

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 2, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager   
SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

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

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Various comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride		Referred to General Manager
2) Cynthia inquires again regarding Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Recreation Center park playground (slides) repairs	#9242b	Referred to General Manager
3) Linda Van der Valk comments regarding the Homestead Acre/Hill Palmer House at 10385 Shadow Oak Drive in Chatsworth needs a new roof.	#9261	Referred to General Manager
4) Eric Calhoun, Senior Recreation Director at Pan Pacific Recreation Center sends invitation for the dedication ceremony for the new playground.	#9262	Referred to General Manager
5) Councilwoman 5 <sup>th</sup> District, Katy Yaroslavsky signs Motion to preserve Senderos Canyon (also known as Hoag Canyon) property	#9263	Note and File
6) LaDeana Satriano, Administrator at Crestwood Hills Preschool comments regarding rental fee adjustments or fee waivers at Crestwood Hills Park Recreation Center	#9264	Referred to General Manager
7) Councilmember 15 <sup>th</sup> District, Tim McOsker signs Motion to replace the Knoll Hill Dog Park	#9265	Note and File
8) Councilmember 15 <sup>th</sup> District, Tim McOsker signs Motion to report back on potential funding sources as well as grants that can be applied to for the Watts Skate Park.	#9266	Note and File

9) Ilene Feldman of West Side Tennis comments regarding tennis concessions at the Palisades Recreation Center (RC), Westwood RC and Cheviot Hills RC	#9267	Referred to General Manager
10) Estrella Lucero of Gibson of Dunn & Crutcher LLP comments regarding fourth extension notice of Grand Hope Park	#9268	Referred to General Manager
11) Lisa Lorentson, Vice President Community Relations, Friends of Mount Washington School comments regarding sponsorship or donation for their annual auction fundraiser	#9269	Referred to General Manager
12) Natalie White, local resident comments regarding to reconsider decision to remove the fence around Echo Park Lake.	#9270	Referred to General Manager
13) Sarah Dryden, local resident, comments opposing the fence removal at Echo Park Lake.	#9271	Referred to General Manager
14) Todd Terrazas, President of the District Arts Community Council sends letter of support for the allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park	#9272	Referred to General Manager
15) Javier Meier Borrani, President of the Los Angeles River Artists and Business Association sends letter of support for the allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park	#9273	Referred to General Manager
16) Katherine McNenny from Industrial District Green sends letter of support for the allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park	#9274	Referred to General Manager
17) Howard Cohen, local resident, comments against fees increase at Sherman Oaks Castle Park	#9275	Referred to General Manager
18) Greg Gneier, President of Travel Town Museum Foundation sends letter to endorse installation of a permanent commemorative sign at the Travel Town Museum entitled: "Site of the Griffith Park Internment Camp (1942-1943)"	#9276	Referred to General Manager
19) David Heredia of Heroes of Color LLC comments on proposal for summer enrichment programs to empower children using animation for social justice	#9277	Referred to General Manager

20) Estaire Press, local resident, comments against the fence removal at Echo Park Lake	#9278	Referred to General Manager
21) Young comments regarding public access to the indoor basketball court at Mason Park Chatsworth	#9279	Referred to General Manager
22) Brenda Masson comments regarding call to action for renovations and graffiti removal at Pedlow Skate Park	#9280	Referred to General Manager
23) Claudia Quadrino, Community Engagement Specialist from Social Model Recovery Systems on behalf of Friends of Hollenbeck Park and Boyle Heights Coalitions requests for a meet and greet either in-person or virtual Zoom, meeting to be arranged with commissioners.	#9281	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Esther Alailima Semeatu, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Griffith Park for children???

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 24, 2023 at 7:29 AM

To: joseph dizon <

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Cc: nithya.raman@lacity.org, karen.bass@lacity.org, jennifer.hull@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org

Good Morning Mr. Dizon,

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

On Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 11:12 PM joseph dizon <

> wrote:

Why are so many amenities for Underserved children closed at Griffith park ???

Please request a RFP for The pony rides as soon as possible !!! It should have never been closed in the first place.  
Fix the plunge pool! Open the merry go round!! Fix the Griffith park Fountain!!!

What is going on ???

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**Re: Meeting**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 3:04 PM

To: Joan &lt;

&gt;

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 1:35 PM Joan &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

I was on the list at today's 8:30 AM meeting to speak regarding the pony ride venue via my phone number 818-515-3916 and could not get the volume to work on my device. So I send this email in the hopes it is shared.

I am a nurse and animal lover who is in favor of keeping pony rides at Griffith Park for the children and families of Los Angeles. I grew up in Los Angeles and a love of horses was initiated with pony interaction as a child. Horses have definitely enhanced my life.

I visited the park over three days during the last week of the venue's operation and spoke with activists, horse lovers, employees, and patrons who were there.

The activists I spoke to knew nothing of horse care, conditions, or life expectancy. Ponys die in sanctuaries as well. One activist said she was against owning animals of any kind and another, a man, said parents should just take their kids to Disneyland. He did not know the cost. A dad stepped from the line and asked this man "do you have children?" and the answer was "no."

There is no comparison to the experience of an amusement park vs a pony ride though. The pony rides being out of doors in the beautiful Griffith Park setting and affordable to the community at large was very special. I saw an endearing group of five boys in cowboy boots making their way to a birthday party and talked to a mom who brought her daughter regularly to ride her favorite pony.

The patrons who come for this type of interaction are not going to come for a mechanized activity. This was a beloved experience spanning generations and I think sadly of its demise. It fostered a connection with nature and animals. That connection has just lost another link with the closure.

I think the vocal minority (activists against) has swayed the commission who don't want to deal with dissention. If I am mistaken, please correct me.

Sincerely,

Joan Meissner RN, BSN

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## Re: RFP NOW PONY Rides!!!!

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 7:21 AM

To: joseph dizon <

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Cc: jimmy.kim@lacity.org, karen.bass@lacity.org, nithya.raman@lacity.org

Good Morning Mr. Dizon,

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

On Sun, Feb 19, 2023 at 9:46 PM joseph dizon <

> wrote:

Dear Public officials,

Please RFP pony rides ASAP! Isn't this the usual process to obtain another pony Concession? Why is this a long drawn out process ??

As a public official, you should be listening to the majority of LA residents and not the minority who are outside LA extremist.

Fix this disaster you have created with an RFP for pony rides immediately!!

Thank you.

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**Re: Fw: VNSO park repairs CD4**

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 8:23 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 1:13 PM < > wrote:

Hi,

Is there an update on this info?

Thank you!

Cynthia

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** < > **To:** Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> **Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 at 03:04:31 PM PST **Subject:** Re: VNSO park repairs CD4

Hi,

Can you give me some info on the email that i sent on the 9th that was received...

I am looking forward to getting some info here as I have been emailing quite a few people and departments for the last few months. Please advise.

Thank you!

Cynthia

On Monday, January 9, 2023 at 01:18:44 PM PST, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

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

On Mon, Jan 9, 2023 at 10:31 AM < > wrote:

Hi,

I was asked to send my concerns to this email address. There are numerous repairs needed for the VNSO park children's play area and the repairs have been needed for years now; the conditions just gets worse. Ryan Ahari from Nithya Raman's office (CD4) says that it is parks and recs fault that the repairs have not been made as their staff has submitted orders and there is no progress and no one explaining when any fixes will be made. Mr. Ahari says that it is out of his hands since they have no power over parks and recs so this is why no improvements have been made and he has no updates.

