

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

March 16, 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) Elizabeth Lovins, Los Feliz resident, comments regarding LADOT Commission Report on the urgent public health, safety, crime, fire, sanitation, watershed and environmental issues, being caused by the proliferation of Oversized Vehicles negatively impacts residential areas.	#9282	Referred to General Manager
3) James Murez, President of the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers comments regarding motion approved by their board waiver for the demolition of the Venice Lifeguard Station Tower	#9283	Referred to General Manager
4) City of Los Angeles Council Motion to request the Department of Recreation and Parks with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report with an update on goals related to "Accessible Play" as well as the parks eligible for upgrades to become "Universally Accessible Playgrounds"	#9284	Referred to General Manager
5) Miriam Preissel, President from Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park comments against the dog park plan on the Vision site.	#9285	Referred to General Manager
6) Mark Hanna replies to Miriam Prejssel email conversation regarding #9285	#9285a	Referred to General Manager
7) Miriam Preissel's replies to Mark Hanna's email conversation regarding #9285	#9285b	Referred to General Manager

8) Mark Hanna replies to Miriam Prejssel email conversation regarding #9285	#9285c	Referred to General Manager
9) Miriam Prejssel's replies to Mark Hanna's email conversation regarding #9285	#9285d	Referred to General Manager
10) Miriam Prejssel replies to Jonah Glickman's reply to Mark, email conversation regarding #9285	#9285e	Referred to General Manager
11) Revised Letter from Councilmember 12 th District John S. Lee regarding the naming of new 50-acre park and pavilion in Porter Ranch	#9286	Referred to General Manager
12) Richard Schave comments regarding having trouble logging into the Commission Meeting on 3/2/23 via Zoom.	#9287	Referred to General Manager
13) Jazz Henry, Undergrad Student at Occidental College requests to interview regarding research project on synthetic turf and grass soccer fields in Los Angeles; benefits or tradeoffs behind both surfaces.	#9288	Referred to General Manager
14) Antonella Chispe member of the running community in San Fernando Valley requests the required steps to make a proposal for a track field.	#9289	Referred to General Manager
15) City Council Action Item regarding the Highland Park Pool and Bathhouse. In 2004, RAP's Pool Condition Assessment Report staff noted required significant improvements and recommended replacement of the entire facility. RAP reaffirmed recommendations in 2018. CD14 Pool Project-Highland Park Presented Councilmember 14 th District, Kevin De Leon and seconded by Monica Rodriguez	#9290	Note and File
16) City Council Action Item regarding RAP and any other overseeing departments to provide an inventory on the condition of all existing skateparks in the city of Los Angeles and to identify funds for hiring of a consultant team to develop a planning exercise to develop a strategic plan in identifying sites for new skateparks as well as reporting on best practices for planning existing skateparks in the city of Los Angeles. Presented by Councilmember 15 th District- Tim McOsker	#9291	Note and File
17) Christian Rodrigo, founder and CEO of US Padel Group proposal for the Pickleball sport to the City of Los Angeles.	#9292	Referred to General Manager

18) Christine Mills O'Brien from the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association and Hollywoodland Gifted Park comments regarding incorrect information and facts about the Hollywoodland sign.	#9293	Referred to General Manager
19) Spencer Marcinek, Senior Project Engineer from Ninyo & Moore requests information on how to obtain a right-of-entry permit.	#9294	Referred to General Manager
20) Dolores DeAngelis comments regarding her support to keep the fence but replace with a better one at Echo Park Lake.	#9295	Referred to General Manager
21) Jacy Boo dropped off her letter at the board office comments regarding on her belief that there is a native animal crisis of squirrels disappearing but being over populated with stray cats at Lincoln Park.	#9296	Referred to General Manager
22) Christine Mills O'Brien, President of the Hollywoodland Homeowners Association is requesting information/facts from the following City of Los Angeles Departments: DOT, LAPD, LAFD and RAP.	#9297	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Esther Alailima Semeatu, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pony rides

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:15 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 11:32 AM Lisa Zazzarino <> wrote:

Greetings,

First please accept my appreciation and respect for shutting down the pony rides at Griffith Park.

Between the extreme heat, the lack of fresh water, saddle sores, lameness, overwork, use of geriatric horses, foot, mouth and tooth problems, and the utter torment of walking in circles all day, the horrific torture that these helpless trusting ponies were subjected to has finally ended.

In addition to the lack of care and the torment of the ponies, children were in danger from the rides, this was caught on video, a child was dragged around because the proprietors of the pony rides cannot be bothered to ensure that the saddles are working properly.

There are many entertaining and profitable ways to utilize the space formally occupied by the pony exploitation. Mechanical rides like merry go rounds, mini golf, radio controlled mini boats and cars, trampolines, things for kids to jump around in, and more.

So many options that are not only cruelty free, but also much more engaging for youngsters than being mindlessly carried around in a circle by a tired and thirsty pony.

Please stay strong and do not reinstate the cruel pony rides.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Lisa Zazzarino

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The Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust

Board of Recreation and Parks Commission
Attn: President Sylvia Patsaouras
200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Feb. 2, 2023

Re: The abrupt and unexpected Pony Rides concession termination

Dear Commissioners,

We, the members of the Griffith J. Griffith Trust, urge a reconsideration of the decision to end the Pony Ride concession in Griffith Park. For three-quarters of a century, it has been an accessible and affordable way to introduce children to the equestrian world.

One can only imagine the anticipation and excitement of children from across the Los Angeles Area converging upon the Griffith Park Pony Rides. For some, it is carrying on a family tradition, as the Pony Ride concession has been an integral part of the Griffith Park experience since 1947. How many Angelenos have photographs and memories of several generations of family members riding the ponies across the decades?

For others, the Pony Rides are a way for children from less-affluent families to sample a lifestyle that might otherwise be closed to them. Col. Griffith J. Griffith meant for his park to be a refuge for the "plain people." The affluent will always have stables, many outside the city, to take their children to for a significant price. The Griffith Park Pony Rides—along with Shane's Inspiration a mile or so down the road—are notably inclusive children's attractions, accessible by public transportation.

We also want to point out that Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #942 designates the Griffith Park Pony Rides as Item #4, a contributing element for its city designation. As such, it is worth fighting for—but not without change.

We are not blind to the concerns of those in opposition to the Pony Ride. We are not in favor of maintaining 1947 standards of animal care and welfare. But we are sure that similar attractions are in operation in other cities that follow contemporary standards. We urge Recreation and Parks to adopt those state-of-the-art standards and find a concessionaire willing and able to live by them.

Mike Eberts
Van Griffith
Clare Darden

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FEB 28 11:01 AM '23



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LADOT COMMISSION Subcommittee report on Oversized Vehicles + Recommended Actions -- November 2022 Report RV Crisis

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 11:05 AM

To: Elizabeth Lovins <

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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 Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 3:55 PM Elizabeth Lovins <

> wrote:

Dear Mayor Bass, LA City Council, City Attorney, LA Bureau of Sanitation, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, LA County Supervisors, Parking Enforcement, LAFD Fire Commission, Griffith Park Superintendent, LA Parks and Recreation, Griffith Park Rangers:

Hope you are all having a nice day and thank you for all the good work you all do.

We are very fortunate, that in November 2022, the LADOT Commission subcommittee, completed such an exemplary report and recommendations, on how to resolve/manage, the Oversized Vehicle/RV Crisis in Los Angeles. *Please click on report link below.*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WVyA3WZ2liiZhcjXOzd1DFIrCpD82LZ1/view>

Today, I invite you to carefully read this very detailed, LADOT Commission Report (148 p.), regarding the urgent public health, safety, crime, fire, sanitation, watershed and environmental issues, being caused by the proliferation of *Oversized Vehicles*. Residential areas (renters, multi and single family homes), schools, parks, oceans, wetlands, city/county streets, are all being negatively impacted by this crisis.

