

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

February 01, 2024

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager *J/K*
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>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Linda Gravani comments regarding Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC	#9544	Referred to General Manager
2) Jim Stein comments regarding Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC	#9544a	Referred to General Manager
3) Maryam Zar comments regarding Pacific Palisades Dog park	#9545	Referred to General Manager
4) Jason M. Saunders comments regarding Fig Slauson Park	#9546	Referred to General Manager
5) Dmytro Seredenko comments regarding Proposed Dog Park at Knapp Ranch	#9547	Referred to General Manager
6) Richard Pollock&Sandra Danburg comments regarding Proposed Dog Park at Knapp Ranch	#9548	Referred to General Manager
7) Stan Getz on behalf of Valley Circle Estates HOA comments regarding Proposed Dog Park at Knapp Ranch	#9549	Referred to General Manager
8) Jeff Schnair comments regarding Bill Rosenthal Park	#9550	Referred to General Manager

9) David Josephson comments regarding RAPs commitment to skill development for gymnastics	#9551	Referred to General Manager
10) Sara M. Guerra comments regarding Harold Henry Park	#9552	Referred to General Manager
11) Eduardo Roca comments regarding Queen Anne Park	#9553	Referred to General Manager
12) Suzanne Cimolino comments regarding Los Angeles Equestrian Center	#9554	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Jesse Owens Park Sign

1 message

Robert Eastland <robert.eastland@lacity.org>

Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 4:31 PM

To: Linda Gravani <>

Cc: Rap Commissioners <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>, jared.rivera@lacity.org, Jim Stein <>, rap-publicart@lacity.org, Darryl Ford <Darryl.Ford@lacity.org>, Chinyere Stoneham <chinyere.stoneham@lacity.org>, Ramon Barajas <ramon.barajas@lacity.org>, Rosie Avetisyan <rosie.avetisyan@lacity.org>, Council Member Padilla <councilmember.padilla@lacity.org>

Hi Linda,

We are sorry to hear that you have not been sufficiently advised about the whole process, it was not RAP's intention to slow down your timeline. Our directions for the public art proposal are in line with the prior correspondence we had with LBNC on December 5th of 2022. Nevertheless, before our staff can start our review we will need the application to be completed to the best of your ability.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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Executive Committee & Chair of VANC

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

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Hello Jim,

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- Please completely fill out the public art application, there are several sections left blank. In addition to items 1-13 on the first page, RAP also needs letters A-F to be answered on the second page. This includes submitting an artist resume, relevant press, a detailed written narrative about the plaque answering numbers 1-7, a detailed rendering of the finished project and color photographs of the proposed site. Please try to answer all questions to the best of your ability, and make a note if you cannot answer a question.
- Public art proposals must be completely funded by the applicant. RAP will incur no cost related to this proposal. Please identify a funding source.
- RAP also requires a signed artist waiver for all public art installations. I have attached a blank copy to this email for the artist to sign.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the information provided to you, our section would be happy to address any possible concerns. Regarding our Art Policy and Procedure, [RAP's Art Policy](#) contains protocols and criteria for the evaluation and approval of proposed public art projects, such as the installation of murals, the construction of monuments, the installation of memorial plaques, etc.

RAP requires all proposers to fully complete and submit the [Public Art Application](#), the required documentation as detailed in the Public Art Application, and sign the Artist Waiver form. All Public Art proposals are subject to review and approval by RAP Planning, Construction, Maintenance, and Recreational staff and if found appropriate in accordance with the Board's Art Policy, can then be submitted to the Board's Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force for initial consideration.

As detailed in the Policy, the approval process for all Public Art includes presentation of the proposed Public Art project to the Board's Facility Repair and Maintenance Task Force, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Commission, and the Board -- in that order -- following that initial review by RAP staff. All of these bodies must approve proposed Public Art projects. There have been instances where DCA staff have said that a particular proposed install does not need to go to them -- or that they essentially approve at staff level -- but that is up to DCA to determine. We leave it in the hands of the applicant to reach out to DCA to navigate their approval process.

If/after the RAP Board's approval, staff can then issue a Right-of-Entry permit to the artist to install/repair/restore the art. The completion of all the above typically takes several months, and therefore this proposal will not be ready in time for an event during Black History Month.

On Mon, Jan 15, 2024 at 10:54 AM Jim Stein < > wrote:

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We have been told this could be fast tracked. Mayor Karen Bass has expressed interest in attending this opening event. Ramon has told us there is \$150,000 left in this budget for the park improvement. We would like to move forward.

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Working hard to maintain our Parks and honor our History.

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Planning, Maintenance and Construction
[221 North Figueroa St., Suite 400 Los Angeles, CA 90012](#)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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1 message

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Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 7:53 AM

To: Linda Gravani <>

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Fwd: Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC

1 message

Linda Gravani < > Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 10:39 AM
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, jared.rivera@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org
 Cc: Jim Stein >

Hi Everyone.

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC) is in need of your assistance.

The many hoops that are required to place a well deserving plaque to Jesse Owens should not be this difficult.

LBNC is not a private organization wanting to put something on public property.

LBNC is a Department within the City of Los Angeles wanting to put a commemorative plaque at one of the City of Los Angeles' parks. This effort was started by our stakeholders.

1. LBNC cannot sign contracts
 2. LBNC cannot provide names/organizations to keep the plaque in good order, we are elected and may not be around to handle in the future.
 3. LBNC needs help in cutting through this red tape which shouldn't apply to Neighborhood Councils in my opinion.
 4. City funds will be used to pay for this project, shouldn't RaP be responsible for the upkeep?
- As you can tell, I'm totally frustrated that LBNC can't get this accomplished. As I've mentioned before, we wanted this plaque in place last year for Black History Month. We want Mayor Bass to be in attendance since it's a big deal for us and wanted her to enjoy this momentous occasion with us.

What can you do to help us to get past all these roadblocks?

