEIGHT LIMITS, MOVING VIOLATIONS, SMOKING, TRESPASSING, PUBIC DEFECATION AND URINATION ETC ETC.** These are huge concerns in our neighborhood and most of these deal with public safety. But here we're in the middle of one of the busiest, most dangerous times of the year in the midst of a formal emergency in one of the most congested and dangerous locations in Hollywoodland and probably the whole City, and this DOT person cannot even ticket for parking. He cannot ticket for anything. **THIS IS A NEW LOW.**

Being able to ticket illegally parked cars is low hanging fruit. Dealing with the congestion on Rockcliff is a bit more complex. We want both to be dealt with starting today. Again you have been lucky that no lives have been lost from these blocked emergency vehicles, but luck is in no way a proper strategy for public safety. It is the antithesis. We need you to do your jobs.

PLEASE FINALLY RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL. I AM WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM YOU.

Sarajane Schwartz
Safety Chair
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

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Cc:

Sent: Fri, Sep 2, 2022 1:16 am

Subject: Fwd: City Emergency Alert

Dear City Officials,

The extended holiday weekend has begun. You still have not shared with us your plans for public safety in Hollywoodland. The heat wave is here, and yet we still have crowds of tourists. You promote this area with no tourist infrastructure. You are responsible.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

I am requesting that all of these emails with inquiries about planning be kept as part of the public record.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz

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

From:

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Sent: Wed, Aug 31, 2022 2:38 pm

Subject: Re: City Emergency Alert

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for your reply.

We greatly appreciate the presence of the rangers. We know they can cite numerous violations and that they are stretched thin in their deployments.

We still wonder about the overall planning for the extended holiday. We would like you and the City to share more details with us as to locations, number of enforcers, will there also be DOT etc. and how the heat emergency has changed those plans. Will you be doing closures etc?

Thank you again for responding.

I know we all want this to be a safe holiday for residents and visitors alike.

Sarajane

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

From: Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>

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Sent: Wed, Aug 31, 2022 1:11 pm

Subject: Re: City Emergency Alert

Hi Sarajane,

I have forwarded your email to the Ranger Division as they will be patrolling the park over the Holiday weekend.

Thank you.

On Tue, Aug 30, 2022 at 4:53 PM <

> wrote:

Dear Stefanie and Helene,

I received the following email below from a Hollywoodland resident today. In addition, the City just issued an Emergency Alert, and temperatures over the holiday are supposed to be 100 degrees plus.

"I wonder if CD4 can warn tourists/hikers about the risks of going up into the Park from the Deronda gates during the hottest time of the day during the upcoming holiday weekend and heat wave?

There is no tree cover up off of the trails on Deronda for almost 2 miles from the Deronda gates to the larger area of the park. And once they get to the larger area of the park, under the trees there is Poison Oak. A recipe for heat stroke for those who expect a theme park up there."

Are there any plans--if not to close the park--to at least close down the hiking trails during this heat emergency? Most of them are pretty exposed without cover. There already are so many expensive rescues within the park. The emergency alert says that people should stay indoors and only go outside if necessary. Maybe you should close the parks. **These are certainly foreseen dangerous conditions as far as excessive health threats and elevated fire dangers.**

What are your plans for the long holiday weekend? I assume there are measures you will take in conjunction with this City alert. Please let me know so we can pass on your plans to our residents. If there are no closures we need heavy enforcement because of fire threats. We also need supervision that can cite for smoking--something DOT cannot do.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Sarajane Schwartz
Safety Chair
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

PS I think you also need greater outreach to help the homeless. The ones up here look like they are fighting symptoms from the heat.

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Stefanie Smith
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1 message

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Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 9:47 AM

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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, Sep 4, 2022 at 8:39 PM Sandy Huse

> wrote:

The sights from Sunday, September 4, 2022 around 3 p.m.:

Hi all--

As you can see by the attached photos, a group of our pals have re-emerged on Griffin. The first is the camper that is now parked at the west entrance to Debs, clearly within the "no camping within 500 feet of specified parks and playgrounds".

Gil Cedillo signed off on this, so supposedly it's enforceable at any time? Even if it moves every 72 hours, it's still in a no-camping/no overnight/ultra high fire zone area, right?

The 2nd photo is the drug-dealing dudes. I'm not sure if they are staying overnight at this point, but there was sure a bunch of trash and crap around their cars. And I'm not sure the back car is even street legal.

The last photo is the most troubling as you can clearly see a FIREPLACE at this guy's feet and he's obviously starting another camp. On the east side of Griffin around the north gate area.

I put in service requests to My 311 for all of this, but since we are all now involved, can we just get a daily patrol out there to roust these people before the whole thing starts again and we are back to square one?

I would also like to know who is taking point on contacting the Army Corps of Engineers, if that's who we think is responsible for the berm encampments around the pedestrian bridge? There have been fires out there over the last

few months, so we need to have them out of there ASAP.

Thanks. Sandy.

Sandy Huse

From: Pamela Bean < >
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:32 AM
To: Ricardo Huerta <34863@lapd.online>
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Re: Restaurant noise

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

Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 11:53 AM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 8:29 PM JORDAN ELLIS > wrote:

Hello,

I wished I could file a complaint against The Penmar restaurant at 1233 Rose Avenue in Venice for excessive noise Wednesday nights. The volume is deafening. I live in the neighborhood and the music on Wednesday nights is ruining what I love about this neighborhood. They should not be allowed to play music that loud. Please get back to me and let me know what is being done about this problem.

Thank you,
Jordan Ellis

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