My neighbors, especially in **CD4/CD11**, kindly ask for your immediate assistance, in resolving this issue in, **Los Feliz/Hollywood/Griffith Park Riverside Dr, Forest Lawn Drive/Headworks Water Complex, Sherman Oaks and Ballona Wetlands.**

Again, we'd very much appreciate your immediate help, in restoring public health and safety.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lovins

Los Feliz Resident, since 2003, 3rd Generation Angeleno

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Re: Motion Requesting Invalidation of erroneous CA Coastal Commission CDP Waiver 5- 22-0482-W

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 11:07 AM

To: Preserving Public Places Committee

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On Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 6:47 PM Preserving Public Places Committee <

wrote:

Dear Attorney Feldstein-Soto:

Please be advised that at a regular public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers held on February 21, 2023, the following motion was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2022, the California Coastal Commission issued de minimis waiver 5- 22-0482-W (the "Waiver," link below) for the demolition of the Venice Lifeguard Station Tower (the "Tower") pursuant to an application submitted by the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles leases the Venice Lifeguard Station (the "Property") from the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to that certain Joint Powers Agreement (link below): and

WHEREAS, the Waiver erroneously states that the Property and Tower are: (1) "County- owned," (2) that the Tower was subsequently added to the Property, and (3) the Tower has reached its "development lifespan"; and

WHEREAS, the Property and Tower are: (1) owned by the City of Los Angeles, (2) part of a single 3 story project constructed in 1968, per the Building Assessment Report ("Report"), (link below), and (3) which Report states the Tower has "no structural deficiencies"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the conditions of the Waiver, if the project plans or information in the application are "found to be incorrect or the plans revised, this decision will become invalid; and any development occurring must cease until a coastal development permit is obtained or any discrepancy is resolved in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council, Board of Officers requests that the Los Angeles Office of the City Attorney submit a letter to the California Coastal Commission requesting invalidation of the Waiver, as it was granted based upon incorrect material information.

ACTION: The motion was approved by a vote of Yea: 13/ Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Sincerely

Sincerely,

James Murez

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VNC President

Supporting Documents:

CDP Waiver: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting636ee6e18ae62.pdf>

Joint Powers Agreement: <https://www.venicenc.org/ncfiles/download/60>

Building Assessment: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63784cf025ff5.pdf>

Robin Murez

Chair, Preserving Public Places Committee

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February 27, 2023

By Email To: Hydee Feldstein Soto, Los Angeles City Attorney, hydee.feldsteinsoto@lacity.org

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It's YOUR Venice - get involved!

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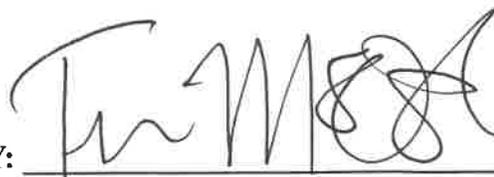
Nearly one in five people have a disability in the United States. Further, 13 percent of children enrolled in public school (about 6.7 million) receive services for needs ranging from autism to hearing impairment. Whether a child has cognitive issues, mobility challenges, or both, the design of most urban play areas inadvertently excludes a significant portion of the population playgrounds were built to serve.

In 2010, the Department of Justice revised the *1990 Americans with Disabilities Act*, changing the accessibility standards for playgrounds. The new rules mandate that compliant playgrounds be accessible via ramps and barrier-free travel routes, include a range of accessible play options, and provide an appropriate surface beneath all accessible equipment. A major aspect of making a playground more accessible is the equipment. In San Pedro, the installation of an “accessibility swing” or “supportive swing” (constructed with a harness and tall back support) at Bogdanovich Recreation Center has proven to be a minor, but important, change that has resulted in the ability for an increased use of the park. Identifying upgrades for park equipment that yield to higher accessibility and usage of our city parks is crucial for a more equitable future.

The City of Los Angeles’ Department of Recreation and Parks currently has several “Universally Accessible Playgrounds” where children of all abilities can play side-by-side. A universally accessible design is one that enriches a sensory-rich environment to enable children to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. The Department has a goal of developing additional “Accessible Play” playgrounds and is working to identify more parks citywide which could be enlarged or otherwise accommodate installation of a mid-sized playground to help the vision become a reality.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report with an update on goals related to “Accessible Play” as well as the parks eligible for upgrades to become “Universally Accessible Playgrounds”, specifically those in Council District 15. This report should include an inventory of the existing “Universally Accessible Playgrounds” citywide as well as any funding needs for these sites.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

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FEB 28 2023

SECONDED BY:



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Meeting on Monday

1 message

Rap Commissioners

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Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To: Miriam Preissel <>

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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 Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 1:08 PM Miriam Preissel <> wrote:

Good Morning CD6 representatives!

As you may know by now Geosyntec "Vision" leader Mark Hannah has scheduled a meeting Monday with all the associated designers and engineers who worked on the "Los Angeles River Valley Bikeway & Greenway Project" and have included cd6. I would like cd6 to be aware of our concerns before the meeting and count on your support.

I have been raising the alarm for a long time and all I've heard back was "We are looking into it". I finally stumbled upon this plan on the Vision site finally and saw that it is a pretty bad plan for our park, it runs a bike path that will cost multi millions for a mile along side two beautiful existing bike paths and meets up with them after that mile.

When I talked to Mark Hanna, it was because I looked at the Vision plan and it had our park at 23 acres. I let him know that we were 6.5 in reality. I can see if the engineers thought we were 23 acres we had room to spare. He thought that was odd when he saw it.

We spoke about the plan and he was sympathetic. The Vision plan's intent is to enhance the basin, taking the best of and making it shine, not taking away from what is serving the community presently. He asked if it was the only dog park in the basin and yes it is! It is the only dog park in the entire West Valley! Bob Blumenfield told me he tried to find land to build one in his district and couldn't. That should sound an alarm about preserving what exists. This serves not only cd6 but every surrounding cd.

Our park will lose ground, will lose trees, the parking for this bike hub is said as "existing" which means us and we already have inadequate parking. This plan will mix bikers that will leave their bikes for hours with bike racks hanging off the back of their vehicles and enter the path through an access point from the lot. This is a bad mix, dogs who chase anything with wheels and bikers who will now be riding and rolling their bikes through our park to access the bike path. We have seniors that in some cases will not be able to restrain their dogs but will be responsible for the damages. This tempts fate. One senior drove into a bike rack on the back of a car sticking out into the parking space because she simply didn't see it.

Along the pedestrian path would be people and bikes that will grab the dogs attention and let's be honest, homeless. We would lose our water hose for cleaning off our dogs because homeless would take showers. They have also burned down our porta potties. They are in the baseball field across the wash and they burned down the equipment shed two months ago. Communities west of us organize groups to clean up the bike paths in their areas once a month.

There is a long standing community that has been using the park since its opening in 1996 and it is different than an active biker community. Many go to the park because they aren't ambulatory enough to walk their dogs. Seniors, disabled, people who have no other place to let their dogs run legally. Hard working people before and after work. They

all need to be considered in the scope of this plan.

To drive from the west valley and not find parking isn't what people will do often. They start using parks that are not designated dog parks and other communities have issues with that.

Our only other option for parking is across the street on Victory which means people crossing a busy street averaging 60mph with their dogs. No one will do that understandably so this isn't a real option. The other parking they name in the plan is the Farmer's Market, who I talked to on Sunday and they said they already told them, no parking, no access, no way. But it is still in the plan.

This is a park that CD6 should take pride in. It is considered the best in Los Angeles. There are already two beautiful bike paths, one on Victory which will also be adding a pedestrian path and the one on Oxnard along the bus path. When is it overkill?

Please consider meeting me at the park if you aren't familiar. Going over the plan and the reality of a multi million dollar path where two exist that will effect a park with a 25k a year budget.

There are options! The most obvious is the south side of the river. Or using the existing Victory Blvd. path and crossing over in that mile to the wash at that point. Or simply letting the two beautiful existing bike paths serve as paths to Balboa, I'm sure there will be other options that can be found with the millions that would be saved by avoiding our little stretch of park.

Los Angeles city council has some very real optics issues with dogs and spending right now. The shelters are putting down so many dogs because of overcrowding. This kind of unnecessary spending is tone deaf to so many.

Please, let's get on the same page before the meeting on Monday. I believe we maybe still in the design stage and we can surely at this point support what works and be honest about what doesn't. We are not anti bike or bike path. But we are very pro dogs, and very protective over a pretty wonderful dog park.

Take some credit for that! It's in CD6. There is a lot else to support on this plan. No plan is 100% perfect. But we are looking for CD6 to help us lead what has worked in the area and sincerely hear the issues.