Thank you,

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From: **Robert Eastland** <robert.eastland@lacity.org>

Date: Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 9:18 AM

Subject: Re: Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign for Lake Balboa NC

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On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 4:02 PM Jim Stein

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Reseda, CA 91335
818-578-6234
premiumsignsolutions.com

Customer:
Lake Balboa
Neighborhood Council

Day of Install Contact:
Jim Stein

Project:
Plaque

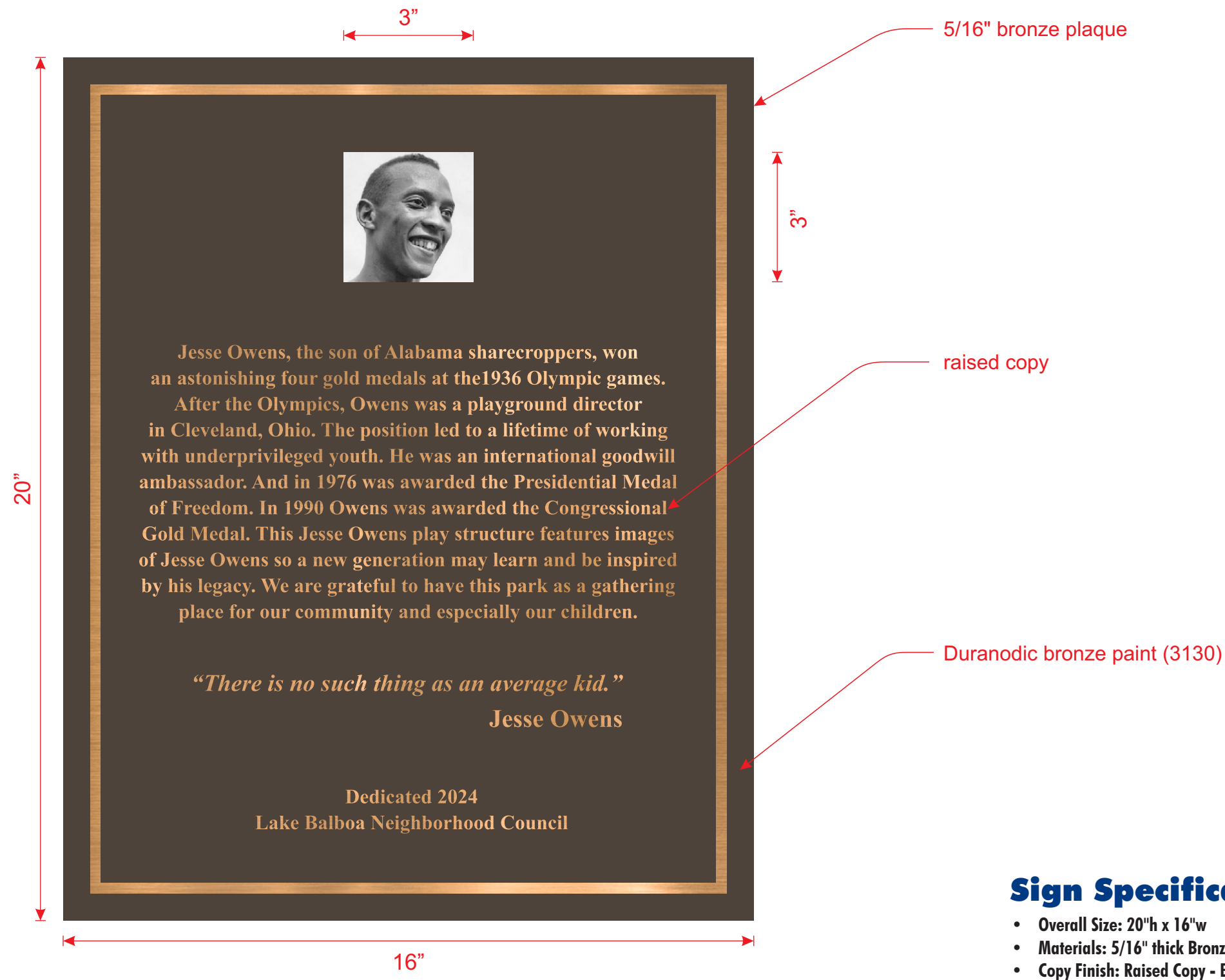
Designer:
Raffy Belgira

Design Revision:

Date:
01/13/2024

Job Number:
18483

Note:



Sign Specifications:

- Overall Size: 20" h x 16" w
- Materials: 5/16" thick Bronze plaque
- Copy Finish: Raised Copy - Brushed
- Edge Finish: Brushed Edges
- Paint Fill Color: Duranodic Bronze (3130)

INSTALLATION ADDRESS:

DAY OF INSTALL CONTACT:
Jim Stein



Quote 97434 #1

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Plaque Sign

SALES REP INFO
 Chris O'Connell

QUOTE DATE
 Fri, 12/08/2023

QUOTE EXPIRY DATE
 Sun, 01/07/2024

TERMS
 50/25/25

ORDERED BY
 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
 7100 White Oak Avenue
 Van Nuys, Los Angeles, CA 91406

INSTALL ADDRESS

CONTACT INFO
 Jim Stein

#	ITEM	QTY	UOM	U.PRICE	TOTAL (EXCL. TAX)	TAXABLE
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1	Rectangular Plaque Your Sign Specifications:	1	Inch	\$5,449.00	\$5,449.00	Y
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- Overall Size: 20"h x 16"w
- Materials: 5/16" thick Bronze plaque
- Design Details: Customer-provided
- Copy Finish: Raised Copy - Brushed
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- Paint Fill Color: Duranodic Bronze (3130)
- Includes Braille: No
- Lit or Unlit: Unlit
- Has customer provided art file use-able For production: Yes
 - Note: an set up fee will be added to the project unless a vector file is provided
- Installation Height: Install onto client's rock. Not to exceed 8'
- Removal of Existing Signage Included: No
- Price includes:
 - A design rendering / mock up to review and either approve or make changes to (two light design revisions are included)
 - Dedicated Project Manager and Weekly Project Updates
 - Professional installation by a Premium Sign Solutions Certified Installer during standard business hours
- Pricing Terms:
 - 50% deposit upon contract approval
 - 25% upon scheduling of installation
 - Final balance due upon installation

References Available Upon Request

Price assumes installation area is painted, prepped and in ready-to-install condition. Price does not include disposing of existing sign(s), or patching, painting or repairing the wall(s) unless otherwise noted. Any additional work and/or additional trips to job site will be billed to the customer.