From Ryan Ahari,

**"They're now sharing with me that they're not sure why Rec and Parks hasn't processed the requests/made progress. Because the playground is Rec and Parks property, only Rec and Parks can make the needed fixes (unlike with other City agencies where I can get very involved to solve a problem). I lack any access to work order requests and am unfamiliar with the bureaucracy as well as anything slowing down the park staff's requests. There also seems to have been some slow down since the VNSO Park Director left in the middle of 2022 and the Park still lacks a dedicated Parks Director."**

Is this the case? What can be done...

Thanks!

Cindy

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**Re: Fw: 10385 Shadow Oak Dr.**

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 1:57 PM

To: " " < >  
Cc: Hannah Lee <hannah.lee@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 5:14 PM &lt; &gt; wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am the Co-President of the Chatsworth Historical Society. We are the conservators for the Minnie Hill Palmer Los Angeles Historical Cultural Landmark. We have a 1911 Homestead Cottage and The Virginia Watson Chatsworth Museum on the 1 1/3rd acre that makes up the Cultural Landmark. The cottage is also on the National Registry

The museum's roof leaked in the last heavy rainstorms, flooding two of our display cases. In the past we have been helped by the Rec and Parks department but they are now telling us that we are responsible to replace the roof. In the past, Rec and Parks has done a lead abatement on the cottage and repainted it along with putting concrete around the foundation of the building. Rec and Parks also has put in an irrigation system for us so that we no longer had to hand water with a hose.

I have been told in the past by our Founding Member and Curator Virginia Watson simply that the City takes care of the exterior and we take care of the inside. For over 40 years, the Society has held up to our end of the agreement.

We need a new roof and I have asked Councilmember John Lee for assistance in paying for the roof since the repairs are beyond our limited budget. Attached is the quote that we were given for the roof replacement. I was told that you needed to have it to make sure that the repair does not fall through the cracks.

If you are ever in the area we would like you to visit the acre and see that we do not let anything fall through the cracks and that it is very well maintained by the Historical Society.

Please let me know if you need any other information.

Thank you,

Linda van der Valk

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JOB ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OWNED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 02-18-23  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS: United Roofing (Contractor) will furnish necessary labor, material and equipment and agrees to perform in a workmanship-like manner and complete for the owners the following work as detailed below.

Area(s) to be done: Museum Bldgs. Area(s) to be excluded Any other areas

**Slopes**

YES NO

- Remove and dispose of 1 layer(s) of existing roofing and haul away debris
- Removal of additional layers not included in contract price.
- Furnish and install 1/2" sheathing, approved exterior grade using 8d nails
- Furnish and install 1/2" radiant barrier roof sheathing, approved exterior grade using 8d nails
- Clean and prepare roof surface for installation of new roofing system.
- Furnish and install baked enamel metal trim edge on edges. Color: Brown
- Furnish and install 1 layer(s) of Synthetic felt underlayment.
- Furnish and install all new flashings.
- Furnish and install single cut valleys with double layer underlayment  Install new metal valleys.
- Furnish and install UL Class "A" Fiberglass composition shingles using approved fasteners.  
MFG: CertainTeed TYPE: Landmark YEAR: Life COLOR: Burnt Sienna  
6 nails per shingle (required for high wind areas)
- Seal all vents and pipes with modified roof cement and paint to match.
- Furnish and install 12" turbine vents 18" dormer vents 24" dormer vents for proper ventilation.
- Furnish and install matching Rapid Ridge Plus RidgeGlas Standard Ridge. Include rakes.
- Extra: Install Low "E" insulation over entire roof Deck Price \$1,600.00 Yes - No -

Clean up roofing debris daily and upon completion. Haul away all roofing debris.

**Deck Sheathing**

- Replace rotted or damaged deck sheathing at rate of: 1"x6" pine @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per lineal ft. - 1"x8" pine @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per lineal ft. 1"x8" pine shiplap @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per lineal ft. - 1/2" deck sheathing @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per sheet - 2x6 to 6 @ \$ 14.50 per lineal ft. Replacing damaged or rotted wood not included in contract price.

**Warranty:**

- Furnish Manufacturer's warranty covering material for Life years.
- Furnish United Roofing Limited Warranty covering labor and workmanship for 7 years.

**Roof Mounted Equipment**

- Owner to have HVAC units and their duct lines disconnected prior to call for roofing for proper roof installation and reconnected by a qualified professional after completion of work.
- Owner to have satellite dish mounted and realigned after completion of work. Do not mount the dish directly into the roof. We recommend mounting on fascia board, chimney, or pipe.

**Permits**

- Contractor will obtain all necessary permits. IF NECESSARY
- Cost of permit included in contract price.
- Cost of permit to be paid by owner in addition to contract price. IF NECESSARY

Work shall start within approximately \_\_\_ good weather regular working days from acceptance of the contract and shall be substantially completed within \_\_\_ good weather regular working days from commencement excluding weekends and holidays. Failure by Contractor without lawful excuse to substantially commence work within 20 days of approximate dates specified in contract is a violation of Contractors License Law.

Do not sign this Contract before you read it or if it contains any blank space. You are entitled to a completely filled in copy of this Contract. Owner acknowledges that he has read and received a legible copy of this Contract signed by a representative of United Roofing Co., including all terms and conditions on the back, before any work was done, and that he has read and received a legible copy of every other Document that Owner has signed during the contract negotiation. You the buyer may cancel this transaction at any time prior to midnight of the third business day from the date of this transaction.

**CONTRACT PRICE:**

Customer agrees to pay United Roofing Co. for the services, including labor, equipment and materials specified in this Contract, the sum of \$9,300.00 to be paid upon completion  
Low "E" \$1,600.00 BOTH = \$10,900.00

10% (not to exceed \$1000.00) deposit due upon acceptance. Unless otherwise specified, full payment is due upon completion and billing regardless of pending final inspection. The parties agree there are no other oral agreements or understandings, and that this is the entire agreement between the parties. Changes to this agreement shall be done by written change order and with express approval of both parties. Changes may incur additional charges Specifications and conditions on BOTH SIDES of this contract are accepted.

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Accepted \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

White - Company Yellow - Customer Pink - Estimator



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: New Playground dedication

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 2:13 PM

To: Eric Calhoun <eric.calhoun@lacity.org>

Cc: Kimberly Simonet <kimberly.simonet@lacity.org>, Anita Meacham <Anita.Meacham@lacity.org>, Ramon Cerrillos <Ramon.Cerrillos@lacity.org>, robert.buenrostro@lacity.org, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org>, Ryan Carpio <Ryan.Carpio@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 Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 6:07 AM Eric Calhoun <eric.calhoun@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

Here is an invite for the dedication ceremony for the new playground at Pan Pacific Park on Feb. 23 at 8:30a.

Hope you can make it!

**Eric T. Calhoun**

**Senior Recreation Director**

**Pan Pacific Recreation Center**

7600 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles CA. 90036

p: (323) 939-8874 [www.laparks.org/reccenter/pan-pacific](http://www.laparks.org/reccenter/pan-pacific)

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**Please Join**

**Mayor Karen Bass  
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky  
Hackman Capital Partners  
Los Angeles Parks Foundation  
Department of Recreation and Parks**

**For a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
of the  
**Pan Pacific Playground**

**Thursday, February 23  
8:30AM - 9:30AM PT**

**Pan Pacific Park**

**7600 Beverly Blvd**

**Los Angeles, CA 90036**

*Parking in Rec Center lot*

*Questions: [info@laparksfoundation.org](mailto:info@laparksfoundation.org)*



## MOTION

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY  
ENRICHMENT

Senderos Canyon, also known as Hoag Canyon, is one of the largest and last remaining undeveloped parcels of land in the City of Los Angeles and is up for auction. The property is over 260 acres, spanning three contiguous parcels and makes up six percent of the neighborhood of Bel-Air. Over 90 percent of the site is undevelopable, and the remaining portion would require intensive infrastructure investments and grading to develop. The parcel has been on the market for a decade and has failed to find a buyer. It opened for auction on January 24, 2023 for \$39 million dollars; with an auction close date of March 15th.