Let me know when you all have time to talk, again, I would like to know that our CD has our back before this meeting.

Best,

Miriam Preissel
President
Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park

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From: **Jonah Glickman** <jonah.glickman@lacity.org>
Date: Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 1:20 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting on Monday

To: Miriam Preissel <>
Cc: Avak Keotahian <avak.keotahian@lacity.org>, Jim Stein <>, Linda Gravani <>, Ruth Doxsee <>, Ter Lieberstein <>, Katie (Mowgli) Serviss <>, Dana (Barney & Tallulah) Bartholomew <>, John Genga <>, Trudi Schoolhouse <>, Deborah (Tommy) Davies <>,

Donna Soskin <>, Muriel Kotin <>, Jennifer Freel <>, Katie Cronin <>, Adam Rabinowitz <>, Stephanie Rescue <>, April (Rocky) Judy-Ritts <>, Ida (Jojo) Joseph <>, Jeremy Pisanic <>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Sylvia Patsaouras <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, Jill Habor <>, Max Podemski <max.podemski@lacity.org>, Alexis Wesson <alexis.wesson@lacity.org>, Caitlin Muldoon <caitlin.muldoon@lacity.org>, Sophia Soudani <sophia.soudani@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Miriam,

Thank you for reaching out to CD6 about this issue with the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park. Our staff has been working on the issues at the Dog Park and we have been in contact with Rec and Parks staff to better serve your park and the many community members that utilize it.

Regarding this bike path project, as I stated before it was part of a separate item which was voted on by City Council last year. I am glad to hear the Vision Plan team has reached out to you to set up an individual briefing, and we want to ensure there is strong communication with interested groups in the Basin.

I am available to meet with you on Friday to discuss your concerns and how CD6 can potentially support you here in this effort.

Please let me know what times work best for you on Friday and I'm looking forward to connecting with you



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Naming of New 50-Acre Park in Porter Ranch

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 6:46 AM

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

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Councilmember Lee <councilmember.lee@lacity.org>

Good Morning Ms. Martinez,

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

On Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 7:11 PM Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org> wrote:

Good evening Commissioners,

Please see a revised letter from Councilmember John Lee concerning the new 50-acre park being built. There has been a change in the proposed name for the pavilion.

Best,

Myrka Martinez

On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 3:07 PM Myrka Martinez <myrka.martinez@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Commissioners,

Please see attached letter from Councilmember John Lee on the naming of the new 50-acre park in Porter Ranch that is expected to be completed in Spring 2023.

The original letter will follow by mail. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Myrka Martinez

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Myrka Martinez

Deputy District Director

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JOHN S. LEE
COUNCILMEMBER, 12TH DISTRICT

March 1, 2023

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

Honorable Commissioners:

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

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

Jane Boeckmann is perhaps most recognized for her role at the Galpin Motors automotive organization, where she served for many years as Treasurer and Corporate Director. She worked side-by-side with her husband of more than 50 Bert to build Galpin Ford from a small dealership into the #1 Volume Ford Dealership in the world and the most recognized automotive family in the country.

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

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

For nearly 40 years Jane lived and raised her family just south of the new 50-Acre Park in Porter Ranch. The park will now be enjoyed by local organizations she supported such as the North Valley Family YMCA in Porter Ranch and the endless number of people she has touched and reached throughout the San Fernando Valley. Jane was also a longtime supporter of Shepherd Church in Porter Ranch. The Church is a mainstay in the local community providing everything from an annual local 4th of July fireworks show to providing food and shelter to Porter Ranch residents during the Saddleridge Fire.

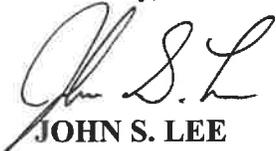
An exciting component of the new park is the pavilion, which features a stage for arts and performances for the community. Naming the pavilion Sesevenga, which means “the place of the sycamore-woods” in the Takic language, promotes land acknowledgement through culturally-competent naming that honors the legacies of Indigenous people. Using the Sesevenga name brings light to the history of the area and acknowledges the “first people of the land.”

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

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

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Handwritten signature of John S. Lee in cursive script.

JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, Twelfth District



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: I can not log in via Zoom to RAP commission

1 message

Richard Schave <>

Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:28 PM

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

Thank you!

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023, 1:13 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We will look into this matter. Hopefully, you will not have any further issues logging into our meetings in the future.

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:03 PM Richard Schave <> wrote:

It wouldn't let me log in.

I'm really quite good at getting into zoom meetings hosted by the city up until this week.

Thanks

Richard

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023, 1:01 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Schave,

Click here onto our website <https://www.laparks.org/commissioners/agendas-minutes-reports/2023> and then click onto the Agenda for the Zoom link to join the meeting.

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office.

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 10:25 AM Richard Schave <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

I was not able to log into the Commission meeting at 9.30am this morning via Zoom.

Can you please fix this?

Thanks,

Richard Schave

Sent with Shift

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Introduction and Request for interview

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:19 PM

To: Jazz Henry <>

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 12:48 PM Jazz Henry <> wrote:

Dear LA Parks Commissioners,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Jazz Henry and I am an undergraduate student at Occidental College. I am doing a research project on synthetic turf and grass soccer fields in Los Angeles and am trying to understand the benefits or tradeoffs behind both surfaces.

If I could have 30 minutes of your time, I would really appreciate it if I could interview one of you and get your thoughts on the topic. There is little to no research on synthetic turf fields in Los Angeles, so I am trying to talk with the most knowledgeable people on this topic. With your commissioner role at LA Parks, it would be very helpful for my research to speak with someone who oversees park management, budget, etc.. I understand you might be busy so if it is easier, I can send you the questions and you can email the responses back. Please let me know what times work and we can figure something out. The interview can be over the phone, zoom, etc. Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Jazz X. Henry '23 | **Occidental College**

Urban and Environmental Policy Major, Black Studies and Politics Double-minor

Equity Ambassador | **Intercultural Community Center**

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: San Fernando Valley Proposal on Facilities

1 message

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

Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:23 PM

Good Afternoon,

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

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 12:20 PM Antonella Chispe <> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Antonella Chispe. I am reaching out because I wanted to inquire about how I would go about suggesting a project idea for the San Fernando Valley Parks.

I am part of the running community in the San Fernando Valley. For the past years, the running groups in the area have had no luck in the ability to gain access to a track. We have reached out to many of the high schools and colleges to have access to the track once a week, but unfortunately been turned down.

In the most recent years, the Los Angeles area has gained a great facility, the Michelles and Barack Obama Sports Complex in District 10, that offers many opportunity to their community.

I wanted to reach out in behalf of someone who is part of the community in San Fernando Valley and someone who lives an active lifestyle to ask if there is a possibility to propose a Track Field available to the community. I would like to ask what are the steps to take in order to make this proposal. Any direction and/or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Grateful for your help.

Best,

Antonella Chispe

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TJ CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING #52

MOTION--

The Highland Park Pool and Bathhouse has provided a recreation space for the community of Highland Park since its construction in 1948. Presently, the pool and bathhouse are not heated and therefore only usable in the summer months and unavailable to the community for the majority of the year. Highland Park Pool offers summertime programming including swimming lessons for Angelenos of all ages, a Junior Lifeguard Program, a Swim Team for ages 7 - 17, and daily access for lap swimming and aquatic recreation. Scholarships and sponsorships for participation in these programs are offered through The LA84 Foundation, Operation Splash, and SwimLA work to ensure equitable access to pool programming. However, the sad reality is that the closest elite swimming programs are located in Pasadena and South Pasadena and inaccessible for most residents of Highland Park, geographically and financially. We have the opportunity to correct this inequity and bring a state-of-the-art aquatic facility with year-round programming to the Highland Park and surrounding Northeast LA community.

