


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

June 20, 2024

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>
Griffith Park Pony Ride comments		Referred to General Manager
1) Margaret Jurocko comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652	Referred to General Manager
2) Daniela Winter comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652a	Referred to General Manager
3) Joan Blanchard comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652b	Referred to General Manager
4) Jamie Dunn comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652c	Referred to General Manager
5) Sue Helmy comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652d	Referred to General Manager
6) Lisa Locker comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652e	Referred to General Manager
7) Mark Rhomberg comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652f	Referred to General Manager

8) Cliff Loeb comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652g	Referred to General Manager
9) Andrea Barnow comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652h	Referred to General Manager
10) Larry Corsa comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652i	Referred to General Manager
11) Ilona Peltyn comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652j	Referred to General Manager
12) Jill Eisfelder comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652k	Referred to General Manager
13) Valerie Folkes comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652l	Referred to General Manager
14) Denise Knickerbocker comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652m	Referred to General Manager
15) Marc Port comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652n	Referred to General Manager
16) Shirley Elmaleh comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652o	Referred to General Manager
17) Colleen Bub comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652p	Referred to General Manager
18) Lisette Kremer comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652q	Referred to General Manager

19) Tamar Springer comments regarding Pickleball at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center	#9652r	Referred to General Manager
20) Jymie Darling comments regarding the Los Angeles Equestrian Center	#9653	Referred to General Manager
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22) Jymie Darling comments regarding Bikes on Horse Trails	#9653b	Referred to General Manager
23) Christine Mills O'Brien comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Griffith Park	#9654	Referred to General Manager
24) Cameron Flanagan comments regarding the Bridge Home Shelter at Griffith Park	#9654a	Referred to General Manager
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32) Anthony Krinsky comments regarding Not Letting Parents Teach Their Kids Tennis on Public Courts	#9655	Referred to General Manager
33) Rory Brown comments regarding Building a Skate Park at El Paseo de Cahuenga Park	#9656	Referred to General Manager
34) Kathryn Pellman comments regarding Trees and Maintenance at Reynier Park	#9657	Referred to General Manager
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44) Henry Korman comments regarding an Installation of a Pickleball Court	#9665	Referred to General Manager
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Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 7:51 AM

Good morning,

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

On Fri, May 31, 2024 at 5:00 PM Margaret Jurocko <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Palisades Pickleball players.

I started playing with this great group of individuals during September 2023 after their privileges had been removed from playing limited times outside. We play inside at the Palisades Recreation Centre on Monday and Fridays from 10-1pm. This is a paid program offered by LA Recreation and Parks which you are well aware of.

I enjoy supporting and participating in activities in my community and unfortunately I'm not able to play this fun all inclusive sport with any of my neighbours due to the ban of outdoor play. I've played in Santa Monica, Westwood, Pepperdine, West Hollywood, Plummers park and Valencia and it's just unbelievable that I can't play outside in my home community with my friends.

I can honestly say that the pickleball players in the Palisades are some of the best individuals I've met since moving to LA within the past 3 years. Diverse in all aspects of life, respectful, inclusive and welcoming to all. That is what our city should strive to maintain and offer to its constituents. Physical and mental wellbeing goes a long way!

Please consider reinstating the outdoor Pickleball privileges to our community.

Thank you very much,

Margaret Jurocko

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Margaret Jurocko



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball at Palisades Rec Center - Please

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 7:57 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 7:22 AM Daniela Winter <

Hi! I'm writing to you in the hopes that Pickleball will be able to return to the outdoor courts!

I know there are a lot of layers to this issue and I am sure all sides involved have open minds as we try to come to a resolution and on that respect - thank you for your time!

It comes down to the fact that Palisades is a large active community - all age groups. Palisades is not completely made up of super wealthy residents.

There are many people like me who are trying to stay active in a sport that builds community and friendships and healthy habits but who CANNOT spend the money to drive several miles to play or spend money at expensive privatized courts.

We would like to play in our community just as we are trying to support local businesses - we have to help each other.

Please consider all angles of this situation and many thanks again for your efforts!

Daniela Winter



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: For Your Attention: Pickleball at Palisades Recreation Center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:05 AM

To: Joan Blanchard

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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 and staff.

On Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 3:24 PM Joan Blanchard <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners

I have been a resident of Pacific Palisades since 1994. I am also a senior citizen. During the pandemic while we were all under isolation, I found a lovely group of people who played pickleball at our local park, the Palisades Recreation Center. This group offered both a much needed social interaction as well as a good physical workout. I'm sure you are well aware how important social interaction and exercise are for the continued well-being of us seniors.

As I am sure you are also well aware, this nearly essential activity was abruptly and unceremoniously stopped by the park officials. Instead, we were offered an alternative to play through the tennis center. This might have been a good option but the times are limited and they are only offered mid-day Monday through Friday. Mid-day will be quite difficult for seniors to play come summer when the heat is at a peak; we seniors are quite prone to dehydration, sun toxicity and overheating.

There has been a small group of us who have held several meetings with park officials and city officials to try to devise a plan to bring back pickleball to our local park. We presented a well thought out pilot program. To put it politely, we were quite unsuccessful and almost immediately shut down without discussion. We were told that no more can be offered at this time. How can this be? Aren't our parks for everyone and not just tennis players and school aged children? How many programs are offered at our park for seniors where we can get many of the things offered by pickleball?

I looked at the website today and saw that indoor pickleball will not be offered again until October. So evidently there will be **NO** programs* offered by the Rec. Center for seniors this summer. There will be camps for children and adolescents throughout the summer to be held in one or other of the gyms leaving many of the tennis courts open to tennis players on a first come first play basis-but not to pickleball players. Where is the equity in this? Why are seniors left without activities when there could be so much more the park could and should offer?

I have heard that one of the reasons pickleball was stopped was due to the noise level. It goes without saying that parks are notoriously noisy. Residents knew this when they purchased homes bordering the park. The pilot program that was submitted addressed this. We want to work with the neighbors to find some type of middle ground. Our pilot program deserves to have a chance. Please give it serious consideration and help us find a way to bring pickleball back to the Palisades.

Thank you,

Joan Blanchard

*Bocce ball is available but I believe this is sponsored and run by non-Recreation Center personnel.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: A plea for Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:06 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 7:25 PM Jamie Dunn < > wrote:

Hello,

It is my sincere hope that some form of open-play pickleball will be approved for Pacific Palisades. As a relative newcomer to Pacific Palisades, weekend pickleball was such a great way to stay fit and connect with my community. The friendships and camaraderie I experienced were truly the best thing about my move here.

My tennis playing days are past and I am still employed full-time. So, the possibility of a few hours of weekend open play on one or two of the Parks and Recs tennis courts would be wonderful. And I know my fellow pickleballers would love to save time and gas by playing in our neighborhood rather than traveling to a neighboring community.

Thank you for your time,
Jamie Dunn
Pacific Palisades



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: What Palisades Pickleball means to me

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:07 AM

To: "Sue H."

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 10:48 PM Sue H. <

> wrote:

I am writing to request pickleball courts be installed in Pacific Palisades with dedicated courts (courts #5 and #6) with lines permanently painted. I am a long time resident of Alma Real Drive where my house backs up to the Palisades Tennis Center. For the past 27 years, I have heard tennis noise, have heard the buzzing lights, and have seen excessive brightness, and it is not fair that PB does not get the same consideration that Tennis gets.

A few years ago, when we were playing PB on the Palisades Tennis courts (courts 7 and 8) on the weekends, a few vocal residents complained about the noise, At that point the Palisades Rec Center shut it down, banned Pickleball in Palisades altogether. Quickly giving in to those few residents, Palisades Rec Center did not even try to accommodate both groups or consider the benefits PB has made to the community and residents.

While I am a tennis player, it is the Pickleball community that has been drawing me. As a 63 year old, there are not that many activities which have benefited me in so many ways, socially, mentally and physically. When Pickleball was on the Palisades Rec Center courts, it was a great community builder. There is a lot of socializing outside the courts and many friendships have been initiated and flourished.

Abandoning PB in the Palisades is not the solution. It has become too important to so many of the local residents. Parks and Recs should work with the local PB community to bring it back for at least a limited 12 hours, a few weekday mornings and the weekends.

I would really appreciate your thoughts and consideration.

Kind regards,
Sue Helmy



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades Park Pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:23 AM

To: Lisa Locker <

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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 and staff.

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 9:29 AM Lisa Locker <

> wrote:

Dear Decision Makers of our Community,

We have lived in the Palisades since 1977, when the Palisades Park had, in my childhood experience, the World's Largest Rocket climbing structure that if gang of us 11 year olds climbed to the top, we could make it rock so hard that we felt like we were astronauts on our way to the moon! I'm certain that in today's world, this structure would be considered deadly. So, needless to say, we have seen the changes of the Palisades Park for nearly 48 years.... Four generations of our family have enjoyed little league baseball, basketball, tennis and other park activities. We love our Palisades Park Community.

In March 2021, as the Covid restrictions were easing, Palisades Park was the home of a make-shift Pickleball game between the old and new gyms. The amount of interest in this sport quickly grew and by January 2022, the park gave us full permission to use Courts 7 and 8 three days a week. The Pickleball Community kept growing and it gave us all a wonderful activity that we love.