2	Permit Procurement (Optional Service)	1	Each	\$895.00	\$895.00	N
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	<p>Permit Procurement Service: The City requires a permit for all outdoor signs. Prior to sign fabrication Premium Sign Solutions will, on behalf of the customer, submit to the City for approval, complete and fully dimensioned shop drawings reflecting the proposed signs designs.</p> <p>This service includes a permit processing fee which includes: completing all drawings and paperwork for Landlord / City / County; and filing permit application, including one trip to City Hall. City Plan Checks, Permits and all other additional costs are passed on to customer at cost.</p> <p>Payment for these expenses are due upon permits being issued and must be paid before project continues. All permit costs may be paid with credit card and are subject to a 3% service charge when paid via credit card. Stamped engineering drawings, additional visits to City Hall, any Architectural Review Board meetings and Final Inspection will be billed at cost + \$100.00 per hour.</p> <p>***Note: Before we pull permits, you'll need: -Approval from landlord -Landlord Sign Guidelines and City Sign Program Details -An active business license filed with the city -Zoning for your type of business -Approved tenant improvement plans</p> <p>Time spent for any return trips to the city that Premium Sign Solutions makes on behalf of the customer because the city isn't ready to issue project permits will be charged to the customer.</p>					
3	<p>City Permit Fees City Plan Check: Cost TBD* City Permit Fee: Cost TBD* Additional City Fees: Cost TBD* Additional City Visits: Cost TBD* Credit Card Service Charge on City Fees (3.5%):</p> <p><i>*Premium Sign Solutions will pay city costs directly to city on customer's behalf. Reimbursement for city fees due upon city permits being issued (or declined).</i></p>	1	Each	\$0	\$0	N
4	<p>Final Inspection (Optional Service) Permitted Signs require a final inspection with a city inspector to confirm signs conform to city code.</p> <p>This is a service that Premium Sign Solutions can provide or a member of your business may handle.</p> <p>If you choose to handle Final Inspection, this fee can be removed from your invoice. Your stamped plans (provided to you) are all that you'll need during the inspection.</p>	1	Each	\$395.00	\$395.00	N
5	<p>City Council / Neighborhood Council Meeting Attendance If a member of Premium Sign Solutions is required to attend any sort of council meeting - this is the cost PER meeting</p>	1	Each	\$595.00	\$595.00	N
6	<p>Pre Purchase Design Proof NOTE: All signs purchased through Premium Sign Solutions include a FREE design rendering / mock up to review. This Line Item is pricing for projects that require a sign rendering BEFORE purchase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign rendering created before contract approval and deposit • Includes: mock up of sign shown in customer installation area 	1	Each	\$150.00	\$150.00	Y

ITEM

QTY UOM U.PRICE TOTAL (EXCL. TAX) TAXABLE

- Customer must provide: vector file, straight on photo of installation area, measurements of area shown in photo

The price of design before contract approval will not be credited toward project.

7	Additionally Insured Administrative Fee Fee required to process paperwork if Property Manager, Landlords, Building Administration, etc. require on-site vendors (Premium Sign Solutions) to add them as additionally insured to PSS' insurance policy in order to perform work on site	1	Each	\$45.00	\$45.00	N
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Please note: additional Endorsements, Waivers of Subrogation or other changes to PSS' existing insurance policy are subject to additional costs

If no additional insurance processing is required beyond a standard Certificate of Insurance, this fee may be removed

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Proofing: Project includes 1 free design proof and 2 rounds of light revisions.

Payment Schedule: 50% non-refundable due upon signed contract, 25% upon scheduling of installation and 25% upon receipt of order. While we expect final payment on date of installation, invoices 21 days past due will accrue a 4% interest charge per month.

Credit Card Fee: Credit Cards are subject to a 3.5% percent processing fee

Ownership: All products are owned by Premium Sign Solutions until full payment is received. The sign may be repossessed until full payment is received.

Collections: Client agrees to pay all attorney's fees, collection costs, and other related expenses incurred by Premium Sign Solutions in order to collect any money due under the payment terms of this agreement, plus interest and late fees, that is permitted by law, on all past due amounts.

Cancellation/Change policy: No refunds after production has commenced. No changes can be made once proof is approved by the customer.

Indemnity: Client indemnifies Premium Sign Solutions against any claim by any property owner, landlord, tenant, or any other party that the above signs may violate. This includes any agreements the client may have with said parties or where such signs are not properly authorized by the parties and where their authorization is required.

Approval of this estimate represents customer acknowledgement of these defined terms.

Subtotal:	\$7,529.00
Sales Tax (9.5%):	\$299.16
Total:	\$7,828.16

Downpayment (50.0 %)

\$3,914.08

SIGNATURE:

DATE:



CVBS Reseda
7030 Canby Avenue
Reseda, CA 91335

Quotation

Quote No 181865
Quote Date 12/11/2023
Expiration Date 01/10/2024
Customer CASHS
Contact Name Jim Stein
Contact Number
Job
Your Ref
Delivery On 12/11/2023
Taken By Michael Nunez
Sales Rep House
 False

Invoice Address
Cash Sales Reseda
Cash Sale

Delivery Address
Cash Sales Reseda
7100 White Oak Ave
Van Nuys, California, 91406



Special Instructions	Notes
1 PLT *Pending delivery date* Cross streets: White Oak Avenue / Sherman Way Call customer when leaving yard,	Materials are in stock as of 12-11-23. ETA 1-2 days from the date of purchase. Prices and availability are subject to change without notice. All sales are final, no returns or exchanges will be permitted.

Line	Product Code	Description	Qty/Footage	Price	Per	Total
1		1 PALLET LOCATED IN RESEDA				
2	SP090	SYDNEY PEAK LANDSCAPE BOULDER	4,180 LB	0.21	LB	877.80
3	SPT	STONE PALLET TAKEN (6.00 WHEN RETURNED)	1 ea	10.00	ea	10.00
4	DC4	Delivery 10w Flat Valley				104.00
5	Fuel Surcharge	Fuel Surcharge				19.84

WEIGHMASTER CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following described commodity was weighed, measured, or counted by a weighmaster, whose signature is on this certificate, who is a recognized authority of accuracy, as prescribed by Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 12700) of division 5 of the California Business and Professions Code, administered by the Division of Measurement Standards of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

By your signature below, you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions set forth on back or attached.