The City has a unique opportunity to preserve this land for wildlife and allow for public access to open and recreational space. If properly preserved and managed in a manner consistent with indigenous knowledge and practices, the property has an opportunity to present benefits for nearby neighborhoods in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

Establishing this site for permanent open space and recreational activities is appropriate given it would make strides towards preserving and connecting this habitat to the Backbone Trail, a preserve that stretches 67 miles across the Santa Monica Mountains to the Ventura County line. Senderos Canyon is bordered by other large parcels of public land managed by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). If preserved, this land would extend the Westridge-Canyonback Wilderness Park and the greater Santa Monica Mountains nature preserve managed by the SMMC and MRCA on the west side of the 405 Freeway, through the wildlife crossing that was built in conjunction with the Skirball Bridge development.

There are several potential tools that the City of Los Angeles might use to obtain these parcels in an effort to preserve Senderos Canyon, potentially including purchase of the property, in partnership with organizations like SMMC, MRCA, or Metro, using County, State, or Federal funds. The public purchase of Senderos Canyon would contribute to California's 30x30 Initiative to combat the global climate and biodiversity crises by conserving at least 30 percent of California's land and coastal waters by the year 2030.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Recreation and Parks Department, be directed to report back on the available strategies to preserve the Senderos Canyon property and work with the City Administrative Officer to identify various options for funding to purchase the property, including potential County, State, and Federal funding sources.

PRESENTED BY:

*Katy Yaroslavsky*  
Katy Yaroslavsky  
Councilwoman, 5th District

FEB 03 2023

SECONDED BY:

*John Park*

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

## Re: Crestwood Hills Park and Crestwood Hills Preschool

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 10:19 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:13 AM LaDeana Satriano < > wrote:  
*Hello Recreation and Park Commissioners,*

*We rent the Recreational center at Crestwood Hills Park in Brentwood, and have so for many many years, for our various preschool programs. We rent 5 days a week, normally from 8:30-2:00 for \$25/hr, plus we pay for kitchen rental and park staffing. We always pay on time and we always pay months in advance. We were notified that the West Region Coastal District Office plans to increase our hourly rental fee 220% and charge us \$80/hr starting in June. The regional supervisor, Kortley Norris, informed us that only YOU have the authority to approve fee adjustments or fee waivers. We beg you to consider not increasing our rent. If you must increase it, please make the increase something manageable, like 5-10%.*

*Our reasons for this request are many. We are a **non-profit preschool**, owned by the Homeowners Association in the Crestwood Hills. We service the neighborhood families who attend our preschool and have done so since 1953 when the HOA established the school. In later years the HOA donated, to the city, the land which is now Crestwood Hills Park. We provide community service by utilizing the Rec center as a preschool classroom. \$80 per hour is not within our budget and thus we will be unable to rent. Please consider all of this when discussing our request.*

*In our last fiscal school year we paid the park \$82,707. So far this fiscal year we have paid \$35,332.50. No other Crestwood Hills Park programs are going to generate that kind of income.*

*Thank you for taking the time to consider our request,*

*Joanna Port      LaDeana Satriano*

Director                      Administrator

[Crestwood Hills Preschool](#)

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[www.crestwoodhillscoop.org](http://www.crestwoodhillscoop.org)

*LaDeana Satriano*

Administrator

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M O T I O N

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

In 2002, the Knoll Hill Dog Park opened on the top of Knoll Hill. A few years later, in 2007, the Knoll Hill Dog Park was moved below Knoll Hill to make way for the Eastview Little League fields. In 2021, the Knoll Hill Dog Park closed as part of a plan to revamp the interchange from the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The removal of the Knoll Hill Dog Park will make room for a new off-ramp for the 110 freeway that will pass directly over the dog park and line up with the China Shipping Terminal entrance.

While this revamp will make for safer and easier travel to accommodate growing port traffic, it has permanently closed the Knoll Hill Dog Park. Per the State attorney's prior advice, dog parks do not qualify as permanent uses under state restrictions governing port property. However, given the community's interest in a local dog park, the City should consider viable options to replace the Knoll Hill Dog Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Port of Los Angeles, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, and any other relevant City departments, to report on the feasibility of replacing the Knoll Hill Dog Park in proximity to its current location.

PRESENTED BY:

*Tim McOSKER*

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

*Jean Park*

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Watts Skate Park will be the thirtieth skate park in Los Angeles once fully built. The park will be located at the junction of Imperial Highway and S. Wilmington Avenue. In partnership with The Skatepark Project, the City is transforming an under-utilized space under the Imperial Highway in South Los Angeles into a large skate park. The City broke ground on the skate park on May 14, 2022.

The park, which will require pouring 10,000 square feet of concrete, will feature a smart irrigation system, sustainable plants, low perimeter fencing, pedestrian pathways, seating, drinking fountains, trash cans, signage and security lighting. The design is considered world class and was formed through a community-led process where many groups partnered together to bring this project to realization over thirteen years. The Watts community will benefit from this skate park in their own neighborhood.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering and Department of Recreation and Parks to report on project updates and timelines for the Watts Skate Park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer to report back on potential funding sources as well as grants that can be applied to for the Watts Skate Park.

PRESENTED BY:   
TIM McOSKER  
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Tennis concession**

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 3:43 PM

To: ilene feldman < >

Good Afternoon,

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

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 3:29 PM ilene feldman < > wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

We are very interested in West Side Tennis, in having the tennis concessions at Palisades rec center, Westwood and Cheviot Hills. We have left numerous messages and sent lots of emails and still have no idea when these are to become available for bidding.

Would greatly appreciate someone giving us that info so we do not miss what we think of as a great opportunity in the city of Los Angeles, to bring some great programs to a great city.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Sincerely,  
Ilene Feldman  
WEST SIDE TENNIS

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## Re: Tennis concession

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:27 AM

To: Mark Stipanovich <mark.stipanovich@lacity.org>

Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Anthony Gallo <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>, Rachel Ramos <rachel.ramos@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Desiree Ramirez <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Received, thank you all!