Soon, we were told that permanent lines were approved, funded and budgeted for pickleball. The lines never came to fruition and the Park ceased communication with us. On August 14, 2023 we were banned from playing on the courts without reason.

Our Pickleball community has no options to play anywhere on the Westside of Los Angeles, although there is an abundance of tennis courts, mostly unused. Other LA Parks have open play available in the valley and other areas (ie Petit Park) why are we not allowed to use the tennis courts in our own community park? We pay huge sums of taxes and I would like to see some of the funds go to more access to Pickleball for our local growing community.

Our group has had numerous meetings with Sonya Young-Jimenez, Jasmine, Laura Island, Leslie Richter, Kortley Norris, and the Park Advisory Board to no avail.

We would like our court time back. We have a proposal for a pilot program we would like to present to you that is thoughtful, organized and will benefit the community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Locker



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Bring Pickleball Back to the Palisades

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:25 AM

Good morning,

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

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 12:52 PM Mark Rhomberg < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners:

I moved to Pacific Palisades in 2011, but I hardly knew anyone until I started playing pickleball there in 2022. Now nearly all of my friends and acquaintances are pickleball players.

PICKLEBALL CREATES STRONGER COMMUNITIES, SO PLEASE BRING PICKLEBALL BACK TO THE PALISADES!

Thank you!

Mark Rhomberg

On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 12:50 PM Mark Rhomberg < > wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners:

I moved to Pacific Palisades in 2011, but I hardly knew anyone until I started playing pickleball there in 2022. Now nearly all of my friends and acquaintances are pickleball players.

PICKLEBALL CREATES STRONGER COMMUNITIES



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM

To: Cliff Loeb <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 9:48 AM Cliff Loeb <

> wrote:

My name is Cliff Loeb and I am a senior resident of Pacific Palisades.

I played tennis for over thirty years until my legs, shoulders and arms decided my tennis career was over. I then found pickleball which turns out is a wonderful way to get exercise, meet neighbors, and generally have a good time.

As I'm sure you are aware, my purpose in writing this message is to support the efforts being made by some of my neighbors to get permission to play pickleball on the tennis courts located at the Palisades Recreation Center. I don't believe I need to repeat every reason being presented to you by my fellow pickleball enthusiasts - I can simply repeat that I too do not understand why pickleball is not allowed to be played on those tennis courts.

Please focus on all the facts that are being presented to you in this effort. Why must I drive many miles to another location to play such a popular sport. As I mentioned earlier, I live in Pacific Palisades - tennis courts are available at the Palisades Recreation Center - and pickleball should be allowed to be played on those courts.

I appreciate your consideration and am hopeful that you will be attentive to the information presented by Donna Pony and others.

Cliff Loeb



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball in Pacific Palisades

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:35 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 2:10 PM Andrea Barnow < > wrote:

Dear RAP commissioners,

I'm writing to ask that you allow pickleball on the lower tennis courts in the Pacific Palisades Park on Alma Real.

This sport is important for this community of active seniors and for people of all ages. It brings people together and allows them to socialize while exercising. Personally, Pickleball has led to the formation of dozens of new friendships and multiple hours of exercise every week.

Currently, the residents of Pacific Palisades must drive over 20 minutes to find pickleball courts to play on and this is unfair to them and not good for the environment. Why do we need to drive so far when there are open tennis courts that could be converted to hybrid tennis/pickleball courts.

As part of the LA Parks geography, the Pacific Palisades residents deserve to have pickleball courts closer to their homes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrea Barnow



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Finding a Pickleball solution for the Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:43 AM

To: Larry Corsa <larry.corsa@lacity.org>

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 3:30 PM Larry Corsa <larry.corsa@lacity.org> wrote:

We are crossover tennis players who fell in love with pickleball in early 2022. We enjoyed the weekly sessions first between the gyms and then on Courts 7 and 8 at the Pacific Palisades Rec Center, and were dismayed when, after so much seemingly promising negotiation with the powers that be, we were banished.

Please know that pickleball is not going to disappear. Please know that other communities have provided public pickleball courts for their populations. Please give your community the space and time to resume playing in the Palisades.

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider the requests from your citizens.

Larry Corsa



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pacific palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:43 AM

To: ilona peltyn >

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 4:33 PM ilona peltyn < > wrote:

Please restore pickleball at Pacific Palisades. We loved going to the courts and wish they were available. It s the fastest growing sport, especially to the older generations.

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades Pickleball or lack thereof

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:51 AM

To: Jill Eisfelder <j

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 4:47 PM Jill Eisfelder <

> wrote:

All,

I write as a 78 year old long time Palisades resident and avid Pickleball player.

I learned to play at the Palisades Recreation Center with a group of quite wonderful and patient people. Pickleball has provided a much needed avenue for exercise as well as the opportunity to meet new friends of like mind. Just yesterday 9 Pickleball friends celebrated my birthday with Pickleball and lunch.

So completely upset and disappointed when we were shut down on the lower tennis courts, 7 and 8 and could not find any courts nearby. I have traveled the country, literally, mostly to attend my grandson's club baseball games and everywhere there are a multitude of pickleball courts. It is shameful that the Palisades does not have 2 courts for full time pickleball use. They could be positioned far away from houses - many options. With so many unused courts at Alma Real it makes no sense for us to travel to Westwood or the Marina or farther to enjoy our friends and the game.

Please not only consider but decide to bring Pickleball back to the Palisades.

Thank you,
Jill S. Eisfelder



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: reinstating Pickleball in the Pacific Palisades Park Tennis Courts

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:52 AM

To: "Folkes, Valerie" <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 5:04 PM Folkes, Valerie <

> wrote:

Dear Park Commissioners,

For the past two years, the Pacific Palisades Park's Recreation Center have restricted Pickleball from the outdoor tennis courts. This has been very disappointing as many locals enjoyed playing on the courts. For every tennis court, 4 Pickleball courts were created, which permitted four times as many people to enjoy the park's facilities. Please remove the restriction on Pickleball! It offered many of us a chance to become better acquainted with our neighbors, as well as to engage in healthy exercise.

Sincerely,

Valerie Folkes

Palisades Highlands resident



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball courts needed west of the 405

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:53 AM

To: Denise Knickerbocker <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 5:07 PM Denise Knickerbocker <

> wrote:

Hello,

I am a single, childless, petless 59 active resident in Pacific Palisades and no / low cost Pickleball has completely changed my life socially, emotionally and physically, I have made several new friends and acquaintances, many of whom are senior citizens, which are valued members of society.

I am not wealthy and appreciate the non to mimimumal fee to play several times a week at the Palisades Rec Center gym.

We need to keep seniors and everyone of all ages active and engaged and connected to community for mental health, especially those of us on fixed incomes.

I have paid 35% of my taxes my entire life and feel that the L.A. parks department can find and dedicate several pickleball courts in many parks and schools in the Palisades, Santa Monica, Brentwood area.

The demand for Pickleball will only continue to grow and frustration build due to little to no public dedicated Pickleball courts to be found anywhere.

Please come out and assess the situation and talk to players who are loving this game and the healthy and active communities and hear of our lack of court frustrations.

This investment is greatly needed and will yield rewards for generations to come.

Thank you,
Denise



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball on the Westside of LA

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:54 AM

To: " " < >

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 5:35 PM < > wrote:

Dear Park Commissioners and other interested parties,

I have been playing pickleball at both Palisades Park and Westwood Park. I first found the sport near my home in Pacific Palisades a couple years ago. It was a life saver. The pandemic had me very low as my business ground to a halt. It was a place to meet new friends and get physical exercise outdoors. The structure of the sport on a small court with generally four people close enough to each other to engage in running conversations, was critical to my mental health. Soon after I was given a cancer diagnosis and again the sport helped with not only the social aspect but the ability to hit something over and over in the context of the game.

The Palisades tried to present it in the gym but the lighting (with windows and skylights) and a glossy floor make the game difficult to play for me with eyes that are no longer young. They also let the private concessionaire charge for it but it was limited. The joy of playing both outdoors at Westwood and Palisades is the open play concept where you meet many new people each time.

Please make low cost open play available in both locations. Time is fleeting and we need more joy.

Thanks for reading,

Marc Port
Pacific Palisades



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: PALISADES PICKLEBALL

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:54 AM

To: Shirley Elmaleh <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 6:42 PM Shirley Elmaleh <

> wrote:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: PALISADES PICKLEBALL

I AM A SENIOR WHO IS ACTIVE AND SOCIAL.
PICKLEBALL AT PALISADES PROMOTED GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.
NOW THAT PICKLEBALL AT THE OUTDOOR COURTS HAVE BEEN BANNED I AM MUCH THE POORER.
PLEASE CONSIDER REINSTATING A SHARED AND CONSIDERATE SYTEM WITH TENNIS SO THAT PICKLEBALL
MAY BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS.
PLEASE ALLOW ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SHARE USE OF THESE FACILITIES FOR WHICH WE ALL PAY
TAXES.

