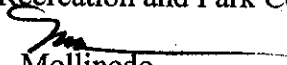


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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

August 14, 2002

TO: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

FROM:   
Manuel A. Mollinedo  
General Manager

SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND  
PARKS/LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LAND EXCHANGE  
AND JOINT USE FOR AVALON PARK AND OTHERS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is working with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and continues to make progress on the joint use agreement and land exchange agreement project that would result in the reconfiguration of the current Avalon-San Pedro Park. The reconfiguration would facilitate the development of a new park with a small office and storage room, ball courts, and a new elementary school. The school would be known as Jefferson Elementary School number 1. This new park and school would be located in the general vicinity of 40<sup>th</sup> Place and Avalon Blvd.

The LAUSD counsel, and the City Attorney's office have been working on drafting an AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS that would be used to manage the land exchange between LAUSD and the City of Los Angeles. Several drafts of this document have been prepared by the City Attorney's office, and we expect a final version to be drafted very soon. The above mentioned agreement would insure that this Department receives a developed park of equal size to the current Avalon-San Pedro Park with added amenities in exchange for the property on which the park that this Department currently maintains is located. The agreement will insure that this Department receive a park regardless of the outcome of this project.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, staff met with Councilmember Jan Perry to discuss this project. Representatives from the Mayor's Office and LAUSD were in attendance. Councilwoman Perry is supportive of this project, and also concurs with staff's recommendations to request that a portion of Prop 12 funds originally designated for the Fred Roberts park acquisition and development be reprogrammed to this project. The reprogrammed funds will be used for the development of the small office and storage room which will be located on the park.

The LAUSD continues to work on acquiring surrounding property to be used for the construction of the new school and the development of the new park. The LAUSD currently owns four parcels. Nine parcels are in escrow, and nine are in the condemnation process. The LAUSD hopes to have all remaining parcels vacant by December. The LAUSD also intends to have its construction drawings approved by the State in August.

The LAUSD, as the lead agency, has been working on all environmental issues concerning the construction of the school and park for this project. The District will begin work on two cleanup sites by September and November. The City of Los Angeles Fire Department will be monitoring the work. In addition, a draft amendment to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration has been completed.

Part of the overall plan for this project will include a Joint-Use Agreement between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Unified School District. Joint - Use will insure that the community will have the opportunity to enjoy a more active use park, as well as, the use of some of LAUSD's community oriented facilities through the Department of Recreation and Parks' programs. It is hoped that this model of cooperation/Joint-Use can be used for future projects like the North Hollywood Elementary School #3 and the South Park proposal. Scarcity of suitable land for needed community services might require reconfiguration of existing park and school sites for more mixed use projects. Projects like North Hollywood Elementary School #3 and the South Park proposal are examples of the type of projects that could benefit from shared use of the existing park and school properties and thus provide a broader range of services and recreational opportunities to its surrounding communities.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Unified School District, City Attorney's office, and the City Planning Department will continue to work together to study the feasibility of these land exchange and joint use projects. Staff will continue to report any progress to the Board.

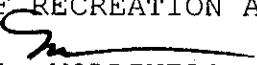
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TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM:  MANUEL A. MOLLINEDO  
General Manager  
SUBJECT: Park Safety

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the measures taken by the Department to:

1. Inform our employees of the actions that have been taken to ensure safety in our parks.
2. Train our employees on safety and violence issues.
3. Facilitate proper action in case of an emergency situation.

At the direction of the Mayor, over the past several months Department staff has been working with members of the Board of Recreation and Park Commission and members of the Police Commission and their staff to develop new programs and procedures to increase the safety of our patrons and staff in City parks.

Enclosure 1 is a memorandum from the General Manager to all employees informing them of actions that have been taken by our Department and the LAPD to increase park safety. Enclosure 2 is a schedule of training for all of our recreation employees on park safety issues. Enclosure 3 is a handbook that will be placed in every recreation center to guide the actions of employees on duty when they are confronted with emergency situations.

Report prepared by Tony Coroalles