Total Amount	\$1,011.64
Other Tax 9.50%	\$96.11
Quotation Total	\$1,107.75

Buyer _____ Date _____

Main Office: 7030 Canby Avenue
Reseda, California 91335
Phone (818) 343-4614

Design Center: 7030 Reseda Boulevard
Reseda, California 91335
Phone (818) 343-3838

Van Nuys: 5919 Sepulveda Boulevard
Van Nuys, California 91411
Phone (818) 781-1384

Orange: 2875 Orange Olive Road
Orange, California 92865
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch

Public Art Application (Rev. 08/2014)

Date: Dec 7th, 2023

1. Applicant: (Individual name or organization, address, email, telephone):

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

2. Project Title/Description (attach separate sheet if required):

Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign

3. Project Location/Street Address: 7100 White Oak Ave Lake Balboa, CA 91406

4. Council District of Project Location: 6

5. Artist(s) Information (attach separate sheet for multiple entries, if required):

Name: Chris O'Connell / Premium Sign Solutions Address: 17328 Ventura Blvd #106, Encino CA 91316

Email(s): chris@premiumsignsolutions.com Telephone(s): 310-266-7278

6. Estimated Cost of Project (Materials, Labor, Insurance, etc.): _____

7. Expected Length of Time for Installation: 2-4 hours

8. Expected Lifespan of Project: (3 years, 5 years, 7 years, other,) 10 year maximum: 5-10 years

9. Who will be responsible for maintaining the project during its lifespan? (attach separate sheet if required)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

10. Do you have a signed contract with the artist regarding the proposed project? Y or N

11. Do you have a signed contract with the artist addressing the duration the project will remain in place, project maintenance, and/or removal of the project from park property? Y or N

12. If "Yes" to either of 10 or 11 above, please attach one (1) copy of each contract.

13. See "Required Documentation" sheet for additional information and requirements.

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Public Art Proposal Required Documentation (Rev. 08/2014)

All requested items and copies of requested documents must be submitted to RAP before an application can be processed and scheduled for an initial review.

- A. Application Form;
- B. Artist(s) Resume(s) – please be sure the resumes list other past public art projects the artists have done, with descriptions, locations, and dates of each project.
- C. Relevant Press – one review (one page maximum) of the artist’s work or the applicant’s work.
- D. Written Narrative (maximum two pages) – in the order they appear below. Please address and include a description of the following items:
 - 1. Funding Source(s) – Identify all funding sources such as grants, fund-raised monies, or donations and include whether these funds are committed or proposed.
 - 2. Artist Selection Process – How was the artist selected? How many artists were interviewed/considered?
 - 3. Design – How was it derived?
 - 4. Community Context – How does the design fit within the existing environment in terms of size, color, surrounding building types, materials, theme, community culture or architectural design, etc.
 - 5. Production Process – How will the proposed wall/area be prepared? What type of medium will be used? Who will do the actual production – the artist, the artist and assistants, or the artist and students?
 - 6. Maintenance – Identify (name, address, email, telephone) the individual who will arrange to have the project cleaned and/or repaired. With what funds and for how long is this maintenance commitment? Describe the process you have developed to maintain the installation over its lifespan. Attach a signed letter or other documentation from the individual responsible for this maintenance commitment indicating his/her acceptance of this responsibility.
 - 7. Agreement Regarding Anti-Graffiti Coating – Application of an anti-graffiti coating is mandatory. Attach a letter or other correspondence showing that an anti-graffiti coating has been arranged.
- E. Detailed Sketch and/or Drawing – Colors and details must be accurately indicated and rendering must be to scale. Indicate the precise area of the park where the project is proposed. Provide a photograph of the proposed location with an overlay of the proposed project at scale. (7 copies)
- F. Color Photographs of the Site and Surroundings – Show adjacent buildings, buildings across the street, and local landmarks that indicate the flavor of the neighborhood. (7 copies)

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
Artist Waiver for Public Art, Murals, Monuments, and Plaques (Rev. 07/2023)
Waiver of Rights of Attribution and Integrity for Artwork Placed upon City Property.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to modify Artist's rights of attribution and integrity as set forth in the Visual Artists Rights Act, 17 U.S.C. §§106A and 113(d) ("VARA"), the California Art Preservation Act, Cal. Civil Code §§ 987 and 989 ("CAPA"), and any rights arising under United States federal or state law or under the laws of another country that convey rights of the same nature as those conveyed under VARA and CAPA ("Other Laws"), as against the City of Los Angeles ("City") and its agents. Artist hereby waives their rights of attribution and integrity as may be provided for under VARA, CAPA and Other Laws without waiving any other rights of ownership or other intellectual property rights in the artwork/project identified below, and provided that Artist shall retain the right to be identified as the author of the artwork/project identified below without obligating the City to provide attribution.

In accordance with the waiver set forth above, Artist agrees that the City has the absolute right to change, modify, destroy, remove, relocate, move, replace, transport, repair or restore the [describe the artwork/project: mural, sculpture, etc. and medium]:

Entitled [title of work]: Jesse Owens Mini Park Sign

And located at [identify site, including interior location if applicable]:
7100 White Oak Ave. Lake Balboa, CA. 91406

In whole or in part, in City's sole discretion.