REGARDS,

SHIRLEY ELMALEH



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades pickle

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 8:03 AM

To: colleen bub <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:07 PM colleen bub <

> wrote:

"I so hope you and the other recreational staff members can find a way to offer us a regular court on which to play this wonderful game. I love this close community, all the friends I have made and all the support they give me. It's such a fun activity that gives me a fun way to exercise. And, after all, isn't that the goal of public recreational departments--to offer residents of all ages various means of maintaining physical fitness? A sense of community is such an important part of our everyday lives.

Thank you in advance for your efforts on our behalf,
Colleen Bub



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Pacific Palisades Pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 8:07 AM

To: Lisette Kremer < >

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:15 PM Lisette Kremer < > wrote:

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From: Lisette Kremer < >

To: Lisette Kremer < >; Donna Burkons < >; rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; jasmine.dowl@lacity.org <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>; kortley.norris@lacity.org <kortley.norris@lacity.org>; laura.island@lacity.org <laura.island@lacity.org>; Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>; jimmy.kim@lacity.org <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>; matthew.rudnick@lacity.org <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>; anthony.gallo@lacity.org <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>; leslie.richter@lacity.org <leslie.richter@lacity.org>; michael.amster@lacity.org <michael.amster@lacity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 08:12:16 PM PDT**Subject:** Pacific Palisades Pickleball

My name is Lisette Kremer and I have lived in the Palisades for over 30 years. I am an empty nester. There are not enough programs specifically for my age group here in the Palisades.

In 2020, during COVID-19, people felt isolated. I bought a bunch of rackets and a net and invited everyone on Nextdoor.com to play pickleball for free at our park. The group grew to over 150 people and I got to know my neighbors for the first time and developed friendships. We celebrated monthly birthdays and it became a joyous time.

I witnessed and was shocked when a park employee said to us in the gym, "The main focus of the park is for the youth, this was a fact, as we are old and not a priority".

Don't we count also? *This Sounds like discrimination to me.*

They shut us down. Seniors are just as important. We need exercise, stimulation, and social connection. Lately, I have seen a lot of kids in the village getting into trouble, gang fights, and stealing. Perhaps a good solution is a fun racket sport that brings young and old together, both groups would benefit from one another!

Pacific Palisades needs this badly. We were promised courts and it was never followed though. All other parks are open play every day except ours, Why is that? Why do the tennis players have free courts, painted lines, and nets and we don't? These questions are never answered. We pay taxes too.

How and when will this be resolved once and for all?

Lisette Kremer



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball in Pacific Palisades!

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 9:19 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 8:54 AM Tamar S <

> wrote:

To the RAP Commissioners:

The pickleball players in Pacific Palisades are in great need of court time for pickleball. It is a lifeline for many of us here in Pacific Palisades, for physical health, mental health and many vital reasons.

Please consider the request for court time. Pickleball is only getting more popular and the community of Pacific Palisades needs dedicated court time. Pickleball is a lifeline for us, and it is crucial that we have free public space to play in our community.

Respectfully,
Tamar Springer

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Tamar Springer
Executive Director, Tamir Music
Producer, *More Than Santa Baby* - A Documentary Film

Congratulations to "Santa Baby" composer Philip Springer
2024 Webby Award Winner: Best Individual Performance
For viral video of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: The LAEC, and Shatner Charity Show

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 7:54 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jun 1, 2024 at 8:58 AM Jymie Darling <

> wrote:

LAEC Horror

Sent to every news outlet, as well as the Shatners. I also was a guest on an episode of the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills last night. Where I got to talk to the man who put on this last weekends carnival. As well as to several other stars. All about the LAEC. Since I'm the one who brought the horse to the party. It was a natural conversation.

The LAEC Horror, this new management has pulled some criminal and immoral acts. Here's a review:

1. The management threw out the disabled show, CALNET. With 2 weeks until the show was to commence, they were approached by A jumper show in Orange County that had lost their venue. They asked the LAEC if the venue was available. Now the venue was not available, the venue had in fact been contracted to CALNET. For those of you who do not know, Calnet is a long-standing horse show where disabled children, disabled adults and disabled veterans compete to show off the riding skills that they've been working on. The Los Angeles Equestrian Center felt that the jumping show would be bigger and much more prestigious on social media. So naturally, Los Angeles Equestrian Center threw out the disabled show. The disabled show was lucky enough to scramble and find another park in Thousand Oaks. Keep in mind they have kids prepped to return to the LAEC, kids that have a hard time adapting to change due to disabilities. It was a rough year. Here's the funny part, that show did not have the numbers because their riders did not want to come to the Los Angeles equestrian center. So it was all in vain, but the maliciousness stands.
2. The Los Angeles equestrian center management enacted a zero tolerance policy on a disabled veteran. They gave vague charges during a time when this disabled veterans was incapacitated at home with a multiple fractured leg. They took the payment for her 5 stalls and three days later, gave her a five day notice to remove her five horses. Stating that she had been a behavioral problem and they were enforcing a zero tolerance policy. Which also allowed them to keep her stall rent in full. So the veteran, who had not been on site for three weeks due to a multiple fractured leg, was given five days on false charges to leave. This veteran was targeted because she had used social media to point out the lies that the management had been guilty of but also was bringing to light the drugs, the minor sexual abuse, the drunk trainers and other gut wrenching abuse.
3. The same management caught a boarder viciously attacking and punching another boarders horse. Mr. Jim Suard was caught by management viciously punching this horse in the face repeatedly. They issued him a warning letter. They said that the zero tolerance policy didn't apply to him...for those of you who don't know, Jim Suard, aggressively, harasses young women sexually into tears, and has been caught with his pants down around his ankle masturbating in the stalls. He was caught urinating in a cottage cheese cup and throwing it on other peoples horses and on their horse food. But with Jim Suard, zero tolerance doesn't apply.
4. This management has allowed a trainer who has multiple complaints and is known to be inappropriate with minors as well as women (having in the barn with his clients after getting them drunk and then blackmailing them), not only remain but have made him the golden boy on their social media because Joe Thorpe brings free bagels.

This is a small sampling of what this management is doing over at the Los Angeles Equestrian center. The rest includes assistant trainers that are drug addicts, and Horse thieves, trainers who have cocaine on their desk, drunk trainers who

run the curbs almost hitting people on Horses.

The Hollywood charity event is prestigious. I attended it. I know Elizabeth Shatner personally from Shadow Hills (I am the disabled veteran they attacked). This letter is not to stop the donations to the disabled children, but rather to point out that this event was unaware of the hypocrisy of the Los Angeles equestrian center with their recent history with the disabled.

I hope that you give to the charity. Horses literally saved my life after having my knees severely injured, a spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury from being an explosives expert in the military. I hope you enjoyed your weekend but I sincerely hope that you do not allow Los Angeles Equestrian Center and the management ASM global (the people responsible for the tragedy at AstroWorld with Travis Scott) the opportunity to use you for PR in the future.

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Indecent Exposure and Animal Abuse

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 7:22 AM

To: Jymie Darling <

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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 and staff.

On Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 3:32 PM Jymie Darling <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners, Esteemed Mayor Bass and Honorable Gov Newsom,

The Los Angeles Equestrian Center management is allowing criminal behavior including a several acts that would result in sex offender offenses.

1. Jim Suard was caught by Nicole Weston with his pants around his ankles as he was masturbating in a horse stall in the polo area. Kids were near by.
2. Joe Thorpe has several complaints to management about his daily routine of walking out of C barn, dropping his pants, pulling out his penis and urinating. A picture of the urine and complaints were filed. No matter which direction he walks, Mr Thorpe is in full sight of children. Some as young as 6 years old.
3. Jim Suard was caught by management viciously and repeatedly punching (with a closed fist) a horse that belonged to someone else. Location: B barn. He was witnessed by several other people. Management told him to not hit horses and let it go. This was after the fact that management was made aware that Mr Suard had blinded another boarders mule in a fit of rage.
4. Mr Suard routinely drops his pants and pees in stalls near children.

If ASM Global truly has a no tolerance rule as suggested by the office staff....

Why are these two people still on the center ground. The enact zero tolerance on some and give passes to others. Sounds like a city lawsuit waiting to happen.

Also, upon speaking to a park ranger today, he informed me that the entire center is public access and public property. That is in direct opposition to the current signage all over the park. Which is it?

Think carefully on your answers and I ABSOLUTELY require an answer to each point as I and my attorneys anxiously awaits it also.

Thank you,

Jymie Darling
USAF veteran
Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bikes on trails

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 8:14 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 7:42 AM Jymie Darling <

> wrote:
Where are the rangers? Oh, that's right...."Officer" Kendrick is busy worrying about a cone in an aisle at the LAEC because the public won't be able to go into a private barn if they see a cone.

Why is the Los Angeles Equestrian Center management allowed to waste public resources over ridiculous items while there are bikes on the trails that could cause serious injury?

And why isn't the park rangers dealing with this? I see bicycles and scooters on the trail all the time. Do you know what I never see? A park ranger in the trail. Not only do I ride the trails, but I live right up against the trails. There are never park Rangers patrolling.

I have seen those eight Park Rangers giving one horse a bath... what a great use of our resources.

Sent from my iPhone



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Remove Bridge Home shelter, Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:09 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 7:54 AM <

> wrote:

RE: Remove Bridge Home shelter Griffith Park

Dear Rap Commisioners:

I writing to request the “temporary” Bridge Home shelter in south Griffith Park located on Riverside Drive be immediately disbanded, removed and restored back to its original, proper condition.