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:03 AM Mark Stipanovich <[mark.stipanovich@lacity.org](mailto:mark.stipanovich@lacity.org)> wrote:

FYI: I've been in contact with West Side Tennis on several occasions and informed them that there is no professional tennis concession bid release date to announce. I've also suggested that they register on [rampla.org](http://rampla.org) for up to date information.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

# Re: Grand Hope Park - Fourth Lease Extension

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 3:58 PM  
 To: "Lucero, Estrella" <>  
 Cc: "Forbes, Amy R." <>, " <>, "darryl.ford@lacity.org" <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, " <>, "dkahn@cra.lacity.org" <dkahn@cra.lacity.org>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 3:54 PM Lucero, Estrella <> wrote:

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department,

Our client, Grand Hope Park, Inc., wishes to exercise its rights to extend the Term of the Grand Hope Park Ground Lease for the fourth time. To that end, please see the attached letter. Per correspondence with Darryl Ford, we have addressed the letter to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

We have also sent a hardcopy of this letter via certified mail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best,

Estrella

**Estrella Lucero** (*she/her/hers*)

**GIBSON DUNN**

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

333 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3197

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February 14, 2023

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department  
Office of Board of Commissioners  
P.O. Box 86328  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328  
[Rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:Rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Re: Grand Hope Park Ground Lease dated as of February 28, 1994 (“Original Lease”), by and between the City of Los Angeles (the “City”), as successor in interest to CRA/LA, a Designated Local Authority (“DLA”) pursuant to that certain Assignment and Assumption of Lease and Related Assets dated as of December 17, 2015, and recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles as Instrument Number 20151634147 (“Assignment”), as successor in interest to the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles, California (“CRA”), as Landlord, and Grand Hope Park, Inc., a California public benefit corporation, as Tenant, as amended by that certain Amendment to Grand Hope Park Ground Lease dated as of February 28, 2004 (“2004 Amendment”), (the Original Lease, as amended by the 2004 Amendment and as further amended, the “Lease”)

Dear Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department:

The City’s current lease of Grand Hope Park (the “Park”) to our client, Grand Hope Park, Inc. (“GHP”), is set to expire on **February 28, 2024**, pursuant to the provisions of the 2004 Amendment to the Original Lease and our 2012 correspondence extending the expiration date from February 28, 2014 to February 28, 2024 (the “Third Extension of Term”). In accordance with Section 3.5 of the Lease, GHP wishes to exercise its rights to extend the Term of the Lease for an additional period of ten (10) years, such that the Fourth Extension Expiration Date would be defined as **February 28, 2034**. This letter should be considered Tenant’s Fourth Extension Notice pursuant to Sections 3.5 and 21 of the Lease.

This Fourth Extension Notice has been delivered to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department, and not the City of Los Angeles Clerk’s Office nor the DLA or CRA/LA, per the guidance received from Darryl Ford, who is the City’s designated representative to the GHP Board of Directors, via email correspondence on September 23, 2022.

If this notice needs to be delivered to any other party, please let me know at your earliest convenience. We will assume that if we have not heard from you within seven (7) days of the



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

**Re: Friends of Mt Washington School Fundraiser**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 7:57 AM

To:

Cc: LA Parks Public Information

&lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;

Good Morning,

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

On Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 3:18 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **lisa lorentson** < >  
Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2023 at 1:03 PM  
Subject: Friends of Mt Washington School Fundraiser  
To: [RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org) <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)>

Hello,

I hope you are well. I am the Community Liaison VP for Friends of Mt. Washington School. We are an organization which raises funds for programs at the school, not provided by LAUSD. We are hosting our annual fundraising auction on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Garibaldina Society on Figueroa.

I am helping to secure donation items and sponsors for the event and would love to see if **Camp Hollywoodland** would be up for donating anything for the auction. This provides GREAT exposure for your business to parents of the school who may not be familiar with your company.

1. Sponsorship – There are several sponsorship opportunities starting at \$250. The various levels are described in an attachment to this email.
2. Donation for auction – Examples might be a summer camp, month of membership, etc.

Here is a link to the event website <http://www.fomws.org/auction/> and the programs we support <http://www.fomws.org> I have also attached information to this email.

Let me know if you have any questions. If you are able to be a sponsor, please let me know the level you would sponsor, if you are able to provide a donation, please fill out the attached donation form and send back to me, or let me know the information in the email and I can fill out the form for you. I will arrange to pick up any donations at your convenience.

Thank you!

Lisa Lorentson  
VP Community Relations, FOMWS

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## Donation Form

17th Annual Auction April 28th, 2023

**Please send completed form and donation photos to [auction@fomws.org](mailto:auction@fomws.org)**

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE DONATIONS IS Monday, April 24th**

Donation items can be emailed OR delivered to:

Mt. Washington Elementary School (3981 San Rafael Avenue, LA, CA 90065 Attn: FOMWS)

OR we can arrange to arrange pickup.

**Donor Name:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**MWE/FOMWS Contact Name/Phone/Email:**

**Name of Item:**

**Retail Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Description of Item:**

**Restrictions/Expiration date for services:** *Conditions, valid until, not available certain dates, etc.*

**Donated Item Contact Person/Company:** *If different from donor info above, ie. Property Manager*

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**



## Friends of Mt. Washington School – FOMWS

### *Funding our Children's Future – Since 1993*

Friends of Mt. Washington School (FOMWS) is a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID # 95-4451734) that raises funds for enrichment programs and capital improvements at Mt. Washington Elementary School – an award-winning, top-ranked public elementary school in Northeast Los Angeles. With the generous support of our sponsors and community, FOMWS has used proceeds to *purchase new computers and fund an aid for the computer lab; upgrade the library and purchase books; fund school day programs, such as robotics and drumming; renew our partnership with EnrichLA to provide instructional curriculum in MWE's Edible Garden, as well as support the parent-led garden committee; undertake campus beautification projects, including murals and signage, bathroom safety and beautification, and continue to move toward the realization of the Nature Discovery Station, an outdoor play and learning space. The auction proceeds also fund additional music education and co-fund the school-wide physical education program, as well as sponsor a loose parts playground program. FOMWS continues to perform sound and lighting upgrades in the MPR and are moving toward launching an AV program for our students.*

*Although many of our campus programs were suspended last year, we adapted to our virtual learning experience by transitioning our computer lab aide to provide virtual classroom support, launching our Community Anti-Racism Education (C.A.R.E. Program), partnering with the Girl Scouts on plant giveaways and a community environmental project, and continuing our work on the Nature Discovery Station.*

FOMWS is pleased to announce that we are planning for the return of our live event, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual FOMWS Auction, on Friday, March 24, 2023. We invite you to participate in the event as a sponsor or donor. This is a unique opportunity to show your support for public education and promote your business to the parents and wider Mt. Washington community. Sponsors will be recognized for their generosity on promotional materials, at the live event, on social media, and our website. Sponsorship levels begin at \$250. Please let me know if you would like more information about this opportunity.

If sponsorship is not an option at this time, we are also currently looking for donations of goods or services to be auctioned at the event. The items will be featured for bid in either our live, silent, or Instagram auction, by parents, family members, friends, and community members.

Your support is the vital link in sustaining invaluable programs at our school. Together we can make a real difference for our children, and I personally thank you for your consideration to contribute and support.

Sincerely,

Korelan Matteson  
FOMWS President  
[president@fomws.org](mailto:president@fomws.org)

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## FOMWS SPONSORED PROGRAMS 2022-2023