Artist's Address for Notice: 17328 Ventura Blvd Suite 106, Encino CA 91316

Artist bears the sole responsibility for providing the City with any changes to the Artist's Address for Notice. Notice of changes must be mailed to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Chris O'Connell [Chris O'Connell - Approved Digital Signature 1/17/24](#) Jan. 17, 2024
Artist Name & Signature Date

Past Public Art and Signage Projects for Premium Sign Solutions

- Oakridge Park Historic Plaque - The Oakridge Estate, 18650 Devonshire St, Northridge, CA 91324 - January 2020
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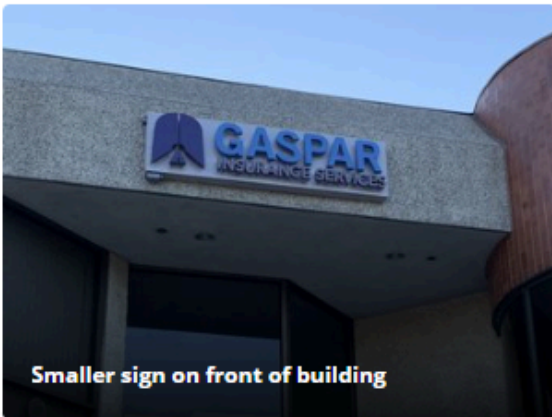
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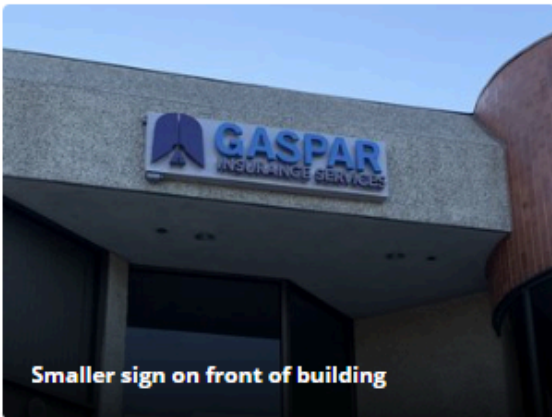
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: In support of Pacific Palisades Dog Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:20 AM

To: Maryam Zar <>

Cc: Michael Amster <michael.amster@lacity.org>, Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>, vp <vp@pacpalicc.org>, PPCC PPCC <>, "leslie dogsoutla.com" <>, Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Cathie Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Darryl Ford <Darryl.Ford@lacity.org>, Joe Halper <>

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jan 13, 2024 at 10:50 AM Maryam Zar <>

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to express the support of Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) for the planned dog park in our community, and the allocation of Measure A funds to realize this long-planned park.

We thank Councilmember Traci Park for her support.

Best, Maryam Zar
PPCC President

See our letter attached:

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PALISADES PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

January 11, 2024

Subject: Support for Pacific Palisades Dog Park

Sent Via Email:

LA City Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based, representative voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973. Since 2018, we have consistently affirmed the idea that there should be a dog park in Pacific Palisades. Our most recent letter to Councilwoman Traci Park, expressing our support and thanking her for the support of CD11, can be found on our organization's website: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/In-support-of-Dog-Park-2023.pdf>

We have since learned from the Council Office that Measure A funds have been identified and earmarked for the realization of this long-planned dog park in Pacific Palisades. The Palisades, as you know, serves communities from all over Los Angeles as we host magnificent beaches and mountain trails which are recreation destinations for Angelenos. Without a dog park, we risk having visitors and residents alike use non-permitted areas in some of our most coveted open space resources to take their dogs off-leash, and this can have a harmful impact on those environs (including on the new George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon).

Today, we write to support your Commission and the Council Office in affirming Measure A funds for this long awaited park, and we hope to welcome you all when we finally inaugurate the Pacific Palisades Dog Park.

Best,

Maryam Zar

PPCC President



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fig Slauson Park Moratorium Request Public Meeting

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:03 AM

To: Jason Saunders <>

Cc: Bryce Rosauo <bryce.rosauo@lacity.org>, daryl.ford@lacity.org, Voices Of <>

PCSouthLA@lacity.org, RAP ProjectInfo <RAP.projectinfo@lacity.org>, james.kim@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 Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM Jason Saunders <>

> wrote:

Councilmember Curren Price, 9th District.

Department of Recreation and Parks Commission and Staff
South Los Angeles Planning

In September of 2023, The Board of Parks and Recreation approved a design for Slauson Fig Park (aka Bill Green Memorial Park) Shortly after the design was made known our neighborhood council sent letters to Council Member Price's office and the mayor's office expressing our disapproval of said design which is contrary to the input and desires of the community (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hqq3-ovEq4VPJgPGzGzBxqkYNIBhTYot4/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=100827043402745479322&rtpof=true&sd=true) The vote to oppose this design was unanimous.

Our neighborhood council very much wants a park in our community. These shared spaces help create place and community as well as support emotional well being. The benefits of these third places are well established. Our community is underserved in this regard. We very much want a beautiful park at Figueroa and Slauson and we want it as soon as practical. South Los Angeles has amongst the lowest tree canopy https://drive.google.com/file/d/10MRsxhJxNinzvusIN1FhyLM06tkSUEDH/view?usp=drive_link in the city and experiences extreme summertime heat waves, the urban heat island effect as well as inordinate amount of air pollution from sources such as the 110 freeway and LAX. As global climate change looms on our city it is important that we create spaces that offer respite from the hot summer days. This means green environments with plenty of shade and low albedo. Our opposition is only in relation to the this design (https://drive.google.com/file/d/17L2mry6IPF-oUvwDgiJk94sKPf5gxnPi/view?usp=drive_link) that calls for an excessive amount of hard-scape and fencing both of which are expressly unwanted. The design is contrary to the documented feedback given to the Department of Recreation and Parks at meetings held with our council.

Daryl Ford from Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and Sherilyn Correa from Council Member Price's office approached the Voices Neighborhood Council in the summer and fall of

2021 requesting design feedback for the new park. The board enthusiastically did so. Over several meetings the feedback called for a natural park with minimal hardscape and no fencing. The feedback called for things such as native landscaping, rainwater capture, a community garden, art and a direct connection to the Rail to Rail Active Transportation Corridor being developed adjacent to the parcel; The selected design missed all of these points.

Daryl Ford shared a presentation that listed the items they 'heard' from the community feedback. A screen shot of that presentation https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WnbMbRHsnJSj0Gctc95zLLC_Yemw_5n9/view?usp=drive_link shows desired design elements such minimal hardscape, natural space, rainwater capture, and no fencing. RAP promised to return with an updated design based on this feedback however despite being agendized July, August and September RAP did not return with a design.