Criteria for temporary Bridge housing was approved for three years use only. That timeframe has been abused and ignored. This Bridge Home shelter has created an increase in crime and homelessness. There is no security on the premises and park users and adjacent residents are subjected to unsafe conditions, of assaults, drug dealing, fights etc.

Every day this facility is allowed to operate it violates many city charter laws , like sec. 58.01 allowing a public nuisance, sec. 113.01 allowing rubbish and garbage collection. We expect government officials, facilities they endorse and agencies to also follow the laws.

Please do the right and safe thing and immediately close Bridge Home shelter.

Respectfully,
Christine Mills O’Brien

Sent from my iPad



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge Home shelter GM Report Agenda Item 3 on June 6 RAP Commission meeting agenda - letter to GM Kim

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 9:59 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 9:36 AM Cameron Flanagan <

> wrote:

June 5, 2024

Via email

Dear Jimmy,

It was nice seeing you and the Rec & Parks Commission at the meeting last month.

I am grateful the Riverside Bridge Home shelter was placed on the RAP Commission agenda for June 6 in North Hollywood.

In June 2023, the Commission asked Hayes Davenport, CD4 Senior Advisor, and other CD4 staff present (including Senior Homeless Advisor Sarah Tanberg and Hayes Davenport) to set a timeline for decommissioning the Bridge Home shelter (due to the massive crime increase, drug trade and use to and from area and outside area gangs, as well

as the influx of more homeless to the area because of the Bridge Home shelter).

Councilmember Nithya Raman said in a public community meeting that was transcribed on February 29, 2024 that 1) her office was never asked to provide a timeline for shelter closure; 2) the shelter "can't stay open forever"; and 3) the shelter continued operation was "up to the Mayor", which is not entirely true - it is up to you and the Rec & Parks Board of Commissioners. Such an obfuscatory answer does not provide clarity to the community and shelter residents about the shelter status.

It is known that the license that gives rise to the shelter lease is set for renewal very soon and the broader community and shelter residents need a date of closure since:

1) the community was promised the shelter for 3 years max with the Adult Community Center taking the place of the temporary shelter;

2) there is no external security at the shelter, and assaults, rapes, thefts and other crimes have increased in the area;

3) the shelter clients need to be expedited to available housing and the Interim Bridge Housing has actually in two cases I worked on there thwarted the resident's ability to get housed;

4) the Bridge Home shelter lease provides no revenue to RAP;

5) Mayor Bass disfavors these congregate shelters due to the above cited issues (which are an added burden on Rangers, LAPD and the LAFD - the facility is in a high fire severity zone and the Griffith Park Vision Plan does not allow this type of structure in Griffith Park);

6) the shelter has not been half full, particularly this last a year and there are other shelters and beds throughout Los Angeles. Monies have been spent and now there is an audit by the LA Alliance's lawsuit settlement that supports the financial graft by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH);

7) finally, we now know from the attached Westside Current article there are multitudes of properties sitting empty to where Bridge Home shelter residents could transition. See attached Westside Current article:

https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/exclusive-more-than-1-200-city-owned-homeless-housing-units-remain-vacant-two-years-after/article_473f6a78-11e9-11ef-92b9-0b22ca012708.html

It is more economical to directly house people in supportive housing with wraparound services than to continue spending money on a shelter that does not function as initially intended - to house people.

Consequently, expediting the removal of the shelter is needed.

The south portion of the Griffith Park Master Plan will be developed but that will take years and safety needs to be restored to the area with a Nursery School, Adult Community Center and other recreation offerings now.

Again, I appreciate you placing Bridge Home shelter on the agenda and asking Councilwoman Raman's staff to give an exact timeline to decommission the shelter. A month-to-month lease extension without an end date is simply unacceptable to our community!

I hope and trust our Councilmember Nithya Raman

has been invited to attend this important meeting.

Sincerely,

Cameron Flanigan

*Los Feliz resident

*Co-Founder Neighborhood Council

*LFIA Environment Committee member

*SaveLA Founding member



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge home and Senior center Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 10:07 AM

To: Karen Stetler <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 9:55 AM Karen Stetler <

> wrote:

May 19, 2024

As a nearby resident of the south Griffith Park area, I am writing to support a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan supported by our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB). The plan for south Griffith Park discussed by CD 4 at the community meeting on February 29, 2024 meeting did NOT accurately reflect the Master Plan mentioned above.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet NOT enough.

The need for the long promised community center (in the Master Plan) needs to be addressed. It was intended to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years until residents from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter and affiliated criminals set fire to it, requiring the building to be razed. The community was promised in 2020 through a passed Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be sited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home to return to a parking lot upon the expiration of the

3 year term for the shelter. This original term has been extended despite overwhelming community concerns about the lack of follow through from the city regarding what was promised to be a well monitored site including a special enforcement zone and enhanced police presence.

The Bridge Home provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept. and is now an established locus of crime and drug use without shelter operator (PATH) intervention. Although I supported the installation of the Bridge Home as presented by David Ryu initially, I now believe it needs to be closed ASAP due to the crime issues - and lackluster results for its residents re: permanent housing.

Though directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilperson Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected councilperson to report back with no results.

Despite the promises made by David Ryu to maintain a safe environment, crime and vandalism and loitering have all increased exponentially in the immediate area since the shelter opened. It has attracted an influx of people involved in criminal activities including drug dealing, prostitution and gang activity that has settled both in and around the bridge home. The community was promised that the shelter would not house residents with drug/alcohol issues - this promise has been breached. The city and PATH have also not addressed the sex offenders in the shelter despite its immediate proximity to a nursery school and public playground (Megan's Law anyone?).

We implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our community voices about details important to create a

functional Community Center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park, and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who live and recreate near the Bridge Home shelter. This area has endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman with limited hours will be an insufficient safety measure that will create a liability for Recreation & Parks. As I understand it, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board.

Please reply to this communication at:

The favor of a reply addressing the above issues is appreciated in advance. We look forward to seeing our Board of Rec & Parks Commissioners at upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Ronald and Karen Stetler



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Feliz Community Crisis

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:32 AM

To: Lynne hanson <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 1:53 PM Lynne hanson <

> wrote:

From:

June 5, 2024

To Office of Board of Commissioners,

As a nearby property owner in the south Griffith Park area, I am excited about the possibility of a new Community Center in the area based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan, which was NOT what happened at the 2/29/24 meeting put on by the Council Office.

I understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years yet NOT enough.

The recent community meeting of 115 attendees did not address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years until homeless from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter and their affiliated criminals burnt it down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be demolished due to safety issues. The community was promised in 2020 through a successful Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot. We are NOT okay with Bridge Home shelter staying in the area that provides no revenue to Griffith Park Rec & Parks Dept., doesn't get people housed, and is an established nexus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs and want free meals, without shelter operator (PATH) oversight!

Though in attendance, and directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as

requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected councilmember to report back.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available. The element of prostitution has increased in our neighborhood as well with drug-addicted women trading sex for drugs from shelter residents and gang members, as well as payment for sex by men who buy drugs outside the shelter.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. I implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to create a functional community center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does NOT represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4 who recreate near the Bridge Home shelter. This community has endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out already available Narcan, call police and fire with limited hours will be insufficient and will create a liability for Recreation & Parks - an anemic safety measure. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff, not aiding in increasing the safety around Bridge Home shelter that we the surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety NOW in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board as we are being gaslighted by Council District 4 reps.

Please reply to my letter at _____ or by calling _____. The favor of a reply addressing the above issues is appreciated in advance. We look forward to seeing our Board of Rec & Parks Commissioners at upcoming meetings.

Sincerely, Lynne Hanson

bcc: Aguirre, Sardin, Kim, Public Info



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: General public comment for June 6, 2024 commission meeting

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 1:23 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 9:43 AM Kevin Mullican < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept my public comments regarding the failure of the Los Feliz Riverside Drive Bridge Home.

16 million dollars have been spent to date on the facility and its operation, 7.2 million to build it and 8.8 million so far to operate it.

Despite several public record requests, no annual reports or audits of the funds spent on the facility are available. The shelter operates with a blank check and without any accountability. The budget has been 2.2 million dollars each fiscal year since it opened. The number of residents fluctuates between 50 and 80 residents. Somehow, operating costs are the same for 50 residents as for 80 residents, but the public doesn't know why, because there are no audits or reports.

LAHSA reports that the average stay for a resident is 160 days. LAMC limits temporary shelter stay to 90 days. Multiple residents have been in the shelter since it was built, almost 4 years.

LAHSA reports that 20% of residents have moved to permanent housing. However, LAHSA fails to state how many residents the facility has serviced, so 20% of what? Many return. Several residents have been denied permanent housing, because they are "already housed."