In the 2004 Department of Recreation and Park's Pool Condition Assessment Report, department staff noted that the Highland Park Pool and Bathhouse required significant improvements and recommended replacement of the entire facility. The Department reaffirmed these recommendations in 2018, once again recommending replacement of the over 70 year old pool with a modern facility that would better meet the needs of the approximately 60,000 residents of Highland Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$700,000 from the CD14 Real Property Trust Fund No. 696 and \$300,000 from the AB 1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred to a new account in the Engineering Special Services Fund No, 682, Department No. 50, entitled "CD14 Pool Project - Highland Park", for any design, project, and/or City staff costs associated with the development, construction, and/or completion of the Highland Park pool projects; and,

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be authorized to make any necessary technical and accounting corrections in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin de León
KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

Monica Rodriguez

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MOTION

Skateboarding is one of the most accessible and popular sports for youth in cities. It's relatively low-cost, fun, athletic, and provides a sustainable mode of transportation. Skateparks provide a space for youth and adults to positively interact through a shared interest. New skateparks in urban areas have an ability to rejuvenate unused spaces. As interactive public spaces, skateparks have slowly begun to shape the way we think about urban design.

Once fully built and operational, the Watts Skatepark will be the thirtieth skatepark in the city of Los Angeles. Of the city's thirty skateparks, six of them are in the Fifteenth Council District. This council district has served as a unique model for implementing a community-based vision of successful skatepark designs with local input. The City has an opportunity to rethink its public space for design activation and can incorporate recreation and work with its local communities to accomplish its goal.

As of today, we are not aware of any type of comprehensive planning effort underway or completed that thoroughly documents where skateparks are currently located and where skateparks should be built, located, and maintained. Such a study would provide a blueprint for growth and expansion of the skateparks. The City of Los Angeles should start such a planning process and immediately identify funds available to prepare such a study.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, and any other overseeing departments, to provide an inventory on the condition of all existing skateparks in the city of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify funds for hiring of a consultant team to develop a planning exercise to develop a strategic plan or master plan for identifying sites for new skateparks as well as reporting on best practices for planning existing skateparks in the city of Los Angeles. The City Administrative Officer should also report back to the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee within 45 days on such funding opportunities and an outline of next steps in developing such a strategic or master planning effort.

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PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Padel courts proposal in LA Parks.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 9:51 AM

To: Christian Rodrigo <>

Cc: Melissa Bettis <melissa.bettis@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 Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 1:10 PM Christian Rodrigo <> wrote:

Dear all,

I'm Christian Rodrigo, founder and CEO of US Padel Group (USPG). Melissa Bettis from the Department of Recreation and Parks, suggested me to contact you. I'd like to share our proposal of installing and managing padel courts in LA Parks. We'd love to introduce an amazing sport to our community and to help promote padel as an Olympic sport. Nowadays, padel is the fastest growing sport in the world and it already has more players than tennis in Spain, and other countries. It has more than 25 million players around the world, from both genders and from any age. It's the perfect social sport, and that's why it has been so successful in every city or country that it's being practiced. I'm aware that pickle ball is very demanded in LA at this moment... but we know that if people could play padel they'd fall in love with it, more than any other sport, as it has happened all around the world. It's a less aggressive sport, it's played on artificial turf and on private courts for four players, making it very social and private at the same time. I think LA would miss a huge opportunity if the city doesn't offer padel courts in public spaces. I think there's room for padel and pickle ball, and other sports in LA parks, and that our community would really appreciate having such a complete sport in their neighborhood.

That's why I'd like to have the opportunity to speak and present our proposal on the next Commission's meeting that will be celebrated in March. On the meantime, I'd love you to review our presentation that is attached to this e-mail and watch our 50 seconds video, so that you could understand better the scope of our proposal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxMgRBqVc2w>

I'd appreciate if you could take the time to consider our proposal before taking any decision.

I'll be looking forward to hear from you.

Best,

Christian Rodrigo

Founder - CEO

USA Padel Group (USPG)

Usapadelgroup.com

From: Melissa Bettis <melissa.bettis@lacity.org>

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10:07 AM

To: christian Rodrigo <>

Cc: Christian Rodrigo <>

Subject: Re: Partnership Questionnaire

Hi Christian,

Thank you for following up. We have presented your proposal and supporting documents to the executive management team and are awaiting their feedback. Currently, the executive management team, with the support of the Commission, is exploring the addition of pickleball courts to several parks throughout the city. If you are interested in sharing your idea with the Commission, you are welcome to do so during the public comment portion of their meetings, which are held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30am or send them an email at rap.commissioners@lacity.org.

I will be sure to reach out to you as soon as I receive any communication regarding your proposal.

Thank you,

Melissa

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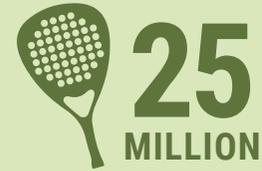
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WORLD PADEL IN FIGURES

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PADEL IS PLAYED BY BOTH GENDERS



ACTIVE PLAYERS
AROUND THE WORLD



PLAYED IN 90 COUNTRIES
AROUND THE WORLD



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PADEL IS AN IDEAL SPORT FOR MOTOCITY AND COORDINATION
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THROUGH THEIR SOCIAL NETWORKS

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SWEDES HAVE TRIED PADEL

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PEOPLE ARE PLAYING
PADEL ON A REGULAR
BASIS IN SPAIN

75,000 
REGISTERED
PLAYERS IN SPAIN
(5,000 MORE THAN TENNIS)

20,000 
PADEL
COURTS IN SPAIN

5,500
PADEL COURTS
IN THE NORDICS

700 
PADEL CLUBS
IN ITALY

15,000
NEW PADEL COURTS WERE
INAUGURATED IN EUROPE IN 2021

89,000 
ACTIVE PLAYERS
IN THE UK

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OPENING OF NEW PADEL
COURTS EACH WEEK
IN EUROPE IN 2021

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Although in the US currently there are only around 180 courts, the USPA is forecasting exponential growth based on the uptake of the sport it has seen in other countries.

It expects there will be 25,000 to 30,000 courts with 8 to 10 million people playing in the US by 2029.

EUROPE PADEL COURTS GROWTH IN 2021

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13% 
SPAIN

49% 
FRANCE

72% 
UK

374% 
ITALY

388% 
SWEDEN

516% 
DENMARK

592% 
FINLAND

614% 
NORWAY

SOCIAL MEDIA PADEL IN FIGURES

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 **145**
MILLION

VIEWS ON YOUTUBE OF
THE WORLD PADEL TOUR
2021



EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS OF
TOP PADEL PLAYERS

 **300%**

INCREASE FROM 2016 TO 2021
GOOGLE SEARCHES FOR "PADEL"



968,000

TIMES "PADEL" IS SEARCHED
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A SPORT WITH OLYMPIC ASPIRATIONS

Padel is one of the sports that aspires to become an Olympic sport. The city of Los Angeles can sponsor this sport to make it Olympic in 2028.



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CREATING WHAT'S NEXT

“ LA DEFIES A SINGULAR IDENTITY
Los Angeles is more than a city. It's a mindset. A
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SPORT MEETING POINTS

The project aims to use city spaces in a multipurpose way to create new healthy meeting points for its inhabitants.

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THE INSTALLATIONS

USA PADEL GROUP, with the support of the number 1 padel courts manufacturer in the world, has the best courts on the US market.

