

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 04-299

DATE October 6, 2004

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF BELLEVUE RECREATION CENTER

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the modification of operating hours of Bellevue Recreation Center to close daily at 10:00 p.m.; and,
2. Request the City Attorney to prepare and forward to the City Council, an ordinance amending Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to reflect the modified operating hours of Bellevue Recreation Center Park.

SUMMARY:

Proposition K Funds have been approved for the installation of additional outdoor lighting at Bellevue Recreation Center, a 9.05-acre park. Current City Ordinance requires City parks to be closed from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.; however, the neighbors of Bellevue Recreation Center and the Bellevue Recreation Center Park Advisory Board have requested that the closing time of the park be changed from 10:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. due to the close proximity of the neighboring houses and the anticipated additional activity that will be generated as a result of the installation of the new lights. Currently, most outside sports programming is over by 10:30 p.m.; however, since Bellevue Park is a popular neighborhood gathering place for pickup games as well as the structured sports programming, the adjacent neighbors are requesting that the lights be turned off no later than 10:00 p.m. to relieve late night noise and traffic in the immediate area of the park.

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Illegal activities have also occurred in these areas after nightfall. Without an ordinance change approved by the City Council, this change of hours could not be backed by the force of law.

The Department will prominently post the new hours, and the Park Rangers will be instructed to enforce the new park closure policy seven days a week.

This request is supported by Councilmember Eric Garcetti. It is also supported by the Superintendent of Operations East.

This report was prepared by Tom Petrique of Operations East.