Fast forward to the Fall of 2023 when Urbanize.LA writes an online article (<https://la.urbanize.city/post/heres-design-new-park-5800-s-figueroa-street>) The article shared a city rendition of a design that was not only NEVER presented to the neighborhood council, It's design elements were opposed to the feedback they received during the NC meetings. The design created calls for an excessive amount of hardscape (75% -85%) and 8' tall institutional steel security fencing; the exact opposite of what community members requested. The official report (<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2023/sep07/23-167.pdf>) submitted to the Parks Commission used language (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CtdBZWUwfCwOslGy03Pz6GEwUrfijY_/view?usp=drive_link) that alludes that the design was created with the input and endorsement of the Voices Neighborhood Council. This is false. The council did NOT see a design until after it was approved in September 2023 and then only because it was published by Urbanize.la. Not only was the neighborhood council not presented with a design proposal, the design that was created is counter to the main thesis of the feedback RAP received during our meetings with them.

At the next General board meeting, Tuesday February 13 at 6 p.m. the Voices Neighborhood Council will consider a motion for an official request to ask the Board of Commissioners of the Department of Recreation and Parks to put a moratorium on any development of this park until a design can be selected that reflects the community's input and desires. This includes naming of said park in which no input was sought from our community that we are aware of.

We invite representatives from the Department of Recreation and Parks, Representatives from Council Member Price's office, and other interested members of the community to participate in this public meeting.

We invite you to be our partners and allys in developing a park the community very much needs and wants.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Saunders

Vice Chair
Voices Neighborhood Council

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Proposed dog park at Knapp Ranch Addition park (on Wooded Vista)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:27 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 Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 2:37 PM Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

+Rap Commissioners for appropriate distribution

On Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 3:03 PM Dmytro Seredenko <

> wrote:

Dear Jimmy,

My name is Dmytro Seredenko, and I am a homeowner in the Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association. The HOA consists of 263 homes, which are part of a mandatory Association at the west terminus of Victory Boulevard. On behalf of our community, I would like to formally object to having the City turn Knapp Ranch Addition Park West into a dog park per a recent online petition that has been circulating at www.change.org called, "Transform an Underused Park into a Dog-Friendly Park in West Hills".

Knapp Ranch Park West was established by Councilwoman Joy Picas when the surrounding area was developed as Valley Circle Estates. It was intended to be, and is, a small local park. This is demonstrated by: 1) the park is physically small and was never intended for large groups of people or numerous off-leash dogs; 2) it has only a few picnic tables; 3) it has a small play area for children; and 4) that there are only six official parking spaces within the park. The park has no facilities such as tennis courts, basketball courts, or even public restrooms.

The area surrounding the park consists of single-family homes that rise slightly above the park. The park is "sunken" below these homes. Noise, much less numerous dogs barking and owners arguing due to unruly dogs which happens often, echo and carry to the surrounding hillsides increasing the noise to nearby homes creating a disturbance not conducive to a peaceful residential environment.

Demonstrating the City's intention that this be a small, local park, this park was the first park in the City of Los Angeles to allow it to be gated and closed from sundown to sunrise. Controlling noise during off-hours was the main impetus for limiting park hours.

Allowing this park to become a designated dog park will greatly increase the noise level in the community. It would also invite increased traffic to a community that already receives plenty of it due to Victory trailhead street parking unto Gilmore and Twisted Oak Dr, and unto a cul-de-sac that was never intended for a large amount of traffic. Increased vehicle traffic alone raises noise levels and congestion, along with other concerns of streets not suited for such traffic.

We respectfully urge the city to reject turning Knapp Ranch Park Addition West into an official dog park and would like to also recommend that the city find a way to curb the frequent off-leash dog activity that happens at the park daily that creates unsafe conditions due to large amounts of uncollected dog waste and dogs running unto the kids playground and scaring children (this has led the police to be called on a number of occasions). My two kids, 12 y.o and 7 y.o, while living within walking distance from the park, are avoiding going there due to the amount of unleashed dogs, and the grass is unusable due to the amount of dog waste. Instead of families avoiding this park due to unsanitary and unsafe conditions, we would like to return the park back to its rightful use as a park for families and leashed dogs vs the unofficial dog park it has become with all the associated issues that have come with it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dmytro Seredenko



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Formal HOA Letter to City Against Knapp Ranch Addition Dog Park

1 message

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Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:27 AM

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On Sat, Jan 13, 2024 at 10:58 AM sandra danburg < > wrote:
Dear Councilmember Lee, Mr. Kim, Mr. Vanderhoof and Ms Rothstein

As concerned citizens of the West Hills Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association we stand behind the comments listed below from our homeowners association concerning the possible conversion of Knapp Ranch Addition to a dog park.

Off leash activity, excessive dog waste left by owners, and disregard for parking, speed, and noise levels by trailhead users has already stressed the park.

Limited funds available by the city to maintain the park is obvious based on the limited, if any, attempt to fill gopher howls, keep the play area clean, trim weeds and trees surrounding the park which become fire hazards in the summer, and mow overgrowth without complaints to 311.

Please do not allow this conversion.

Sincerely,

Richard Pollock
Sandra Danburg

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

From: Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association < >
Subject: Formal HOA Letter to City Against Knapp Ranch Addition Dog Park



Formal HOA Letter to City Against Knapp Ranch Addition Dog Park

Hello Sandra,

Please see below for an email sent by the VCE HOA Board President to the city today

regarding a proposed dog park at Knapp Ranch Addition park (on Wooded Vista) via a Change.org petition:

Hello. My name is Stan Getz and I am the President of Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association. The HOA consists of 263 homes which are part of a mandatory Association at the west terminus of Victory Boulevard. On behalf of our community, I would like to formally object to having the City turn Knapp Ranch Addition Park West into a dog park per a recent online petition that has been circulating at www.change.org called, "Transform an Underused Park into a Dog-Friendly Park in West Hills".

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Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association

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Jimmy Kim
General Manager

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Objection to Dog Park Petition for Knapp Ranch Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 8:13 AM

To:

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

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On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 8:03 PM Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org> wrote:

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I am adding +Rap Commissioners for proper communication and documentation.