Recreation and Parks charter mandates that the department is "focused to restore and enhance the safety and enjoyment of park patrons." The building was constructed for a 5 year life span. Shortly, it will exceed its safe operation lifetime. This poses a safety risk to the residents, staff, and the surrounding community. Just a few months ago, a resident started a fire with a battery explosion inside the facility that dented the men's side. The structure is unsafe, and Recreation and Parks may be subject to liability for damages due to negligence and misuse. Monday, our Councilmember, without notice, had the city survey the area for permanent supportive housing. This is being thrust at both the community and Rec & Parks and we all need to band together to stop park development.

Recreation and Parks charter mandates that the department is to "support greater park access and equity". The shelter is closed to the general public. Existence of the shelter on park land directly contradicts the Rec and Parks charter for equity of access, because it discriminates against the general public.

According to LAPD records, the shelter has become a nexus of crime, with crime increasing 300% since the shelter was installed. The shelter has no exterior security. The contract between LAHSA and PATH requires full time security, but as PATH testified, they only have 3 security employees. This is not enough for even full time security inside, notwithstanding outside the shelter.

According to LAHSA's point in time count, homelessness around the shelter has increased 468% since the shelter was installed, and that doesn't include the residents in the shelter.

The shelter is a failed experiment that has not met any of its original goals. The shelter puts the residents at risk, fails to meet the residents needs, discriminates against the public, attracts crime, and increases homelessness. Do not throw good money after bad. Do not renew the shelter license. House the current residents in the large number of vacant

properties already owned by the City and provide wrap-around mental health, drug treatment, and life coaching social services.

Sincerely,
Kevin Mullican



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Feliz Bridge Housing (Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting, June 6, 2024 Item 4: General Public Comment)

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 7:37 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 4:33 PM D Chew <

> wrote:

Commissioners,

I seek a determination by this independent Commission of the Recreation and Park to really look into this blight which occurred on Griffith Park property.

The issue is that a temporary humanitarian effort is going to usurp a portion of the great Griffith Park.

The long-planned Senior Center is being subverted. The temporary 3-year use has been extended beyond its time and has worn out its welcome to this site and its neighbors.

The plans have long been approved; the Seniors are still in a decades old bungalow set on the parking lot of the Friendship Auditorium. This is a long-promised project that has been through the efforts of three Mayors and three Councilpersons as well as 5 RAP managers.

This is not a simple request. It does concern the City of Los Angeles and the promise made to Giffith J. Griffith about using his gift to Los Angeles. A promise to gift Los Angeles, land for recreation, green openspace, and assisting the people of Los Angeles. Time has come to give the Seniors of Los Angeles their due, a promised Center. Just like the Valley Plaza Recreational Center, this Senior Center will address different needs but is still part of the overall complex on that is on Riverside Drive.

Thank You for your time, attention, and consideration.

Dennis Chew



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bridge Housing lease renewal

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 7:48 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 10:04 AM Louis Wenzlaff <

> wrote:

Dear Honorable Commissioners;

I imagine that each of you are a good person who wants to fulfill the responsibility you took on to maintain many parks, and especially Griffith Park one of the largest parks in the middle of a city.

This is your purview and priority.

It is NOT solving the homeless problem. And with the drug and criminal element so prevalent at the Bridge Housing, I suspect that you are sick and tired of the vandalism and destruction of your beautiful community park—now in a state of constant needed repairs.

The shelter needs to be decommissioned to fulfill the promise to the community, and to remove the housing which is illegal based on the charter of the park.

One year ago you gave our councilwoman a mandate to prepare a timeline for closure. She has refused to do so.

There needs to be a consequence for her insubordination, and you have the power to do so.

Imagine the pride and benefit when, as originally proposed, the folks in the shelter have been moved elsewhere, and the community center is in operation. Young and old will be communicating and interacting in harmony—a jewel of the city! Made it happen!

That's your vision, our vision. Make it happen by doing the right thing, the promised thing. Restore faith in our city officials.

Decommission the shelter, the start the planning for the community center.

You will feel very good about yourselves.
Dr. Suzanne Wenzlaff



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Closing A Bridge Home in Los Feliz

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 8:06 AM

To: Julie Farr <

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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 and staff.

On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 6:20 PM Julie Farr <j
June 10, 2024

> wrote:

Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328

Dear LA City Recreation and Parks Department,

As a nearby property owner in the south Griffith Park area, we look forward to a new Community Center in the area, as promised by the city and based on the Master Plan presented February 29, 2024 at a community meeting in Los Feliz. Our esteemed local groups, the Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA) and the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), have supported a community-driven Master Plan. Unfortunately, this was not the plan presented by the Council Office.

We understand from the community meeting the money immediately secured by CD4 is earmarked for the Griffith Park pool, some for planning for the Master Plan, and a consultant. That is some progress after 4 years, yet not nearly enough.

The recent community meeting of 115 attendees did not address the need for the community center that we want to be located on the site where the L.A. Shares building stood for years until homeless from the adjacent Bridge Home shelter burnt it down, requiring the longstanding L.A. Shares building to be demolished due to safety issues. The community was promised in 2020 through a successful Council Motion under then CD4 Councilman David Ryu that the community center would be cited where LA Shares building was located. Ryu's Motion also called for the current location of the Bridge Home shelter to return to a parking lot. We are not okay with Bridge Home shelter staying in the area. It doesn't get people housed and is an established nexus of crime and draw for homeless who use drugs and want free meals, without shelter operator (PATH) oversight!

Though in attendance, and directly asked during the Master Plan meeting, CD4 Councilwoman Raman did not address a timeline for decommissioning the shelter in Griffith Park. Councilwoman Raman has refused to report back to the RAP Commission from the June 2023 for shelter closure timeline as

requested by the RAP Commission Board. Our community has been more than patiently waiting for our elected councilmember to report back.

The Bridge Home shelter for the past 3.5 years has increased crime 300% to the immediate neighborhoods of Los Feliz and created a 468% increase in homeless to the area due to drugs being readily available. The element of prostitution has also increased. As owners of the next-door apartment building, the installation of A Bridge Home has been a disaster and resulted in:

- **Increased crime, vandalism, drugs and trash:** including rocks thrown through windows (units on Los Feliz Blvd), vagrants doing drugs at the Fountain in broad daylight, tenants cars broken into, property damage (screens on the buildings crawl spaces were torn off (presumably to get underneath our building), mail theft (which is then left littering the streets and park), and scavenging through the trash (which takes our maintenance crew hours to clean up).
- **Increased homeless tents and homeless around the shelter.** PATH did absolutely nothing to get these removed. When they were on DWP property, DWP was more responsive to getting these removed but noted that their department was overwhelmed. Often there were ten or more tents around the shelter, some of which used the shelter's walls as support. People in RV's and cars parked around the shelter and fountain and up Los Feliz Blvd. Tents were seen in the hills above the shelter with cooking, creating a fire hazard.
- **Stalking and frightening tenants.** We have many tenant complaints and some tenants felt forced to move. Homeless know on tenant windows, rant and scream in front of units, chased tenants, etc. While many of our units are inside gates, some front doors are directly on Los Feliz Blvd. Our tenants do not feel safe.

The safety of our Los Feliz community is PRIORITY ONE. We implore the Rec & Parks Commission Board to work with our local community groups to close the shelter, while listening to our voices about details important to create a functional community center that facilitates safety both within south Griffith Park and at the community center specifically. Our Councilperson's agenda does not represent the peoples' voices in Council District 4. This community has endured enough!

The Ambassador Program as proposed by Council District 4 Rep Raman to have 2 staff outside the facility to "deescalate" at the Bridge Home shelter and pass out already available Narcan, call police and fire with limited hours will be insufficient and will create a liability for Recreation & Parks - an anemic safety measure. As I understand, these personnel will be recruited from a yet-to-be identified third party vendor and will not have law enforcement training nor training or experience in clinical psychology, which is what is needed to ensure safety of Ambassador Program staff and shelter residents. Such a measure will merely add untrained staff, not aiding in increasing the safety around Bridge Home shelter that we the surrounding community have already called for on multiple occasions to be removed. We need safety now in south Griffith Park and to have our voices heard by the RAP Commission Board as we are being gaslighted by Council District 4 reps.

We support the city's efforts to address the homeless problem, but A Bridge Home is ineffective and harmful to the neighborhood. The city acts as if the homeless have more rights than the housed, which is dispiriting for all of those working hard to stay housed. While being homeless is not a crime, vandalism and theft are. Tents should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods or on/near public property. The city needs to distinguish between the homeless who are capable and willing to get out of the homelessness and those with severe drug and mental issues. This latter segment can't be relied on to be appropriate in public places, meet their own basic needs, or make good decisions for their welfare, and need to be separated.

Sincerely,

Julie Farr and Stan Dorobek



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Riverside Bridge House Shelter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 7:42 AM

To: DW Socha <

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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 and staff.

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 4:55 PM DW Socha <

> wrote:

*Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department
Office of Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 86328
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0328*

I was at the Rec and Parks Public meeting last week and made public comment about the Riverside Bridge House. As you consider whether or not to offer a one year extension on this lease, I wanted to follow up on Commissioner Simril's question re: Community Engagement.

Last night, I attended the Homelessness Committee meeting which is held every month at the Los Feliz Library. It struck me that Amanda Blide (committee member) and Indu Subaiya (Chairperson) didn't seem to know that A) the Bridge House is on Parks land; B) that a fire had happened inside the shelter, which damaged part of the interior and endangered lives; C) people who enter the shelter are only supposed to be there for 160 days, yet some have been kept there for years; D) the shelter is not operating at capacity.