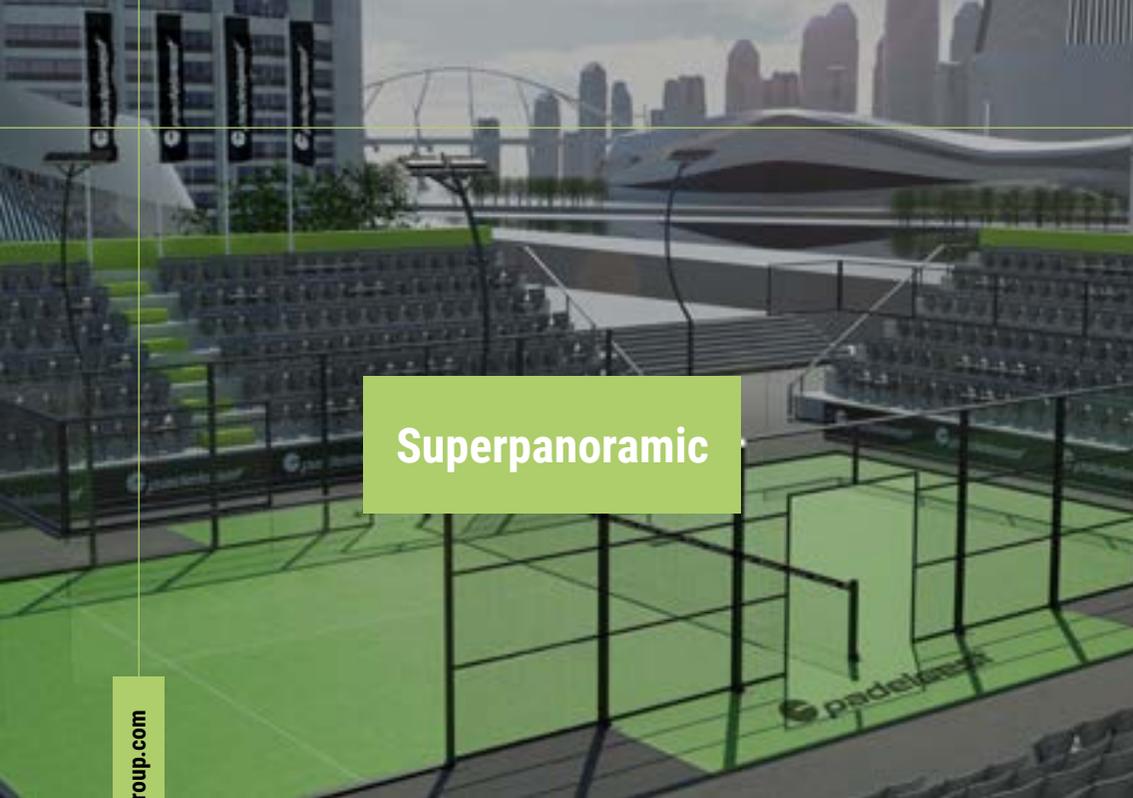
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- Elevated courts
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- Courts with solar panels/roof
- Superpanoramic, Panoramic, or Club glass structures.

The multiple finishes and configurations allow the customization of courts, making them attractive to sponsors and players.

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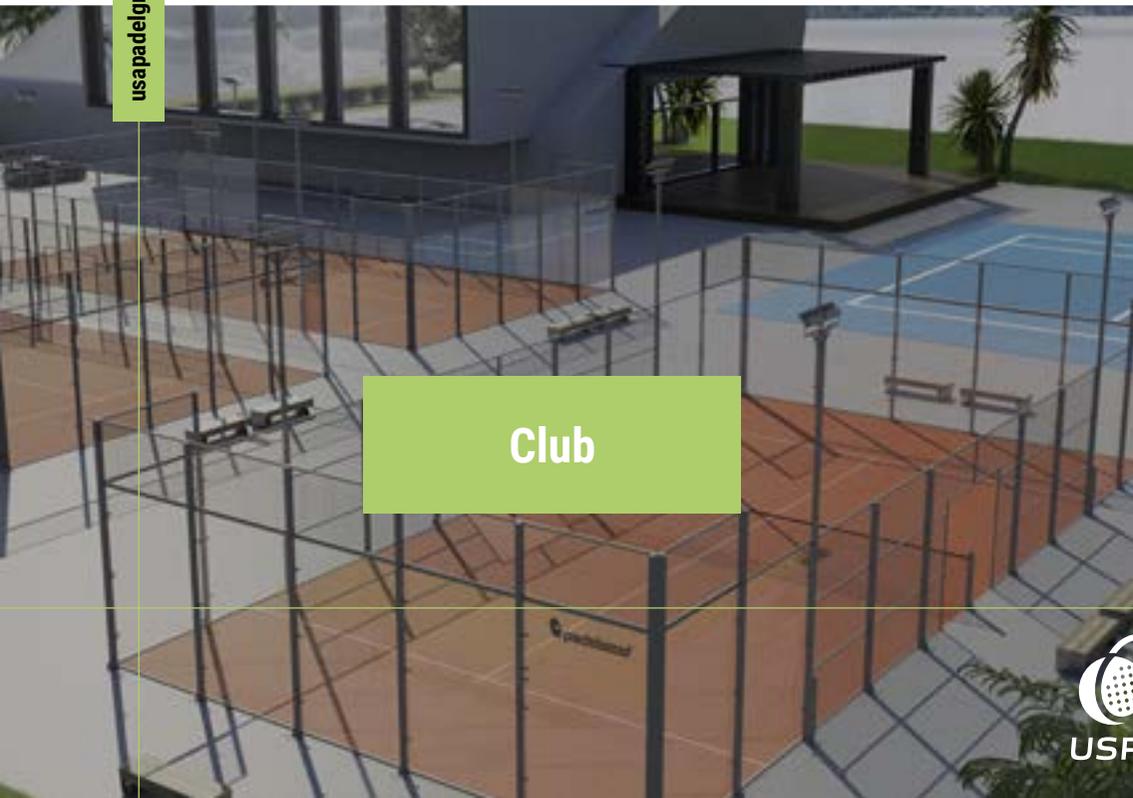




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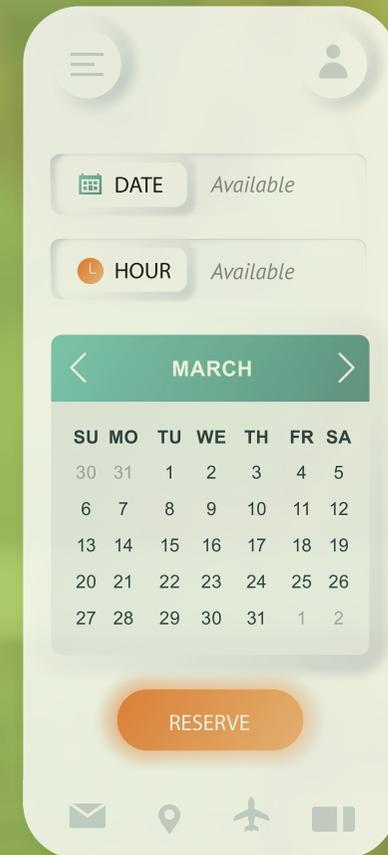
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PUBLIC-PRIVATE USE OF PADEL COURTS

Through a public-private management, the courts can be used in a shared way through a shared schedule and reservation system via the USA Padel Group app.

These spaces allow the appearance of specialized academies in this sports modality, as well as the celebration of championships and social tournaments.



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USA PADEL GROUP (USPG) is committed to the introduction of the sports discipline of padel in the USA.

Its select sports and social club wants to position itself as a premium leisure offer in Los Angeles Metropolitan Area.

USPG is establishing its headquarters in LA. One of our goals is that the city of LA become the most established padel market in North America, serving as a trend-setter and a nest of future US Olympic players.

A sport that was once considered niche in Europe, now has grown to become the second most practiced sport in some European countries, such as Spain. And we are planning to make Padel one of the most trendy and played sports in the US in this decade.

With the installation of 30 Padel Courts per year and a strong Marketing and Communications Campaign USPG wants to be the leader of Padel in California in the next 5 years.



OUR TEAM

FOUNDERS



Christian Rodrigo



Jordi Masferrer

20 + years experience in real state, entertainment, marketing, events production, communications, hospitality, business organization and finance.

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Ex-President of Catalan Padel Federation



Pere Hernandez

Ex-President of Catalan Padel Federation



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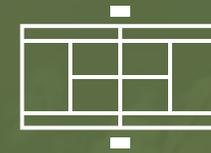


COURTS IN PUBLIC PARKS

usapadelgroup.com

One of the goals of USPG is to make Padel a very popular sport in LA. Installing courts and managing them all around LA in public parks and recreational areas will help reaching a larger amount of angelinos.

Each public court will have access to USPG booking system, to unify the search and booking system all around LA Metropolitan area. Equipment will also be available for rent or purchase in the parks or online.



2 TO 4 COURTS BY PARK OR
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PADEL CLASSES



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CALIFORNIA PADEL FEDERATION

USPG wants to create the California Padel Federation with the mission of promoting the growth and development of the sport of padel for everyone in California.

To promote Padel at all levels and ages for the able-bodied and handicapped, whether men or women.

To create a strong connection between, clubs, players, coaches, padel industries and all partners into the California Padel Federation.

Spread out the regulations of Padel, of the different official competitions and of the ranking systems.

Organize the state circuit and to be an important advisor and organizer of the regional and USA championships celebrated in California.

Facilitate the training of new Padel coaches in order to train the future professional padel players.

Preserve the integrity, autonomy and independence of Padel as a sport, and of the Federation as a government entity.