Thank you SO much

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 7:42 AM VCE HOA <

> wrote:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association

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Jimmy Kim
General Manager

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bill Rosenthal Park Marina Del Rey

1 message

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

Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 10:59 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 10:55 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Jeff Schnair** < >
Date: Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 3:28 PM
Subject: Bill Rosenthal Park Marina Del Rey
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>
Cc: Jeff Schnair < >

Hi, my name is Jeff and I live across the street from the park. I see that the new dog park is just about completed. And I also saw that it is for big dogs. Now the big dogs have a huge area to play and the little dog park needs repair.

First off, it would be really nice if the part of the park that does not have grass would be replaced with grass. I have two small dogs and they run around like all the other dogs and they are running on concrete. Sometimes the paws are a little raw. And the area is cold because the trees are so overgrown that there is no room for the sun to shine in.

It would be really nice if the park would have grass throughout and if the trees could be cut back or trimmed to allow more sunshine in.

Thanks for listening

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jeff

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Department of Recreation and Parks
Public Information Office
Email: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re:

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 11:01 AM

To:

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On Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **David Josephson** < >
Date: Sat, Dec 30, 2023 at 7:19 AM
Subject:
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Your commitment to skill development and fostering a passion for gymnastics is truly commendable. Outstanding job!

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Harold Henry Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 11:17 AM

To:

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On Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **Sara Guerra** < >

Date: Mon, Jan 1, 2024 at 12:19 PM

Subject: Harold Henry Park

To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Happy New Year,

I am a resident of Windsor Village, and one of the more significant reasons we purchased a home here was the proximity to this park for our three kids.

My issues, there are ALWAYS dogs here... and they are unleashed. This is maddening to me (as a surgeon that repairs dog bites from unprovoked attacks on kids and adults in parks just like this).

As I am writing this, I'm watching a collie (unleashed) run around, including me holding my infant son as the owner is socializing 10ft away looking in the other direction. A second mid-sized dog (unleashed) running around as owner is on cell phone and PEED IN THE CONCRETE- as a little girl ran through it without shoes. Absolutely disgusting.

In addition, I find there are people that allow their dogs to excrete on the grass just off the brick/concrete where kids run barefoot and families trying to picnic.

This is a safety issue for children.
Animals should not be permitted at the park.

Please consider this and make a change for the safety of those that enjoy it.

Current example (as I type this) of an unleashed dog wandering around with owner nowhere him.

Respectfully a resident,
Sara Guerra MD

Sara M. Guerra
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon
sent from my iPhone

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Department of Recreation and Parks





Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Unacceptable behavior from park employee

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:54 PM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:21 PM Eduardo Roca <

> wrote:

From: Eduardo Roca
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 10:33 AM
To: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>
Subject: Unacceptable behavior from park employee

Good Morning

I would like to address a situation that has been going on for for a long time, We take our kids to community parks not only because they are close to where we live but because they can thrive with other kids their age and different backgrounds expecting that also they learn from roll models that Park employees suppose to be, please do not get me wrong most of the employees i met over the years been good figures and example for kids but there is always one or two that blur other work in minutes.

As you know children will emulate and also will tell parents about situation that they feel uncomfortable because we as parents don't teach children to humiliate and bully other kids but when a park employee tries to get other kids to hate on others that's is not acceptable we do not accept that behavior from a public employee, if this person has a personal issue he should be getting help or just change jobs so he can not influence on small children by saying that other kids are losers or not being capable to do something and calling them dumb, this employee do not need to be around children nor deserve this job where children are the main reason why a community center is open and offer their services, our kids deserve better you should be checking monitoring this community centers more often so this issues do not happen, compliants have been made to the park director and He does not do anithing to change the situation and this employee gets away with anything all the time.

Other parents and I had conversations about the same thing and we acctually tired that nothing has been done about it, we talk about sending our concern to the City of LA Human Resources also to Park and Rec Director Norma Edith Garcia Gonzales if you do not do anything about this situation.

We need that Andres Garcia from Queen Anne Park at 1240 West BLVD, Los Angeles be remove so we don't have to deal with this problem, most of the crew at this Park have been transferred to other parks and i think is time for him to go so we can get better treatment and our children. There are other rumors going around about him and other issues but i can't comment on that.

I will be expecting an answer from you soon about this matter, thank you and have a good day.

Eduardo

La city worker

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Re: Electricity Issue | Los Angeles Equestrian Center (please help!)

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:56 PM

To: Suzanne Cimolino < >

Cc: Ani Webmaster <ani.webmaster@lacity.org>

, RAP PublicInfo

<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, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:28 PM Suzanne Cimolino < > wrote:

Hello,

I am not sure I'm reaching the correct people, but hoping you'd kindly direct me to someone who can help, if possible.

I am writing to let you know about an incident that happened last week, Friday January 12, at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. There were maintenance / electrical guys working on the lights in my horse's barn aisle. They were turning on and off the breaker, and later via email (attached), the LAEC management confirmed there was a short.

During this time, my horse was tied up at a tie rail next to the barn aisle while I was grooming him. All of a sudden, he started spooking, backing up aggressively, snorting, and shaking his legs and moving around - he was very disturbed (very unusual for him as he is always calm). I am certain this is because he was shocked/electrocuted by whatever the maintenance guys were doing at the time.

My biggest concern and question, and what I need your help with, is: is there an electricity line running under the ground where I groom my horse? I am not sure what steps are being taken by LAEC to assure me this will not happen again. He wears metal horseshoes and I need to know if the ground is safe for him to stand on and will not conduct electricity.

For reference, a very similar issue was happening at another part of the property years ago, and it was fixed. They found and turned off electrical lines running underneath a riding ring. So this is not just a conspiracy theory.

If this had happened during the rain a couple weeks ago (or this coming weekend), my horse could have gotten more seriously injured or could have been killed.

Attached are photos of the area for context. I am happy to discuss this over the phone if anyone is available and willing to advise next steps. My contact info is below.

I appreciate your help!