I mention this because last month, this committee meeting didn't even have time set aside for public comment, so the meeting was simply theater in which the people sitting at the table told the community members what was what. Then this month, the community had to enlighten these supposed leaders about what this shelter has actually degenerated into. There is a HUGE disconnect between the Neighborhood Council and the community.

Please deny the extension of this lease.... for all of us. Apparently, there are 1200 empty city units (according to the Westside Current) that can become the permanent homes for the people at the Riverside Bridge House. Please force the city to make use of them.

Thank you

Dawn wolf Socha



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: teaching your children tennis

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 8:16 AM

To:

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 8:55 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Please see the forwarded email below.

Thank you,

Caro

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

From: **Anthony Krinsky** < >
 Date: Sun, Jun 2, 2024 at 11:14 AM
 Subject: teaching your children tennis
 To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Mr. Commissioner,

Certainly, here is an edited version of your comment:

Tennis appears to be the only sport in Los Angeles where parents are not permitted to teach their own children on public courts. Based on the current rules limiting the number of balls allowed on court, even legendary coach Richard Williams would be unable to teach his daughters, Serena and Venus Williams, on public courts today.

As a parent, it would be crippling to afford \$100/hour private tennis lessons for both of my children, several times per week, or to have my own tennis court on a 6,000 ft² lot. At some point, my children will be able to sustain a rally with just 6 balls, but until then, bringing a bucket of balls to public courts -- something that is officially forbidden -- is our only hope for them to acquire essential tennis skills.

For what it's worth, there are hitting pros who use 6 balls but are providing a commercial service on public courts without an official concession.

Whatever rationale lies behind the current prohibition cannot possibly be more important than the ability for a parent to teach their own children tennis on public courts. This policy creates a significant barrier to entry for many families and risks making tennis inaccessible to lower and middle-income households in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anthony Krinsky

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Department of Recreation and Parks



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Safe Skateparks

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 10:40 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 10:33 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello RAP,

Please see the forwarded message below.

Thank you,

Caro

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

From: **RORY BROWN** < >
Date: Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 10:13 AM
Subject: Safe Skateparks
To: <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, < >

Hello Los Angeles Parks and Rec, My name is Rory Brown and I am a 13 year old boy who lives in Los Angeles. I love to skateboard and ride my BMX bike, but there are not many places near my house in Hollywood where I can skate and ride my BMX safely. So I was just wondering what it would take to build a skate park. I think that a place that would be perfect for a skate park is El Paseo de Cahuenga Park (3300 Cahuenga Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90068 United States). One reason why I think that park would be perfect for it is it is a good sized area of land that would be good for skateboarding. It is not a busy or very used park - I pass it every day. Another reason why I think that It would be perfect is it would help the economy of the local businesses around the Park because it would bring more people in from different places that want to go skate, ride BMX, scooter, Etc. BMX and skateboarding started in California. They will be Olympic sports. We need places to ride.

Thank you For reading my suggestion, Rory Brown

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Department of Recreation and Parks
Public Information Office
Email: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org
Phone: 213-202-2700
Website: www.laparks.org

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Re: Reynier Park Trees & Overall Maintenance

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 2:28 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 9:48 PM Kathryn Pellman < > wrote:
Parks Commission Members,

I am writing to you because it feels like a full time job to get the Parks Department to do they job. It takes endless emails and meetings to get them to respond in any meaningful way to our requests. It is not reasonable that we have to spend so much time and effort to get the Parks Department staff to respond to the most basic services. And, when they do, their actions are generally insufficient and requires excessive follow up as the email summary and email attachments below demonstrate. Unfortunately, I don't have all the email exchanges so these are only a sample of the many emails exchanged.

And, more importantly, they have not responded in a timely or productive manner to Councilwoman Hutt's staff's request to have our aging trees evaluated. This is unacceptable. We want the Parks Dept. to proactively put a replacement plan in place rather than waiting for the trees to die. It has been my experience that the Parks Dept. does not proactively manage park maintenance and typically waits until something is broken or in the case of weak and/or aging trees, is dead.

- **Trees. Current Status: Not resolved.** CD 10 Council Office has been unsuccessful in getting the Parks Dept. to evaluate the trees and appropriate longterm plan and proactive replacement before trees die.

It took from October 2022 until late April 2023 (6+ months of follow up!) to get the three replacement trees (pictured below when they were planted over a year ago and now) that replaced three of the four new/replacement trees it took a year to get. They were a poor choice. Not only were they small specimens, they grow very slowly and need pruning to become a tree which will never happen. As, I am sure you know park trees are rarely trimmed only by request. At least, that has been my experience in the last 28 years.

- **March 5, 2023** Follow Up Email to Parks Dept. Requesting the replacement of three trees.
- **March 7, 2023** Email. Parks Department agreed to replace trees.
- **Corner Plantings. Current Status: Not resolved.**
 - **July 20, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. Corner plantings are not being maintained. Weeds are not being removed on a regular basis and when they "weed", there does not appear to be any attempt to remove the roots. Specifically, the planting by the pergola was "pruned" for some reason and not cleaned up and the planting at Hargis and Reynier was also "trimmed" including the weeds. No effort appears to have been made to remove the weeds
 - **July 21, 2022** Email From Clinton Stevenson. Someone will be over today to take care of this.
 - **August 5, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. The weeds have still not been removed

- **August 8, 2022.** Email from Parks Dept. We will have someone work on the planter beds. I noticed that those plants have grown quite large and intertwined with each other. It will be difficult to have them look like they did when first planted.
 - **August 10, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. Sent more photos of the lantana planting to demonstrate that the issue isn't the size of the lantana. The issue is that the planting is not being weeded.
 - **February 16, 2023** Email to Parks Dept. Request to order replacement lantana. (Lantana had died)
 - **March 5, 2023.** The corner planting where the lantana is still needs to be cleaned up and weeded.
- **Irrigation. Current Status: Not resolved.**
 - **July 20, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. Sprinklers need to be adjusted. Some parts of the grass are green; others are brown due to lack of water.
 - **August 5, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. The park continues to be watered unevenly.
 - **August 8, 2022.** Email from Parks Dept. Also the grass is that way due to the water restrictions. The park is only being watered 2 days a week. Our Irrigation team will be out today to inspect the system to make sure the system is working properly.
 - **August 10, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. One of many requests. Irrigation team came to the park at my request and still no improvement. Whenever I speak with park managers in person, they keep telling me it is a sun verses shade issue, not a water issue. I strongly disagree. Patterning of dry areas suggests that the watering is uneven since the grassy area in the photo get the same amount of sun/shade as the center strip which looks like it is getting no water at all.
 - **August 22, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. Large swaths of grass are brown with dusty dirt.
 - **October 18, 2022** Email to Parks Dept. Request to check sprinkler and adjust as necessary
 - **Pergolas. Current Status: Repair did not last.** At the request and with funding obtained by the CD10 Council Office, replacement pergola is expected in the next few months.
 - **January 21, 2022.** Email to Parks Dept. Asked what the long term plan is to maintain the pergola and when the short term fixes for the pergola will be complete
 - **October 18, 2022.** Asked again what the long term plan is to maintain the pergola and when the short term fixes for the pergola will be complete
 - **November 21, 2022.** Again, asked what the long term plan is to maintain the pergola and when the short term fixes for the pergola will be complete
 - **February 13, 2023** to Parks Dept. Again, asked what the long term plan is to maintain the pergola Find out when the short term fixes for the pergola will be complete
 - **February 23, 2023** Email from Parks Dept. As for the Pergola. Construction inspected it last week and feels it has been stabilized and is no longer a hazard. I do not expect them to rebuild or remodel this structure.
 - **Rubber Surface for Playground.** Current Status: At the request of CD10 Council Office, it was patched a few months ago. CD 10 got funding for replacement expected in the next few months.
 - **October 18, 2022.** One of many requests for replacement of rubber ground cover in playground

Please let me know how you plan to resolve these issues.

Cordially,

Kathryn Pellman

Photos taken May 2024

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathryn Pellman < >
Subject: Reynier Park
Date: June 6, 2023 at 6:17:31 PM PDT
To: TerrenceGomes@lacity.org

Hi Terry,

I think the emails speak for themselves. It took from October 2022 until late April 2023 (6+ months of follow up!) to get the three replacement trees pictured. I find it hard to believe they will ever grow into decent looking trees. Unless I request that they be trimmed so they have tree trunks, they will be oversized bushes. There were four trees planted a couple of years ago and the only one left is the best specimen that was propagated by Leon. Ideally, any replacement trees should be more substantial. I had a street tree at the park replaced a few years ago and I did not have this problem. As for the corner planting, after telling me that they would plant more lantana, they planted what appears to be Kangaroo Paws which (a) don't work with the planting and (b) are not going to spread to cover the open space. Apparently, this was all they had. If they has let me know, I would have gladly bought a few gallons for them to plant. As you can see from the emails, it was months of follow up to get the pergola "repaired." Instead off repairing the rubber in the playground, they patched it. It is probably 20 years old. I am beyond frustrated.