Contribute to building a better world by encouraging the practice of sports and Padel without discrimination for any reason, in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair-play. To follow the Olympic principles and ideals, with the goal of making Padel an Olympic Sport in 2028.

Thank you for your time
Christian & Jordi

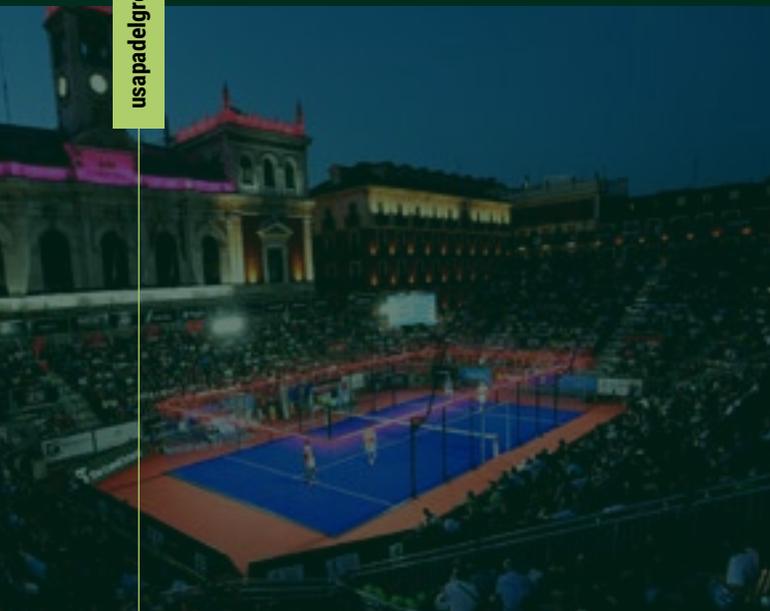
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Incorrect information shared with the public

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 11:07 AM

To: <>, <>

Cc: Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@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 Sun, Mar 5, 2023 at 8:52 PM <> wrote:

From 2022 and you and the Chamber continue to spread untruths. Embarrassing.

Hello Betsy. It is unfortunate your trust and chamber continue to promote incorrect information and facts about the Hollywoodland sign. I am not sure why. Both organizations should be embarrassed that basic math has been ignored.

The sign will not be 100 years in 2023. The reconfigured sign saying the word "Hollywood" was created from the original Hollywoodland sign in 1948. The "land" was removed. The sign as we know it today was completely rebuilt in 1978, using the same footprint and none of the original materials. It also has smaller letters. Technically the sign that currently rests on Mt. Hollywoodland (the real name of the hill) is 44 years old this year. It will be 45 years old next year.

Christine Mills O'Brien

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association and Hollywoodland Gifted Park

Sent from my iPad

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Right of Entry at Bandini Canyon Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 11:56 AM

To: Spencer Marcinek <>

Cc: Allison Prizlow <>

Good Morning,

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On Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 11:38 AM Spencer Marcinek <> wrote:

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Thank you for your help.

**Spencer Marcinek, PE, GE**

Senior Project Engineer

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Re: Right of Entry at Bandini Canyon Park

1 message

Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 2:28 PM

To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Rick Tonthat <rick.tonthat@lacity.org>

Yes. Redirect to me and [+Rick Tonthat](#)

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023, 12:29 PM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Darryl,

Reaching out for further assistance with the inquiry below. Is this something Planning, Maintenance and Construction would handle?

Let me know if you need me to redirect this email to someone in particular.

Thank you.

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

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Good Afternoon Mr. Marcinek,

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Rick Tonthat, Finance Development Officer II for Economic Workforce Development

Please reach out to them directly for further assistance.

Thank you for your patience.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Right of Entry at Bandini Canyon Park

1 message

Angela Wang <angela.wang@lacity.org>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 3:52 PM

To: Rick Tonthat <rick.tonthat@lacity.org>

Cc: Spencer Marcinek <>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Allison Prizlow <>, Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Spencer,

Attached you will find the Department of Recreation and Parks - Right of Entry Questionnaire and Submitting Proof of Insurance instruction sheet.

Please take a look and submit the requested information so that I may initiate the process of granting you access to the site. In general, the more detail you can provide, the better.

Please also include a map showing the proposed ingress/egress to the project site(s). Feel free to email or call me if you need any assistance or have further questions.

Thank you!

Angela Wang (she/her)

Management Assistant

(213) 202 2658

Department of Recreation and Parks

Planning, Management, and Construction Branch

Real Estate Division

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 3:36 PM Rick Tonthat <rick.tonthat@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Spencer,

Thank you for reaching out to us for the ROE at Bandini Canyon Park. I've copied Angela Wang from our team who will be able to further assist you.

Rick Tonthat | Sr Management Analyst II
Recreation and Parks
City of Los Angeles
(213) 202-2608

On Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 3:10 PM Spencer Marcinek <> wrote:

Thank you, Esther.

Darryl and Rick, would it be possible to provide us with some information on how to obtain a right-of-entry permit for drilling geotechnical soil borings and performing percolation testing at Bandini Canyon Park?

Thanks,

Spencer Marcinek, PE, GE

Senior Project Engineer

Ninyo & Moore

From: esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org> **On Behalf Of** Rap Commissioners
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:52 PM
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Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 7:24 AM

To: Spencer Marcinek <>, Allison Prizlow <>

Cc: Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>, Rick Tonthat <rick.tonthat@lacity.org>

Good Morning Mr. Marcinek,

Correction:

- Rick Tonthat, Senior Management Analyst II, Department of Recreation and Parks

Please note, thank you.

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Proposed Boring and Percolation Testing Locations

Legend



P-1 (10')

B-1 (50')

P-2 (10')

Bandini Canyon Park

San Pedro Welcome Park

We are considering drilling optional borings here



RIGHT OF ENTRY (ROE) QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Person/Company/Gov't Agency requesting ROE:

Contact information for PERMITTEE:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Location of ROE (Include the park name and address & area within the park, include a map):

Purpose of ROE / Scope of Work (e.g. digging – hauling – planting – etc.):

Term – (starting & finishing dates and time of operation):

Insurance:

Other Information: (e.g. # of people in the job site, # of vehicles & vehicle type, other machinery:

CONTACT THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE (CAO) TO PROCESS YOUR
INSURANCE AT: <http://kwikcomply.org>

Provide the CAO insurance approval number here:

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION ON COMPLYING WITH CITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(Share this information with your insurance agent or broker)

1. **Agreement/Reference** All evidence of insurance should identify the nature of your business with the CITY. Clearly show any assigned number of a bid, contract, lease, permit, etc. or give the project name and the job site or street address to ensure that your submission will be properly credited. Provide the **types of coverage and minimum dollar amounts** specified on the Required Insurance and Minimum Limits sheet (Form Gen. 146) included in your CITY documents.

2. **When to Submit** Normally, no work may begin until a CITY insurance certificate approval number ("CA number") has been obtained, so insurance documents should be submitted as early as practicable. For **As-needed Contracts**, insurance need not be submitted until a specific job has been awarded. **Design Professionals** coverage for new construction work may be submitted simultaneously with final plans and drawings, but before construction commences.

3. **Acceptable Evidence and Approval** Electronic submission is the required method of submitting your documents. **KwikComply** is the CITY's online insurance compliance system and is designed to make the experience of submitting and retrieving insurance information quick and easy. The system is designed to be used by insurance brokers and agents as they submit client insurance certificates directly to the City. It uses the standard insurance industry form known as the **ACORD 25 Certificate of Liability Insurance** in electronic format. **KwikComply** advantages include standardized, universally accepted forms, paperless approval transactions (24 hours, 7 days per week), and security checks and balances. The easiest and quickest way to obtain approval of your insurance is to have your insurance broker or agent access **KwikComply** at <https://kwikcomply.org/> and follow the instructions to register and submit the appropriate proof of insurance on your behalf.

Contractor must provide City a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) AND an Additional Insured Endorsement naming the CITY an additional insured completed by your insurance company or its designee. If the policy includes an automatic or blanket additional insured endorsement, the Certificate must state the CITY is an automatic or blanket additional insured. An endorsement naming the CITY an Additional Named Insured and Loss Payee as Its Interests May Appear is required on property policies. All evidence of insurance must be authorized by a person with authority to bind coverage, whether that is the authorized agent/broker or insurance underwriter.