- **NATIVE PLANTS AND CULTURE CLASS** – In partnership with culture bearer and educator, Lazaro Arvizu, Jr., our students are learning about the native plants of our area and their traditional uses for medicine, food and musical instruments.
- **CAMPUS GREENING** – FOMWS supports greening projects on campus and is currently developing a new greening project and philosophy with staff, students, and community partners which unifies green spaces and programs on campus by restoring native plant habitats. This project will renew the soil and capture water while creating habitat for birds and pollinators. More on this program will be announced at the auction!
- **ENRICH LA** – FOMWS continues to provide gardening class for students to grow vegetables in our raised beds, and learn about compost and soil health.
- **GARDEN COMMITTEE** – A parent-led group that brings gardening and plant education into the classrooms and supports outdoor learning. The committee has built the garden education spaces and partnered with a local Girl Scout troop to give away plants and seeds to Mount Washington families. They have also sponsored the girl scouts in building owl boxes for the community to foster nature in our urban environment.
- **RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING** – Our lunchrooms and kitchens are becoming dedicated to achieving zero-waste with our new recycling program and plans to compost all food scraps on campus.
- **NEW SCHOOL SIGN** – Our school sign is faded and worn, and will soon be replaced with a brand new design chosen by our campus community.
- **COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS AND NATIVE PLANT EDUCATION** – In partnership with the Mount Washington Homeowners Association, FOMWS continues to sponsor community clean ups and this year, for the first time, will also host native plant education at the events.
- **MUSIC** – In partnership with Bloom School of Music, we are providing Music, Rhythm and Movement classes for our TK-2nd grade students. We also have upgraded and enhanced the instruments MWE currently provides for the district run music classes.
- **DEIB PROGRAMS** – FOMWS sponsors teacher development and student education on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.
- **LOOSE PARTS PLAY** – A recess and after-school program that provides open-ended materials for children to create, collaborate, and play.
- **MPR** – Our MPR – or Multi Purpose Room – which includes the library and computer lab, was built by funds raised by FOMWS and we continue to maintain the building yearly. This includes upgrading the A/V equipment in 2019/2020 as well as purchasing computers and carts when necessary.
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** – In partnership with the PTA, we provide a weekly independent physical education program for every student.
- **LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHOR VISITS and NEW LIBRARY BOOKS** - FOMWS's Library Chair aided in the re-opening of our library post-2020, has sponsored author visits for the students, purchased new books for classroom collections, new periodicals for students, and has created a new booklist for the library focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging and the environment. In the past, FOMWS added furniture, rugs, and commissioned a mural for the space.



## FRIENDS OF MT. WASHINGTON SCHOOL – FOMWS

Funding Our Children's Future – Since 1993

### FOMWS 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION

Live on Friday, March 24, 2023

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS FOR BUSINESSES OR INDIVIDUALS

### Platinum (\$4000 Donation)

- Full size sponsor banner displayed on school privacy/art fence for 2023-2024 school year with logo, business or personal name
- Business/personal logo and name printed on Auction Banner
- Logo, business, or personal name posted as Platinum Sponsor on FOMWS website, with a link to your website
- Logo, business, or personal name featured on FOMWS social media (Facebook/Instagram)

### Gold (\$2000 Donation)

- 1/2 size sponsor banner displayed (horizontal) on school privacy/art fence for 2023-2024 school year with logo, business, or personal name
- Business/personal logo and name printed on Auction Banner
- Logo, business, or personal name posted as Gold Sponsor on FOMWS website, with a link to your website
- Logo, business, or personal name featured on FOMWS social media (Facebook/Instagram)

### Silver (\$500 Donation)

- Business/personal logo and name printed on Auction Banner
- Logo, business, or personal name posted as Silver Sponsor on FOMWS website, with a link to your website
- Logo, business, or personal name featured on FOMWS social media auction promotion.

### Bronze (\$250 Donation)

- Business/personal logo and name printed on Auction Banner
- Logo, business, or personal name posted as Bronze Sponsor on FOMWS website, with a link to your website
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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

## Re: Please keep a fence at Echo Park Lake - from a concerned neighbor of the lake

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:27 AM

To: < >, councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org, Mayor Helpdesk  
<mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov  
Cc: LA Parks Public Information <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:18 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Natalie White** < >  
Date: Sun, Feb 12, 2023 at 6:53 PM  
Subject: Please keep a fence at Echo Park Lake - from a concerned neighbor of the lake  
To: <councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org>  
Cc: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Council Member Soto-Martinez,

I appeal to you to reconsider your decision to remove the fence round Echo Park Lake. I am a homeowner living directly across from the lake and I am fearful of the negative impact your decision will have on this community and I'm angered that you have not consulted with local residents who will be directly impacted by your decision.

The lake is the jewel of our community and must be preserved. It's imperative that we have safe, clean, spaces for our residents to enjoy the outdoors, walk our dogs, and have our children (many who live in local apartments) play. Millions of tax-payer dollars have been spent over the years revitalizing the park, crime has been reduced and the community has been significantly safer since the arrival of the fence. We must protect this asset. Echo Park lake has struggled over the years. In the 15 years I've lived in the vicinity, it has not been a safe space at night. The reality is we have gangs in the area (we have to call in gang tangs for removal on a regular basis) and the park has always attracted a negative element at night whether that is drug dealing, violence or just young kids looking for a place to drink or get high. In addition to graffiti and destruction, there have been murders, accidental drownings, and drug overdoses. No good comes out of the park being open at night.

Additionally, I have no faith that you will be able to provide the unhoused who come to the park with any real support. An elderly couple have been living in a tent for over three months directly opposite the park on the corner of Glendale Blvd and Montrose. Neighbors have reached out for services and this couple have been left to shelter in a flimsy tent (which I purchased for them) all throughout winter. What a true shame it is that we live in such a rich city yet our elders are left to fend for themselves on the street like this? If you haven't provided any help for this couple and the numerous unhoused individuals who sleep outside the Church at night, why will it be any different when the tents start reappearing at the lake? We must do better for our unhoused neighbors than giving them a park to pitch a tent in!

Given the size of the park, I don't believe that there is any way to truly protect this resource without keeping a fence. My preference would be a nicer wrought iron one that better reflects the value we all place in this community space. I know many locals agree. Just look at the recent Eastsider poll which has 180 individuals in favor of removing the fence and 381 supporting a fence. I would not want to be the politician(s) responsible for the inevitable degradation of the park. Residents are understandably nervous and saddened by the inevitable destruction of a place we all care about. Please do what you can to protect it and our community while simultaneously doing whatever you can to support and provide real resources to the unhoused (who have been failed) in your district.



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

**Re: KEEP THE FENCE - ECHO PARK**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 10:28 AM

To: &lt; &gt;, councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org, Mayor Helpdesk &lt;mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org&gt;, firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Cc: LA Parks Public Information &lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;

Good Morning,

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:19 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Sarah Dryden** < >  
Date: Sun, Feb 12, 2023 at 7:14 PM  
Subject: KEEP THE FENCE - ECHO PARK  
To: <councilmember.Soto-Martinez@lacity.org>, <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>  
Cc: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Council Member Soto-Martinez,

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Additionally, I have no faith that you will be able to provide the unhoused who come to the park with any real support. An elderly couple have been living in a tent for over three months directly opposite the park on the corner of Glendale Blvd and Montrose. Neighbors have reached out for services and this couple have been left to shelter in a flimsy tent (which I purchased for them) all throughout winter. What a true shame it is that we live in such a rich city yet our elders are left to fend for themselves on the street like this? If you haven't provided any help for this couple and the numerous unhoused individuals who sleep outside the Church at night, why will it be any different when the tents start reappearing at the lake? We must do better for our unhoused neighbors than giving them a park to pitch a tent in!

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We're going to fight you every single day on this.

Best,  
Sarah Dryden

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

**Re: Motion 23-44 - Support of Maximum allowable Quimby Fund Allocation to the 6th Street Park**

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 3:46 PM

To: Laura Velkei &lt;&gt;

Cc: Nate Hayward &lt;nate.hayward@lacity.org&gt;

Good Afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 2:40 PM Laura Velkei <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners -

Attached, please find a letter from our board supporting the efforts of a park creation at the 6th Street Bridge.