On a positive note, they have gotten better at cleaning the park and on a rare occasion report graffiti when they see it in the morning.

Kathryn

Photos Taken June 2023



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Sidewalk Repair Program | Notice of Availability | Recirculated Portions of Draft EIR

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Lauren Rhodes <lauren.rhodes@lacity.org>

Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 9:44 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 9:27 AM Lauren Rhodes <lauren.rhodes@lacity.org> wrote:

Notice of Availability of Recirculated Portions of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Sidewalk Repair Program

Please review the attached notice.

The City of Los Angeles (City) has prepared recirculated portions of the Sidewalk Repair Program Environmental Impact Report (2021 EIR or EIR) for the proposed Los Angeles Sidewalk Repair Program (proposed Project) that addresses the manner in which sidewalk repair projects are undertaken pursuant to the City's obligations under the Willits Settlement Agreement (Willits Settlement). The EIR was certified on June 22, 2021, but subsequently challenged by United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles and Angelenos for Trees, resulting in a judgment in favor of the petitioners and decertification of the EIR.* The recirculated portions of the EIR address the legal defects in the 2021 EIR that were identified by the court so that the City may reconsider the Project for approval. The portions of the EIR are being recirculated pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15088.5. The City is requesting input on the recirculated portions of the Draft EIR from public agencies, residents, and other interested project stakeholders.

* United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles v. City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles County Superior Court Case (United Neighborhoods)).

Project Description: Under the proposed Project, the City would adopt a new uncodified ordinance to revise the way sidewalk repairs undertaken pursuant to the Willits Settlement are reviewed and approved, with a primary goal of streamlining the Willits Settlement implementation process. The key components of the ordinance include:

- A ministerial approval process to enable sidewalk repair projects falling within certain specified parameters to proceed upon approval by the City Engineer or a designee, without undergoing further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- A streamlined discretionary approval process by the City Engineer or a designee for sidewalk repair projects falling outside the specific parameters for a ministerial sidewalk repair approval;
- A revised Street Tree Retention, Removal and Replacement Policy establishing a 2:1 street tree replacement to removal ratio requirement for years 1-10, 3:1 for years 11-21, and 2:1 for years 22-30, and;
- Mandatory Project Design Features (PDFs) generally consisting of regulatory compliance measures and standard construction conditions and procedures.

Project Objectives: The following is a list of objectives for the proposed Project that support the underlying purpose, including the fundamental project objective which is to:

- Ensure the continued and efficient compliance with the requirements of the Willits Settlement while amending the existing program for sidewalk repairs within the City, in accordance with the applicable disabled access requirements, including those required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines, and California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 2 Chapter 11B.
- The following additional project objectives have also been identified:
- Retain existing street trees that are the cause of sidewalk barriers to the extent feasible, provided the work would not result in street tree mortality compromise public safety, or prohibit compliance with minimum disabled

access standards;

- If street tree removal(s) are required, ensure compliance with the revised Street Tree Retention, Removal and Replacement Policy, including: a 2:1 street tree replacement to removal ratio requirement for the first 10 years from July 2017, a 3:1 ratio for years 11 to 21, and a 2:1 ratio for the last 9 years of the 30-year Project;
- Identify the criteria and process for ministerial approval of future sidewalk improvements and street tree removals and replacements, with the goal of avoiding the need to undertake individualized environmental review of every repair of every City sidewalk or of every street tree removal and replacement and the potential legal challenge to each such approval; thereby streamlining the Willits Settlement implementation and providing certainty to the City and its disabled community.

Environmental Impacts: The analysis contained in the recirculated portions of the Draft EIR determined that the proposed Project would have less-than-significant impacts related to short-term impacts on special-status species and common species, naturally occurring trees, individual trees not contained within a locally designated natural habitat or plan community, cumulative aesthetic impacts, and cumulative impacts on biological resources. The analysis contained in the recirculated portions of the Draft EIR did not identify any significant and unavoidable environmental impacts.

Public Review Period: The recirculated portions of the Draft EIR public review and comment period begins June 6, 2024 and ends on July 23, 2024. The recirculated portions of the Draft EIR are available online at <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/>. The recirculated portions of the Draft EIR and all documents incorporated by reference can also be reviewed at the below address. Please contact Lauren Rhodes at (213) 485-5733 or lauren.rhodes@lacity.org to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Ways to Participate and Provide Input:

Submit comments on the recirculated portions of the Draft EIR online using the comment form at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/RDEIR-SRP-Comment>



Comments may also be submitted by mail to the following address:

Lauren Rhodes, Environmental Supervisor I
City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to lauren.rhodes@lacity.org. Please remember to:

- 1) Include "SRP DEIR" in the subject line; and
- 2) Include a mailing address in the comment letter.

Following the close of the comment period on July 23, 2024, the City will consider and prepare responses to the comments received and compile the recirculated portions of the Final EIR. All responses to comments submitted on the recirculated portions of the Draft EIR by public agencies will be provided to those agencies at least 10 days prior to certification of the recirculated portions of the Final EIR. The Board of Public Works and City Council Committee(s) may

consider and make recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the recirculated portions of the Final EIR and proposed Project. The Los Angeles City Council will make findings regarding the extent and nature of the environmental impacts as described in the recirculated portions of the Final EIR. The recirculated portions of the Final EIR will need to be certified by the City prior to making a decision to approve the proposed Project. Public input is encouraged at all public meetings before the City.

The contents of this Notice of Availability have been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines. For additional information about the environmental review process, please contact Lauren Rhodes at (213) 485-5733 or lauren.rhodes@lacity.org.

Thank you,

Lauren Rhodes *she/her*

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council Letter regarding Draft RAP Art Policy

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 9:52 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 12:19 AM Jennifer Clark <j > wrote:
Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

Reviewing your proposed RAP Public Art Policy for temporary art as put forth in the May 2 meeting, the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council urges the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners and Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force to reconsider the Drafted Policy in favor of a more equitable one.

Please see attached for the official letter.

Yours,

Jennifer Clark
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
Vice President
Chair of Bylaws & Rules Committee
Chair of Beautification & Public Safety Committee
Chair of Elections Committee / Vice Chair of the Executive Committee
Resident Representatives Stakeholder Board Member

If this is after-hours for you, please feel free to wait to respond until your preferred working hours resume. I work flexibly and may send emails outside normal working hours. Your immediate response is not expected.

Please note: any email correspondence with me is subject to the California Public Records Act, and the record may be subject to public disclosure.



North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

May 15, 2024

To the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners,

We applaud the efforts of the Board and Facility Repair And Maintenance Commission Task Force to solve a long-standing problem of the maintenance and restoration of public art on Recreation and Parks land throughout Los Angeles. Reviewing your proposed RAP Public Art Policy for temporary art as put forth in the May 2 meeting, the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council urges the **Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners** and **Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force** to reconsider the Drafted Policy in favor of a more equitable one.

Our concerns lie mainly on four points:

- 1) **Section VIII., Procedures for Temporary Installations, Number 1:** Any Applicant proposing a Temporary Installation must complete and submit a Public Art Application form (Application), along with an application fee of \$500.
- 2) **Section VIII., Procedures for Temporary Installations, Number 4:** The Application must include a signed Artist Waiver, which is included in the Application, (Exhibit B) in order to be considered complete.
- 3) **Section IV., General Public Art Guidelines, Number 2:** RAP shall bear no financial responsibility for the installation, maintenance or removal of any Public Art without exception. If any piece or portion of Public Art is vandalized or stolen, RAP shall be under no obligation to repair or replace the artwork. The Applicant shall treat Public Art with an anti-graffiti coating unless RAP determines that such treatment is unnecessary or infeasible for a particular installation.
- 4) **Section III., RAP and Public Art, Number 2b:** Public Art should create opportunities for community engagement and building for the park and its surrounding community. The creation and/or installation of any Temporary Installation on RAP property shall involve (1) community input via survey, community meeting, Neighborhood Council and/or Park Advisory Board; and (2) a community event commemorating the creation and/or installation of the artwork.

On the first point:

\$500 to simply submit an application that may, by your own admission, be rejected, is exorbitant. If the Department of Recreation and Parks is interested in reaching a varied set of artists and community



North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

groups, then you must understand how this will diminish artists' and groups' abilities to participate. If the review of the applications and approval by the staff are truly that far outside of the RAP staff's purview, then this is a conversation worth having about what department's responsibility public art is; however, charging artists \$500 per application simply to pay your staff to review these applications seems outlandish, and arbitrary.

On the second point:

Asking artists to waive their Federal and State of California rights so the RAP can manage their land is not the root of the problem. Based on the summary included from the Task Force meeting, the root of the problem is a lack of appropriate record-keeping for the public art installations across the RAP land. Working to build and maintain a database for the Department, in addition to working together with the DCA and CAC to maintain any joint ventures, will allow the RAP with the information it needs to communicate with artists as needed when determining an artworks' needs, whether it be maintenance or removal. We suggest that you modify the following language in the waiver from "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] ("Artwork")" to include a requirement that RAP will attempt to contact said artist for a set time period and with proof of such due diligence, and that after than time period has passed with no response from the artist, then they will have the absolute right to do all that is stated to the installation in that section.