Thank you,

Suzanne Cimolino

Email:

Cell:

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:59 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, Jan 17, 2024 at 10:36 PM Lucy Hart <> wrote:
Message to Jimmy Kim:

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:05 AM

To:

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 3:10 PM Diana Kliche <
Message to General Mailbox:

> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:12 PM

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 9:06 AM Steven Adler <
Message to General Mailbox:

> wrote:

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:05 AM

Good morning,

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 2:52 PM Brooke Johnson <

> wrote:

Message to General Mailbox:

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To:

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 6:18 PM Alison Lees-Taylor <
Message to General Mailbox:

> wrote:

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1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:59 PM

To:

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 9:26 PM Robert Drummond <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
Message to Jimmy Kim:

> wrote:

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 5:48 PM Ron McGill <
Message to General Mailbox:

> wrote:

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:06 AM

To: LouAnne INSPRUCKER <

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> wrote:

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Re: Griffith Park pony ride

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:12 PM

To: Carolyn Seeman <

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Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 11:41 AM Carolyn Seeman <

> wrote:

Dear commissioners:

Please do not bring back the pony ride. We need activities that keep children active!

The city does not need the liability and protests that the pony ride will bring.

I am a Los Angeles resident.

Carolyn Seeman

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NON-ANIMAL MODEL IN GRIFFITH PARK

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Kathy Cullen <
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Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 4:08 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, Jan 17, 2024 at 2:25 PM Kathy Cullen <
> wrote:
To Whom it May Concern:

I am demanding a non-animal model for the safety of our community. I worked on helping close the Griffith Park & Pony Rides after recording 7 hours of horses & ponies receiving no break or water while walking in circles in hot weather. This was the first of many abusive activities that occurred at this establishment.

Councilmember Raman released a statement mentioning that at the end of last year, following a motion her office introduced to inspect the safety of the Pony Ride site, the inspection determined the ponies were not being properly cared for.

We must offer a park that is an example of a national model. Withheld by LA Cities standards of humane animal welfare policies, and consideration of child safety-this is only demonstrated with a non-animal model.

It a huge liability for the City of Los Angeles to have animals at their concession due to the transfer of illness and children being injured at the park which happened on several occasions at the former Griffith Park and Pony Rides in 2018 and 2021 when childrens' bodies were dragged on the ground while riding.

When will the Recreation and Parks disclose the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies? Why hasn't Recreation and Parks looked into this? So far, we have 4 elderly ponies that are dead, however we are unsure if this is an accurate count since we do not know the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies.

After the abusive situation we witnessed with the previous pony rides we will not accept ANY animal model as a replacement and will continue to protest until justice is served and a new non-animal model is opened.

Kathy Cullen
Founder of Jolene's Retreat
Saving lives one rescue at a time...

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To:

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> wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please convert the Griffith Park and Pony Rides to a non-animal model

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:12 PM

To: "Our Planet. Theirs Too." <

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 11:38 AM Our Planet. Theirs Too. <

> wrote:

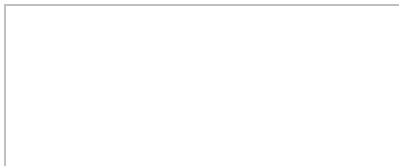
Hello,

I am a voting Los Angeles resident, and I am urging you to please convert the Griffith Park and Pony Rides to a non-animal model! In 2024, there is no NO NEED to use animals for entertainment, anywhere in LA city parks.

Recreation and Parks already had 4 dead animals on your watch, isn't that enough? It is unsafe for the animals, it is unsafe for children and families, and it is simply outdated and cruel! These horses do not deserve to have people on their backs! Let them retire to a sanctuary, and replace this inhumane, middle ages practice with a non-animal model. There are enough forms of entertainment for people in LA city parks, that do not include animals. Let's all evolve with the times, and stick to those please.

Thank you,

Aylam Orian
Founder/President
Our Planet. Theirs Too. Inc.



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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: PLEASE STOP ALL FORMS OF ANIMAL EXPLOITATION!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 2:58 PM

To: Alliance for animals <

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 9:14 PM Alliance for animals <

> wrote:

Zohra Fahim

President and Founder of Los Angeles Alliance for Animals

Begin forwarded message:

From: JASON NAKAGAWA <

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Date: January 17, 2024 at 4:21:37 PM PST

To:

Subject: PLEASE STOP ALL FORMS OF ANIMAL EXPLOITATION!

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Irma Reyes <

Date: January 16, 2024 at 7:21:47 PM PST

To:

Subject: Pony rides and preying zoo

Please consider retiring the onus and all animals in petting zoo to animal sanctuaries where they can live out there lives freely.

Irma Reyes

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Pony Rides

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 4:07 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, Jan 17, 2024 at 2:23 PM Amanda <

> wrote:
"I am demanding a non-animal model for the safety of our community"

- Councilmember Raman just release a statement mentioning that at the end of last year, following a motion her office introduced to inspect the safety of the Pony Ride site, and that the inspection determined the ponies were not being properly cared for.
- When will the Recreation and Parks disclose the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies? Why hasn't Recreation and Parks looked into this? Is it because it would look really bad for the City of Los Angeles if we had ten dead ponies? So far, we have 4 elderly ponies that are dead, however we are unsure if this is an accurate count since we do not know the whereabouts of the 6 missing ponies.
- We must offer a park that is an example of a national model. Withheld by LA Cities standards of humane animal welfare policies, and consideration of child safety-this is only demonstrated with a non-animal model.
- We are unaware if the elderly ponies who died at the Griffith Park and Pony Rides were in fact retired, because Stephen Weeks is a liar, and has misled the City with ongoing lies.
- It a huge liability for the City of Los Angeles to have animals at their concession due to the transfer of illness, and children being injured at the park which happened on several occasion at the former Griffith Park and Pony Rides in 2018 and 2021 when both children's bodies were dragged.
- Recreation and Parks had 4 dead animals on their watch. We will not accept any animal model, and we will never go away until that happens.

Amanda Turner

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Re: Please Commit to a Non-Animal Attraction in Griffith Park

1 message

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

Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:04 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 2:34 PM Adriana Nuñez < > wrote:
Message to General Mailbox:

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Sincerely,
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From: Irma Reyes <>
Date: January 16, 2024 at 7:19:06 PM PST
To:
Subject: Pony rides

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Irma Reyes

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2024 at 7:54 PM John Barsky <
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> wrote:

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To: Natasha Jacobs <

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 8:44 AM Natasha Jacobs <
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To: Val Barri >

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 10:52 AM Val Barri <

> wrote:

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