Additional Insured Endorsements DO NOT apply to the following:

- Indication of compliance with statute, such as Workers' Compensation Law.
- Professional Liability insurance.

Verification of approved insurance and bonds may be obtained by checking **KwikComply**, the CITY's online insurance compliance system, at <https://kwikcomply.org/>.

4. **Renewal** When an existing policy is renewed, have your insurance broker or agent submit a new Acord 25 Certificate or edit the existing Acord 25 Certificate through **KwikComply** at <https://kwikcomply.org/>.

5. **Alternative Programs/Self-Insurance** Risk financing mechanisms such as Risk Retention Groups, Risk Purchasing Groups, off-shore carriers, captive insurance programs and self-insurance programs are subject to separate approval after the CITY has reviewed the relevant audited financial statements. To initiate a review of your program, you should complete the

Applicant's Declaration of Self Insurance form (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>) to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management for consideration.

6. **General Liability** insurance covering your operations (and products, where applicable) is required whenever the CITY is at risk of third-party claims which may arise out of your work or your presence or special event on City premises. **Sexual Misconduct** coverage is a required coverage when the work performed involves minors. **Fire Legal Liability** is required for persons occupying a portion of CITY premises. Information on two CITY insurance programs, the SPARTA program, an optional source of low-cost insurance which meets the most minimum requirements, and the Special Events Liability Insurance Program, which provides liability coverage for short-term special events on CITY premises or streets, is available at (www.2sparta.com), or by calling (800) 420-0555.

7. **Automobile Liability** insurance is required only when vehicles are used in performing the work of your Contract or when they are driven off-road on CITY premises; it is not required for simple commuting unless CITY is paying mileage. However, compliance with California law requiring auto liability insurance is a contractual requirement.

8. **Errors and Omissions** coverage will be specified on a project-by-project basis if you are working as a licensed or other professional. The length of the claims discovery period required will vary with the circumstances of the individual job.

9. **Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability** insurance are not required for single-person contractors. However, under state law these coverages (or a copy of the state's Consent To Self Insure) must be provided if you have any employees at any time during the period of this contract. Contractors with no employees must complete a Request for Waiver of Workers' Compensation Insurance Requirement (<http://cao.lacity.org/risk/InsuranceForms.htm>). **A Waiver of Subrogation** on the coverage is required only for jobs where your employees are working on CITY premises under hazardous conditions, e.g., uneven terrain, scaffolding, caustic chemicals, toxic materials, power tools, etc. The Waiver of Subrogation waives the insurer's right to recover (from the CITY) any workers' compensation paid to an injured employee of the contractor.

10. **Property** Insurance is required for persons having exclusive use of premises or equipment owned or controlled by the CITY. **Builder's Risk/Course of Construction** is required during construction projects and should include building materials in transit and stored at the project site.

11. **Surety** coverage may be required to guarantee performance of work and payment to vendors and suppliers. A **Crime Policy** may be required to handle CITY funds or securities, and under certain other conditions. **Specialty coverages** may be needed for certain operations. For assistance in obtaining the CITY required bid, performance and payment surety bonds, please see the City of Los Angeles Contractor Development and Bond Assistance Program website address at <http://cao.lacity.org/risk/BondAssistanceProgram.pdf> or call (213) 258-3000 for more information.

12. **Cyber Liability & Privacy** coverage may be required to cover technology services or products for both liability and property losses that may result when a CITY contractor engages in various electronic activities, such as selling on the Internet or collecting data within its internal electronic network. Contractor's policies shall cover liability for a data breach in which the CITY employees' and/or CITY customers' confidential or personal information, such as but not limited to, Social Security or credit card information are exposed or stolen by a hacker or other criminal who has gained access to the CITY's or contractor's electronic network. The policies shall cover a variety of expenses associated with data breaches, including: notification costs, credit monitoring, costs to defend claims by state regulators, fines and penalties, and loss resulting from identity theft. The policies are required to cover liability arising from website media content, as well as property exposures from: (a) business interruption, (b) data loss/destruction, (c) computer fraud, (d) funds transfer loss, and (e) cyber extortion.



Esther Alailima Semeatu <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org>

Fwd: Keeping and Replacing Echo Park Fence

2 messages

Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

To: Esther Alailima Semeatu <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org>

Hi Esther,

Please add to the VC's

Thanks,

Takisha Sardin

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 Department of Recreation and Parks
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 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Forwarded message

From: **Desiree Ramirez** <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

Date: Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 10:28 AM

Subject: Fwd: Keeping and Replacing Echo Park Fence

To: Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Hi Takisha,

Not sure if this should go to the board office as well

Thank you

Forwarded message

From: **Dolores Deangelis** <>

Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

Subject: Keeping and Replacing Echo Park Fence

To: <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Cc: <desiree.ramirez@lacity.org>

Dear Mr. Kim,

March 1, 2023

Please keep and replace the fence surrounding Echo Park Lake. We participated in a Zoom meeting and a written survey done last fall for the Parks and Recreation Dept. T those in favor of keeping and replacing far outnumber those who want the fence to come down.

The fence is working! I understand from LAPD the fence makes it easier to lock and secure each night at 10:30pm by Park Rangers with the back up of unarmed police pa drug dealing, prostitution, and graffiti. The fence is saving the City money in constant repairs and helping control E.coli in the lake keeping it safe as a bird sanctuary.

Not having a fence has already cost the city too much money. We understand \$45 million to completely clean and refurbish before reopening in 2013. And \$600,000 to rep the park secure and well maintained. There are parks with beautiful fences all over LA. Surely Echo Park deserves a lovely fence surrounding this iconic landmark of LA.

It is unfortunate that Council-member Hugo made taking down the fence a political issue for a group of his supporters. The fence does not criminalize anyone...the fence p REPLACE the fence and keep it a beautiful green place for ALL!

Sincerely,

Dolores DeAngelis

Protect Echo Park Lake

Desiree N. Ramirez, M.P.A. (she/her)

Executive Administrative Assistant to

Jimmy Kim, General Manager

City of Los Angeles: Department of Recreation & Parks

Direct: 213-524-9540

Esther Alailima Semeatu <esther.alailimasemeatu@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 8:59 AM

To: Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>

Will do.

BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

To

2023 MAR -8 PM 3:43

Hello, my name is Jacy Boo, a 62 year old Korean female, struggling artist. I have decided to write a letter to you to ask you to do something for park's native animal in crisis of disappearance in Lincoln Park in Lincoln heights immediately since north animal rescue center would not offer any help to this situation at all. It's about the native animals in the park, squirrels.

In Lincoln Park, a man in carpeting business had brought his cats to the park to settle down a few years ago. Currently more than 13 cats have been living in the park and they have been eating squirrels. There are two other people have been feeding the cats ever since. The cats live under the big container boxes safely. Not even a coyote can not approach their homes since it is gated.

Park is a public property and no ones' pet should be allowed to live in there permanently. And people expect to see squirrels not house cats there. But seems like there are more house cats than squirrels nowadays. Nowadays, not even 10 squirrels left. Squirrels have to stay at the top of the trees most of times because of cats underneath. They can't come down to eat. And the weather have been harsh too. They must be exhausted since they can't get enough sleep because of constant fear.

I have been building personal relationships with some of the squirrels here. My favorite one was one armed handicapped squirrel. But she is gone. And the one who seem to show his face and say, 'I am still alive' to me every morning since I worry about their lives each day. But he is gone too.

We know that park animals are managed by park office when we see signs saying not to feed them. Here in Lincoln park, catching ducks and swans is illegal too. No one eat squirrels but they are the biggest part to the park scene. But nowadays, so little squirrels are left. All together in the whole park, not even 10 squirrels left.

I visited the animal rescue headquarter office. They said, I have to do in in North division. So I went there and I had talked to the kennel manager. He said if the manager of the park calls him, he will send people to catch the cats. So, I and manager of the park, Louis tried to call him many times. But we got disconnected constantly.

So, I went there. I saw the kennel manager behind the window, he seemed to say to me to wait for a while. So, I waited 2 hours. But clerk over the intercom started to say to me to leave cats alone. She said, they are free spirit.

But would people find a park covered with housecats instead of squirrels pleasant and peaceful?