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Laura Velkei  
Managing Chair LARABA/ADCCLA Land Use Committee  
Co-Chair Mark Borman  
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Arts District Community Council LA  
[www.adccla.org](http://www.adccla.org)

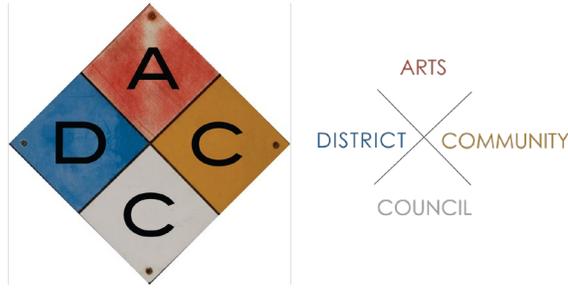
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VIA EMAIL: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

February 15, 2023

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

City of Los Angeles  
221 N Figueroa Street Suite 350  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: MOTION 23-44** - Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f) Letter of Support for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park

Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**:

The Board of ADCCLA is writing to express our full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The Arts District Community Council LA (ADCCLA) has worked tirelessly for over a decade to help secure open and public park space for a community surrounded by density and concrete.

The timing has never been more critical to create green spaces in urban environments. Over the last 7 years alone, we have witnessed a 6% decrease in tree canopies in the Arts District and surrounding communities and an alarming rise in the heat island affect with temperature reaching a shocking 114 degrees on the ground.

**DESCRIPTION**

MOTION 23-44 Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f)

Project – Development of Memorandum Of Understanding With City Departments; Approval Of Final Plans And Specifications – Allocation Of Quimby Fees – Commitment Of Park Fees - Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report for the Sixth Street Park, Arts, River and Connectivity (PARC) Project (SCH #2017041045) Certified on April 29, 2022 and Statutory Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant To Article II, Section 2(i) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines and Section 21082 of California Public Resources Code

**REQUEST**

ADCCLA's board was instrumental in the advocacy of this park, and worked with our colleagues at LARABA to support a bridge project that would bring a large public park into the community. We request the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,

Todd Terrazas  
President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## Re: Motion 23-44 - Support of Maximum allowable Quimby Fund Allocation to the 6th Street Park

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 3:47 PM

To:

Cc: nate.hayward@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, Feb 15, 2023 at 2:46 PM < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Attached, please find a letter from our board supporting the efforts of a park creation at the 6th Street Park.

Best,

**Javier Meier Borrani**

President, [LARABA](#)

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**RFRM Collective**

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City of Los Angeles  
Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners  
Figueroa Plaza  
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 300  
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VIA EMAIL: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

February 15, 2023

**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

City of Los Angeles  
221 N Figueroa Street Suite 350  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: MOTION 23-44** - Sixth Street Viaduct Park, Arts, and River Connectivity (PARC) Improvements (PRJ21652) (PRJ21696) (W.O.# E700235f) Letter of Support for the Allocation of Quimby Funds to be applied to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park

Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**:

The Board of LARABA would like to express its full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. LARABA has been of service to the Arts District Community for over 30 years and has been at the forefront of greening the community throughout its long history. LARABA along with our colleagues at ADCCLA (Arts District Community Council LA) worked together and participated in securing open and public park space in the neighborhood.

Our community has witnessed an unprecedented increase in temperatures over the last several years due to rampant tree removals and damaging impacts of climate change. The need for public park space has never been more apparent. Our Board and this community are committed to public park spaces. Parks are known to filter rain and reduce water pollution. They also help cool our city, reducing the heat-island effect along with much needed support for mental health.

**DESCRIPTION**

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**REQUEST**

LARABA joins our colleagues at ADCCLA in requesting the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project.

Respectfully,



Javier Meier Borrani  
President, LARABA



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**Re: Motion 23-44 - Industrial District Green - Support of Maximum allowable Quimby Fund Allocation to the 6th Street Park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Laura Velkei < >  
Cc: Nate Hayward <nate.hayward@lacity.org>

Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 3:47 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 3:05 PM Laura Velkei < > wrote:

On behalf of Industrial District Green, please find attached a letter of support for the allocation of Quimby funds to the 6th Street park

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Laura Velkei  
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# Industrial District Green

VIA EMAIL: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

February 15, 2023

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Dear **RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**:

Industrial District Green (IDG) is writing to express our full support of the use of Quimby funds for use at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park. IDG has worked in the area of urban greening for the better part of a decade and believes this is not only serves the Arts District but the surrounding neighboring communities as well.

The timing has never been more critical to create green spaces in urban environments. Over the last 7 years alone, we have witnessed a 6% decrease in tree canopies in the Arts District and surrounding communities and an alarming rise in the heat island affect with temperature reaching a shocking 114 degrees on the ground.

## **DESCRIPTION**

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## **REQUEST**

IDG requests that the maximum allowable use of funds be allocated to the 6th Street Park. The community is committed and ready to support such an important project and this will be a large step in supporting urban greening in the City of LA.

Respectfully,

Katherine McNenny



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

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**Re: Sherman Oaks Castle Park Fees**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM

To:

Cc: LA Parks Public Information

&lt;rap.publicinfo@lacity.org&gt;

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 12:59 PM LA Parks Public Information <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

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From: **Howie and Tawny** < >  
Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM  
Subject: Sherman Oaks Castle Park Fees  
To: <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)>

City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager Kim, Executive Officer Rudnick, CFO Williams, AGMs Domingo, Aguirre, and Jackson, and other Staff,

My name is Howard Cohen. I am a 25+ year resident of the City of Los Angeles. I am writing to you out of concern regarding the fee increase for Miniature Golf at Sherman Oaks Castle Park for lower income City of Los Angeles residents, including myself. I hope that by sharing my situation and concerns, I can influence the Department's approach to facilities management in a positive manner for ALL of the residents of the City of Los Angeles.

Today I noticed the price increases for miniature golf at Sherman Oaks Castle Park. I am aghast at the doubling of rates. These fees make it more expensive to play miniature golf than 9 holes of pitch and putt at your par three courses, e.g. Los Feliz. How is it possible that maintenance of mini golf is more expensive than a larger, 'real' golf course facility? I'm really asking. Is there additional funding for 'traditional' golf that allows their prices to stay lower?

I love that our city has a miniature golf city park. It's awesome. But I am concerned that the doubling of fees at the course is making it difficult for Angelinos who need public recreational services like those you offer to enjoy them. This morning when faced with the price increase, I left without playing. I did not bring enough money to cover the cost. I can only imagine the frustration of Angelinos faced with the price increases when attempting to bring their entire family.

Thank you for your time. I welcome any input or information that would help me understand the need for such a large increase in fees. If you choose to revisit your decision to double fees, it would be greatly appreciated by myself and the millions of Angelinos you serve.

Howard Seth Cohen

## Howard Seth Cohen

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**Re: Letter in support - Griffith Park Internment Camp Sign for Travel Town Museum**

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 11:41 AM

To: Greg &lt; &gt;

Cc: tracy.james@lacity.org

Good Morning Mr. Gneier,

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

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 11:08 AM Greg < > wrote:

My letter is attached.

GREG GNEIER  
Travel Town Museum Foundation

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**AMERICAN SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION**  
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POST OFFICE BOX 21039  
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA 91221

February 18, 2023

Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners, City of Los Angeles  
Via Email: [rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Honorable Members of the Board:

On behalf of Travel Town Museum Foundation, I am pleased to endorse installation of a permanent commemorative sign at the Travel Town Museum entitled: "Site of the Griffith Park Internment Camp (1942-1943)" We understand the sign will be installed in the central plaza area of the Museum, in the vicinity of the commemorative statue for the CCC camps which operated in the area in the 1930s, and an interpretive display about the growth of roadways along railroad lines in Los Angeles.

The Travel Town Museum Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Museum's railroad history mission through restoration projects, historic equipment operations, interpretive programs, and outreach to families. We appreciate that the Travel Town Museum, marking 70 years in operation as one of the nation's oldest and most beloved railroad museums, also has a role in the history of Griffith Park. The sharing of stories of Los Angeles' residents as revealed through the rich history of Griffith Park enhances the stature of the Museum and continues to expand outreach opportunities to new audiences.

Working with subject matter experts and community members with personal connections, a Foundation volunteer researcher has been involved in developing the proposed sign's approach and content. The Foundation looks forward to the Board's approval of this sign installation and to working with community members and staff to unveil it at a public event. Thank you for your consideration of this project and for your continuing support for the Travel Town Museum.

Sincerely,



GREG GNEIER  
President  
Travel Town Museum Foundation



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Using Animation for Social Justice

1 message

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

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 12:15 PM

To: David Heredia < >

Cc: mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org, ydd@lacity.org

Good Afternoon Mr. Heredia,

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

On Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 12:12 PM David Heredia < > wrote:

Good morning Mayor Bass,

My name is David Heredia. I am an afro-Latino small business owner of Heroes of Color, LLC. Do you accept proposals for summer enrichment programs?

We currently offer the entire National School District in San Diego a unique animation program called Using Animation for Social Justice. This is a 5-week program that empowers children of color to use their art for activism.

I have several programs that would empower the children of LA County, and I wanted to ask if you are seeking some unique programs to offer this summer. I would love the opportunity to pitch some programs for your consideration.

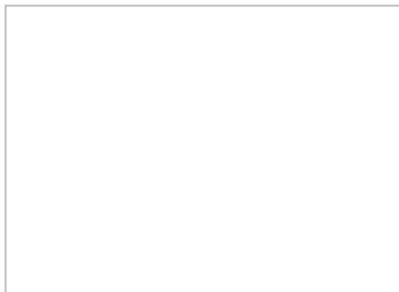
Respectfully,

**David Heredia**

Heroes of Color LLC

NYC Department of Education Vendor

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## **ART ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS (TK - 6)**

Heroes of Color, LLC  
David Heredia

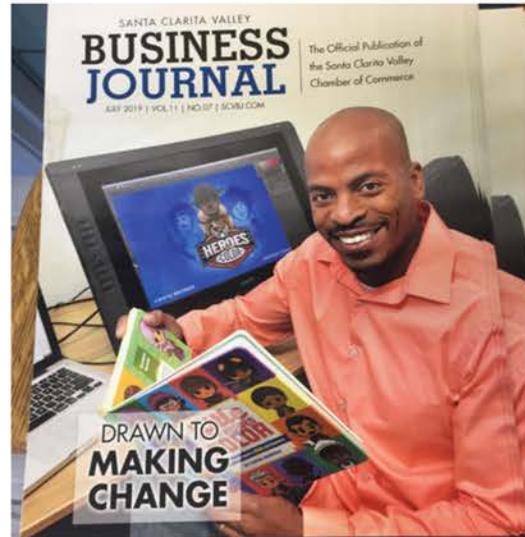


# ABOUT US

Heroes of Color, LLC is based in Pasadena but was formed in 2018 in Santa Clarita. Its mission is to use art to educate. Our culturally responsive programs promote identity, build confidence and introduce students to entrepreneurship.

All 5-week programs are 90 minutes, and classes meet twice a week. Each program ends with a culminating event that celebrates the creativity and hard work of the students. These events can include a student film festival, exhibition, or art show where students will have tables set up to showcase and sell their artwork.

Schools can choose from a list of programs designed for TK-2 and 3-6 grades.



# 5-WEEK PROGRAM OPTIONS



Turning young artists into entrepreneurs.

Junior ARTpreneurs  
3rd - 6th Graders



Junior Animators  
3rd - 6th Graders



Junior Arts & Crafts  
TK - 2 Graders



Little Heroes Film Festival  
TK - 2 Graders



# JR. ARTREPRENEURS



Students will learn how to create and sell art while building confidence and developing critical thinking skills. The culminating project will be an afterschool center art show where friends, family, and local businesses can attend and purchase work from the students. Each student will receive an early copy of our upcoming book, "Jr. ARTrepreneurs, 101 creative business ideas."

## Projects (Choose 3)

- Custom sneakers
- Custom trucker caps
- 3D Canvas sets
- Rice art paintings
- Perler Bead Canvas

## Costs

Onboarding & Payroll Services (YuPro)  
Art Instructors (2)  
Digital photo & video capture  
Program development  
Templates & handouts  
Project management (5 weeks)  
Event marketing & promo  
Art supplies (book bag full of supplies)  
Art show signs  
Staff training  
Up to 30 students



Grades: 3 - 6



# JR. ANIMATORS



Learn the art of storytelling and animation in this incredibly immersive class. Students will create a 15-25 second animated public service announcement that speaks on any social justice issue that is important to them. From global warming, bullying, school safety, equality, or any other topic. The program allows parents and educators to learn more about their children. We want to coordinate with the school to showcase the students' short films during the morning assembly and invite local news to help amplify students' voices.

## Costs

- Onboarding & Payroll Services (YuPro)
- Art Instructors (2)
- Digital photo & video capture
- Video tutorial set
- Program development
- iPad tablets w apple pencils provided
- Multiple App licenses (COPPA & FERPA compliant)
- Project management (5 weeks)
- Event marketing & promo
- Staff training
- Up to 30 students

Grades: 3 - 6



# LITTLE HEROES FILM FESTIVAL



Students will flex their imagination and storytelling abilities with the little heroes film festival. Using pre-cut characters, they will create popsicle figures and make 60-second films professionally recorded by our instructors. They can choose from 50 characters from the popular children's book "Little Heroes of Color," published by Scholastic. Each student enrolled will receive a free copy of the book. They will create shoebox stages specific to their stories. We will provide additional backgrounds. We will coordinate with the school to showcase the students' short films during the morning assembly.

## Costs

- Onboarding & Payroll Services (YuPro)
- Art Instructors (2)
- Audio & video export
- Editing & sound design (final videos)
- Digital photo & video capture
- Program development
- Templates & handouts
- Project management (5 weeks)
- Event marketing & promo
- Pre-cut characters, backgrounds
- Pre-designed background art
- Art supplies
- Staff training
- Up to 30 students

Grades: TK - 2



# JR. ARTS & CRAFTS



Students will enjoy 5-weeks of creating amazing works of art. Schools can choose four projects of their choice. An after-school art showcase at the end of the program will celebrate the young artists for all their hard work.

## Projects (Choose 4)

- Rice art paintings on wood canvas
- Hand-painted jigsaw puzzles
- 3D Canvas paintings
- Costa Rican cardstock masks
- Hand-painted mini-flower pots

## Costs

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Digital photo & video capture

Program development

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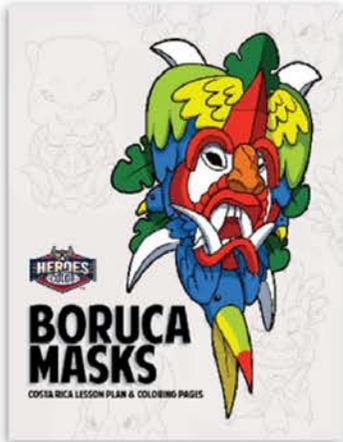
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Grades: TK - 2



# COSTA RICAN MASKS



**Boruca Masks**



**LESSON**

Students will create a Boruca mask. They will use a template of a mask to create their own. They will use colored pencils, markers, and scissors to create their mask. They will then use their mask to perform a play.