I was waiting for the kennel manager, but the security guard and field manager came out to see me out side instead. And they said, the kennel manager has nothing to do with this matter. The manager of the park has to come to the center to get the catching permit and then bring those cats to the center. They said, they will not come to the park to catch cats. (The general manager of the park, Louis seem to be so busy all the time and kind of sensitive with racial issues and catching the cats will not be easy for ordinary park workers too).

Last October, I saw the shops in Chinatown are selling baby turtles in a cold tank. When they want to make sales, they put lots of water in the tank. There, baby who are supposed to sleep most of the days have to swim constantly not to be drown into the water. I couldn't do anything when I saw this. So, I had bought several turtles from the merchants.

I went to the north center and I reported this to the officer, Ms. Vanessa Rodriguez. She said, it's illegal for them to sell turtles there and she will do something to stop them. But until now, they have not done anything to it . And also, they had killed one of my baby turtles which I had left there. Later on, I went back there to leave 4 other healthy turtles I been taking care of. But I realized they had killed the baby one. They had told me that the baby was adapted before Christmas. I saw the adoption paper, It said, Reptile, adoption fee was \$54.

Baby turtles are sold for \$10 in Chinatown with a tank and food. Who would adopt a baby turtle for \$54? I know it's lie. The receiving clerks were so discussed with the baby turtle as it was taken in. They said, turtles have diseases and we should not touch them. I don't think they fed the baby turtle on a regular basis, that's why he died. After leaving the baby one there, I had realized that water temperature was too high. That's why he didn't eat. Now, I have healthy 4 other healthy turtles. I am stuck with these. Though I think animals are the teachers of Law of nature, I wish to spend time to myself alone now. But, I couldn't leave my turtles at the center.

So. all they do is to receive animals people bring and do the paper work for adoptions. It seems like the center is there to pay the workers.

Could you please investigate this urgent matter and call the North division center to send people to the park to catch cats to protect squirrels? Otherwise, the park will be covered with house cats completely in a few days.

The reason why people go to parks is because it's Nature and squirrels are native not the housecats. Please do something right away to save a few left squirrels. I am suffering terribly since I see squirrels are having severe times to struggle to survive constantly.

Thank you very much for reading a long letter. Please do call the 2 managers in the parks to investigate this urgent matter. Also, feel free to call me at [REDACTED] too.

Lincoln Park
Luise or Ivan

hurt & frustrated
Jacy B...

Jacy Boo

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re:  HOLLYWOOD Sign + Rec and Parks  We need Help!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 9:04 AM

To: <>

Good Morning,

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

On Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 8:22 AM Official Hollywoodland Homeowners Association eMail <> wrote:



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION est. 1942

9 March 2023

Dear City Leaders:

Below is the mission, vision and motto statements posted on RAP's current website. There is nothing discussing tourism, sign promotion or accommodating corporate sponsors from the entertainment industry. There is however, clear regard and purpose for the residents and environment. We do know there has been significant interference among politicians like the previous mayor who had a stronghold on the previous GM to light the sign just a few days before he submitted his retirement. That is not how proper process within the city charter operates. That said, please understand and hear concerns over the folks who have lost their way in the process and are attempting to manipulate the charge of RAP and the honor of the good citizens and their private properties.

Mission Statement RAP

Our mission is to enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and human services activities for people of all ages to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of our environment.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide affordable recreational, physical and cultural opportunities for all of Los Angeles residents, with a focus on families, youth development and building healthy communities. The programs and services offered by the Department will provide excellent value and quality and emphasize the equitable distribution of resources throughout the City. We will offer these programs in safe, attractive and well-maintained facilities that will reflect the public's needs and interests.

Our Motto

We build healthy communities through people, parks and programs.

Hollywoodland Tract, Our History, Our Land

As a one hundred year old neighborhood we have collected, digitized and organized materials that have supported our mission of protection, safety, quality of life for our property owners and their families. We have been concerned about the open space surrounding our tract since our inception, so much so that in 1942 we had our own fire truck and volunteer fire team protecting homes and the open space. Unlike other communities we are immersed inside the open space of tract 6450. That 444 acre space was given to the city in 1944 along with the namesake Hollywoodland sign. Three private parcels with ingress/ egress easements were also identified within that openspace . Those easements and two private parcels exist today.

Comments/ Suggestions/Recommendations "Living with an Icon "

There have been many attempts over the last twenty (20)years to sort and understand issues relating to the sign and associated problems.

Facts:

The Hollywood sign and the land it rests on is owned by the city of Los Angeles RAP department. It was given in 1944 by the Sherman Company. A three year city contract was given to the Hollywood Chamber that lapsed in 1951. No contract or concessionaire's agreement exists today.

The Chamber owns the service mark for the visual image of the word Hollywood. Lake Hollywood Park is a pocket park dedicated for the primary use of the local residents. It rests on the original land from the Hollywoodland tract. Canyon Lake Drive was created to access Lake Hollywood Estates and was developed on park land. I can not find any city files indicating this is a public road. That said, it is assumed it remains a park road since the roadway was created on park property.

There are no official, legal openings into the open space from Hollywoodland residential. The bootlegged LaBonge /FOGP promoted easement road access has been litigated with a judgement in favor of the Sunset Ranch to protect their easement property rights. It is not a public entrance. The only official opening into tract 6450 open space is from Canyon Drive in Bronson canyon adjacent to the Oaks neighborhood.

The Chamber, Sign Trust have no authority to administer the sign or its' use. The Trust has authority for contributing a designated amount of funds to maintain the sign. This was determined in the 1990's after the AG investigated and agreed the Chamber misappropriated sign trust funds and public trust.

It is unknown who provides liability insurance for the Hollywood sign.

A right of entry to the sign needs RAP clearance if non RAP/ city people enter that space.

A monetary use fee can and should be charged for non city personnel.

Neither the overlook or vista off Canyon Lake Drive have authority or paperwork/ budget indicating they have been legally installed.

In 2014 a council candidate, Tomas OGrady briefly studied the conditions and issues relating to the excessive traffic tourist, hiking issue. He developed an outline for a resolution along with details for environmental plantings etc. His plan was ignored. Under the last council administration a Ford Theater hiker trail was created with the idea of providing an alternate hiking trail to view the sign. Money was spend and no resolve of the issue occurred. It is currently not being promoted as an alternative use for sightseeing/ hiking to the sign.

Management and enforcement of existing laws on the books go unheeded (DOT, RAP, quality of life, sanitation, fire,) This report concurred with that.

Authorities need to stop marketing and start managing understanding the geography, infrastructure comprehensively. We have no idea how many people also use the reservoir or wisdom tree, no idea how many people come here and their purpose.

We recommend the City obtain the following information/facts so quantifiable actions can be made:

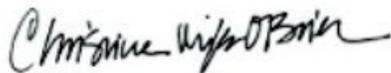
How much money has been allocated to DOT to attempt to address the traffic related problems?
 What are the high use days, what is the average DOT cost, LAPD cost, LAFD Cost, RAP?
 Has any of the money proved effective?
 What is the measurement of effectiveness?
 Establish a budget based on effective government allocation of funding.
 Measure awareness and use of the sign promotion. There are advertising resources that measure awareness (translate it into use).
 How often is the sign used annually?
 What are the product translation costs, the translation cost put back on the adjacent communities and the costs to the city.
 Identify high use days, project high use days and elements that trigger high use. Identify costs to effectively control a safe environment high use days.
 How has good planning practices per the Hollywood Community Plan been adhered to?
 Has it been helpful to preserve community and environment?
 Transfer liability to promoters of the sign with legal , binding contracts.
 Install cams at problem hot spots that has retrievable data accessible to LAPD, RAP. Data should be used to create meaningful, applicable solutions/ actions particularly in scheduling, resource allocation etc.

Responsibility of this space is RAPs, not the chamber, not the mayor, not the tourist board. RAP has the final say in its management, per city charter. The council's role is to follow the lead of RAP, to administer public safety and assure protection for citizens and private property.

Does RAP want to support their mission or support the promotion of the chamber's marketing and the tourist trade?
 If RAP supports its mission the following are not needed:
 Handicap parking, ride share, drop off, signage, turnaround, paid parking, restrooms, public shuttles, sign lighting and the infiltration of the chamber and trust.

We look forward to your response and actions.

Sincerely,



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