**RESOURCES / LINKS**

[Video on the Boruca Festival](#)

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the history and culture of the Boruca festival.
- Create a mask that represents the Boruca festival.
- Use colored pencils, markers, and scissors to create a mask.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

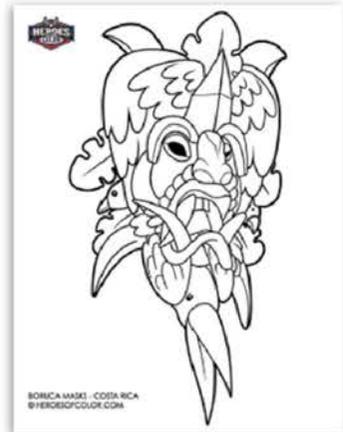
- How do you think the Boruca festival is important to the people of Costa Rica?
- How do you think the Boruca festival is important to the world?

**ACTIVITIES**

- Create a mask that represents the Boruca festival.
- Use colored pencils, markers, and scissors to create a mask.
- Perform a play using the mask.

**Coloring Page Overview:** 16 Boruca masks, 10 lines, 10 pages, Grades K-20.

**Coloring Tips:** Use colored pencils, markers, and scissors to create a mask. Use the template as a guide. The Boruca festival is an important part of the culture of Costa Rica.



A short lesson plan and video will give a backstory to these incredibly intricate hand-painted masks carved out of wood.

Students will choose from 16 masks to color and cut out of the thick card stock.

Supplies for this activity will include colored pencils, markers, scissors.

From: **Aksel Palacios** <aksel.palacios@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 3:17 PM  
Subject: Re: Using Animation for Social Justice  
To: David Heredia [REDACTED]  
Cc: <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, <ydd@lacity.org>

Hi David,

Thank you for reaching out, generally prospective contractors go through the city's procurement platform know as RAMP which you can find linked below. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

<https://www.rampla.org/s/>

Best,

Aksel

**Aksel Palacios, MPA**

Director Strategic Partnerships & Government Affairs

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## Re: Fence at Echo Park Lake

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 11:51 AM

To:

Cc: LA Parks Public Information

<rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good Morning Estaire Press,

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

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 10:52 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Estaire Press** <

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Date: Sat, Feb 18, 2023 at 2:43 PM

Subject: Fence at Echo Park Lake

To: <councilmember.soto\_martinez@lacity.org>

Cc: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, <RAP.PUBLICINFO@lacity.org>, Jesus Sanchez <

>, <

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Dear Councilmember Soto-Mayor:

I am a voting senior citizen living in a very small apartment about 1/2 block from Echo Park Lake. I am concerned about your recent press release indicating the fence at the park will soon be taken down. The Lake & Park have become welcoming spaces for ALL community members since the fence went up and clean-up & restoration was completed. The Park remains accessible to all.

I empathize with the civil & human rights issues regarding our unhoused neighbors. Allowing the park to become an alternative housing site will be detrimental to the Park & Lake as well as to its users. Removing the fence will immediately dare folks to camp there. It will send a message to local gangs who will see it as open for business.

Since the fence went up & the Park was cleaned up it has thrived. Us seniors are again walking, picnicking & exercising in the Park. Children and their families are again enjoying easy open access to the playground, picnic areas & restrooms. People from all walks of life are using the Park & Lake as was intended. The wildlife is back, as are folks fishing, families celebrating Quinces and more from all over L.A.

I understand and agree with concerns for our unhoused neighbors. But taking down the fence is not sending a message to anyone that these issues must be addressed. We must focus on completion of existing neighborhood projects that expressly address homelessness and related issues. (housing and service center going up on Montana or the one proposed for the old basketball courts between Alvarado & Lemoyne.)

I also hope that Rec & Parks will continue to provide security checks and lock the gates between 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Thank you for your time.

Estaire Press

cc: Mayor Karen Bass  
Dept. of Rec & Parks  
Eastsider  
LA Times

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# Re: Request for Public Access to Indoor Basketball Court at Mason Park Chatsworth

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 11:58 AM

To:  
Cc: LA Parks Public Information  
<rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>  
Good Morning,

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

On Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 10:53 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the following inquiry regarding the basketball courts at mason park.

Thank you.

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From: 张挺阳 < >  
Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 7:16 PM  
Subject: Request for Public Access to Indoor Basketball Court at Mason Park Chatsworth  
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Dear officers,

We, the undersigned residents of the community, are writing to express our concern about the lack of access to the indoor basketball court at Mason Park Chatsworth. As members of the community, we have always enjoyed playing basketball with our friends and family at the park. However, we recently discovered that the indoor court is not open to the public.

We understand that the indoor court is used by local school teams and other community organizations. However, we believe that the court should also be made available to the public during certain hours. Many residents in the area do not have access to other indoor courts and rely on the facilities at Mason Park.

For example, the City of Thousand Oaks operates several public parks with indoor basketball courts that are open to the public during specified hours. These facilities provide a safe and positive environment for residents to engage in physical activity and promote healthy living.

We urge you to consider opening the indoor basketball court at Mason Park to the public during specified hours, and we thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Young, on behalf of the Chatsworth basketball fan group

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**Re: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 1:39 PM

Good Afternoon Ms. Masson,

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

On Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 12:20 PM Brenda Masson <

> wrote:

**Hello,**

**Please read aloud during public comment. It is under 2 minutes.**

**Good morning Commissioners,**

**Brenda Masson, constituent  
representing council district 6.**

**This is a call to action for  
renovations at Pedlow Skate Park.  
Pedlow is a community where A  
diverse group of skateboarders, rollerbladers and roller skaters can do what they love  
unhindered.**

**My eight-year-old son is on the autism spectrum and I have never seen him thrive more than when  
he is learning and interacting with fellow skaters at the park.**

**Unfortunately, Pedlow has been neglected. It is in desperate need of renovations, most  
importantly, lights.**

**Park utilization is limited due to the 4:45pm sunset forcing earlier closure. This affects adults who  
skate after work and kids who skate after school. This is particularly impacting teenagers this  
year due to the state moving school start times to 8:30am which gets them out at 4pm.**

**The community continues to take it upon themselves to cover all graffiti. They also make  
temporary repairs to the concrete and pool coping to ensure safety and ease of use. This is due to  
neglected maintenance. Our skate community cares but we need your help.**

**I think we all can agree that after a 2-year lockdown, this would be highly beneficial for kids and  
adults alike.**

**Thank you,**

Brenda Masson

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## Re: Support our Parks in Boyle Heights

1 message

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Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 3:26 PM

To: Claudia Quadrino < >

Cc: Dina Cruz < >, Socorro Chacon < >

Good Afternoon Ms. Quadrino,

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

On Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 2:41 PM Claudia Quadrino < > wrote:

Good afternoon Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Hollenbeck Park and Boyle Heights Coalitions (Coalitions) to request individual meetings with members of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles (Board). We would like to discuss the All Children Thrive Boyle Heights (ACT) campaign, which seeks to ensure that there are safe, clean, and well-maintained parks in Boyle Heights.

I work for Social Model Recovery Systems, a human services organization that has been working in Boyle Heights since 2013. We provide prevention services to create safer communities, and we are currently working on the ACT campaign which addresses the inequitable access to quality parks. This community-led initiative seeks to make a lasting impact on the health and safety of residents, particularly in historically underserved communities like Boyle Heights.

Our Coalitions frequently attend the Board meetings, we would love the opportunity to meet with each Commissioner individually, either in person or via zoom to discuss this matter further. Please let me know the next steps to schedule these meetings. If I can answer any questions, please reach me via email at \_\_\_\_\_ or call me at \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Claudia Quadrino

Community Engagement Specialist

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