On the third point:

It is impossible to understand the financial responsibility of maintaining a public piece of artwork, and to put that burden on an artist is unrealistic, both financially and logistically. As the RAP staff is regularly in the parks and public spaces, it's practical to assign this responsibility of oversight to the RAP. Again, if this is outside the bounds of the abilities of the staff, then other solutions that don't involve pushing costs to local artists need to be explored. This additional cost is an additional deterrent for installations to go through proper channels given that the RAP staff already are removing art that has been installed without RAP approval at their own cost.

On the fourth point:



North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

The additional focus to utilize Public Art in community engagement and building is one we fully support. We appreciate the proposal that Neighborhood Councils and/or Park Advisory Boards (PABs) might be involved in the creation and/or installation of the temporary art. However, there was no input asked for from these community groups for the creation of this policy. Our recommendation is that the PABs and Neighborhood Councils be sent a survey now asking for input.

Again, the NHNENC firmly believes in the mission of the Department of Recreation and Parks, while equally valuing the importance of public art. We know that many of the city's departments are underfunded (simply look to the unpaid labor of the 99 neighborhood councils as an example). But we urge you to find a solution that does not add multiple layers of burden to any artist simply wanting to enrich their community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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Zaid Diaz-Arias

President

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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Date of Board Vote: May 15, 2024

Board Vote Count: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Keswick Street aka Keswick Pocket Park - North Hollywood - Board Report 23-026

1 message

Arus Grigoryan <arus.grigoryan@lacity.org>

Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 1:43 PM

To: Jackie Keene <jackie.keene@lacity.org>

Cc: Jennifer Clark < >, RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org, Zaid Diaz-Arias < >

Thank you Jackie for this,

I am planning to include this as part of my updates for this month's meeting.

Jennifer, could you please extend my comment time to 7min for the upcoming meeting?

Arus Grigoryan (She/Her/Hers)**Field Deputy**Office: [818.755.7676](tel:818.755.7676)

On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 12:47 PM Jackie Keene <jackie.keene@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Jennifer,

Arus and I can update the NC on the status of this project that Councilman Krekorian initiated on this parcel a few years ago, so happy to hop on a call or share at the next NC meeting. A street vacation was necessary and what the motion covered.

The Notice to Proceed will be issued soon by RAP, and we will work the community and RAP on a groundbreaking event

to celebrate the beginning of this improvement project when they're ready to break ground.

Jackie Keene**Director of Community Improvement**

Office: 818.755-7676

On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 2:29 AM Jennifer Clark < >

> wrote:

RAP,

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Including the Board Report 23-026 link for reference: <https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2023/jan19/23-026.pdf>

Yours,

Jennifer Clark
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
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Chair of Beautification & Public Safety Committee
Chair of Elections Committee / Vice Chair of the Executive Committee
Resident Representatives Stakeholder Board Member

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Keswick Street aka Keswick Pocket Park - North Hollywood - Board Report 23-026

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 8:00 AM

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North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL FILE 20-0122

*Keswick Street / Vantage Avenue / Transfer of Jurisdiction / City-owned Property / Department
of Recreation and Parks*

December 13, 2023

In 2020, the City Council supported the creation of a pocket park in North Hollywood on 5,486 square feet of vacant city property at the corner of Keswick St & Vantage Ave near Laurel Canyon Blvd ([CF 20-0122](#)). The North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council (NHNENC) is in support of this decision.

On November 28, 2023, Mayor Bass signed the paperwork: *“The Notice of Transfer of Jurisdiction and Control (one (1) original) for the transfer of jurisdiction of the City-owned Parcel APN: 2307-012-901 from the Department of General Services (GSD) to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to dedicate it as park property in perpetuity as authorized by Board Report No. 23-026 and by Council File No. 20-0122.”*

We are grateful to see that the land is now officially designated as Keswick Park and look forward to seeing what this will add, once built, to our park poor community.


However, we are concerned about its close proximity to a currently vacant nuisance property that is not owned by the city, APN 2307-013-010 (At Vantage Ave between Keswick St and Lull St), as seen on pages 41-46 of The Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners [Board Report](#)

[23-026](#)

The NHNENC respectfully requests that we be included and updated as this project moves forward as it is within our boundaries.

Thank you,

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council

x  _____

Zaid Diaz-Arias

Board President

North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council

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Date of Board Vote: 12/13/23

Board Vote Count: Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0 Recused 0

Motion Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: DOG LEASH BY LAWS

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 7:35 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sat, Jun 8, 2024 at 2:47 PM S Allmin

> wrote:

Good afternoon Cesar,

I wanted to inquire with you regarding the enforcement- or lack thereof- of the city by laws for dogs being on leash. I have seen the signs posted around the park, but in the many years I've frequented Pershing Square with my dog, I have never actually seen it enforced- but I have seen there be issues with the off leash dogs having unwanted confrontations with other dogs and their owners. I find this concerning as there seems to always be security active on the grounds. This law is one of safety for all patrons present and was hoping to have some explanation or understanding as to why the security staff aren't enforcing the rule? Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards,
Savannah Allmin



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pen Mar Cafe concession building approved by Mr Stanley Woo -on PenMar Golf course, L A

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 7:55 AM

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jun 9, 2024 at 1:50 PM <

> wrote:

Attachment available until Jul 9, 2024

Pen Mar golf course concession for The Pen Mar Cafe 1233 Rose Ave. Venice Ca 90291 approved by Mr Stanley Woo without supervision, because it brings in revenue for city- was exempt from building and safety regulations, permits and inspection.

[Click to Download](#)IMG_0240.MOV
42.2 MB

fire hazard -Illegal storage of restaurant items (junk) along the interior fence of Pen Mar Golf Course



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GAN GRAFFITI CD1

1 message

Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <>

Cc: karen.bass@lacity.org, councilmember.krekorian@lacity.org, councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org, councilmember.price@lacity.org, councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org, eunisses.hernandez@lacity.org, councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org, councilmember.traci.park@lacity.org, councilmember.raman@lacity.org, councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org, councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org, councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org, councilmember.hutt@lacity.org, councilmember.park@lacity.org, councilmember.Lee@lacity.org, councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org, councilmember.mcoaster@lacity.org,

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rick.swanson@lacity.org,

rap.commissioners@lacity.org, valentine.brown@lacity.org

bertha.calderon@lacity.org, laura.island@lacity.org,

All job orders have been submitted 24-23098 and 24-22889.

Best Regards

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 9:44 AM Garcia Incareal <>

> wrote:

JUNE 12

LA Council Eunisses Hernandez

The graffiti at Sycamore Grove Park has not been removed and is worst.

Attach some pictures.

Why do we have to wait this long for our community to get services?

Mauro Garcia

--

Yovonte Robinson
Park Maintenance Supervisor

Recreation and Parks

Metro Region

Office Phone (323) 255-0370

Yovonte.robinson@lacity.org



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA COUNCIL HERNANDEZ

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 7:51 AM

Good morning,

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

On Mon, Jun 10, 2024 at 11:06 AM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:
JUNE 6

LA council Eunises Hernandez
The Sycamore Grove Park is full of graffiti.
Attach are some of the locations.
I hope if you don't have the time to look at it you can send your deputy.
This is not acceptable in our community by the voters.
Thank you
Mauro Garcia

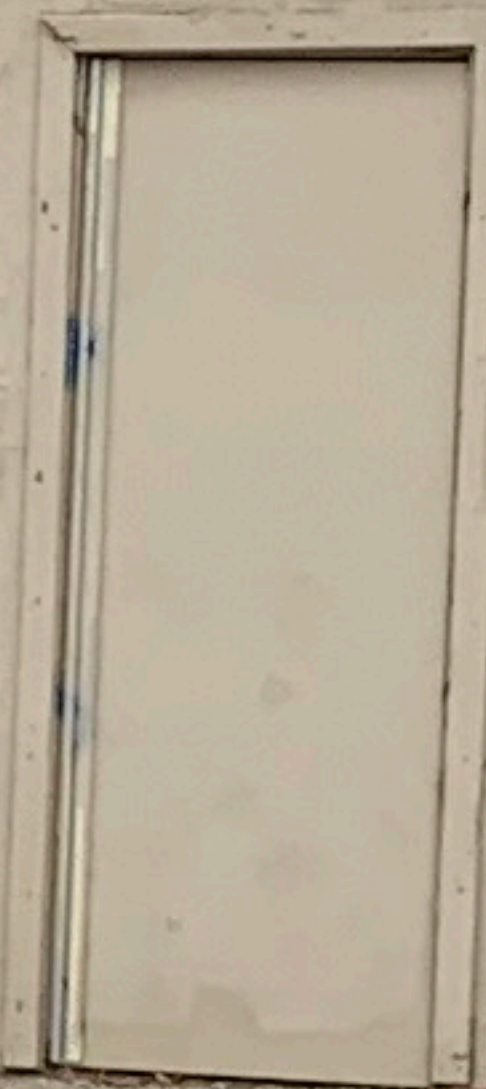


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Handwritten graffiti in yellow paint, possibly the word "LOVE", is visible on the right side of the utility box.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: PENMAR GOLF COARSE - ROSE AVE TENTS AND TRASH OUT OF CONTROL

1 message

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

Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Good morning,

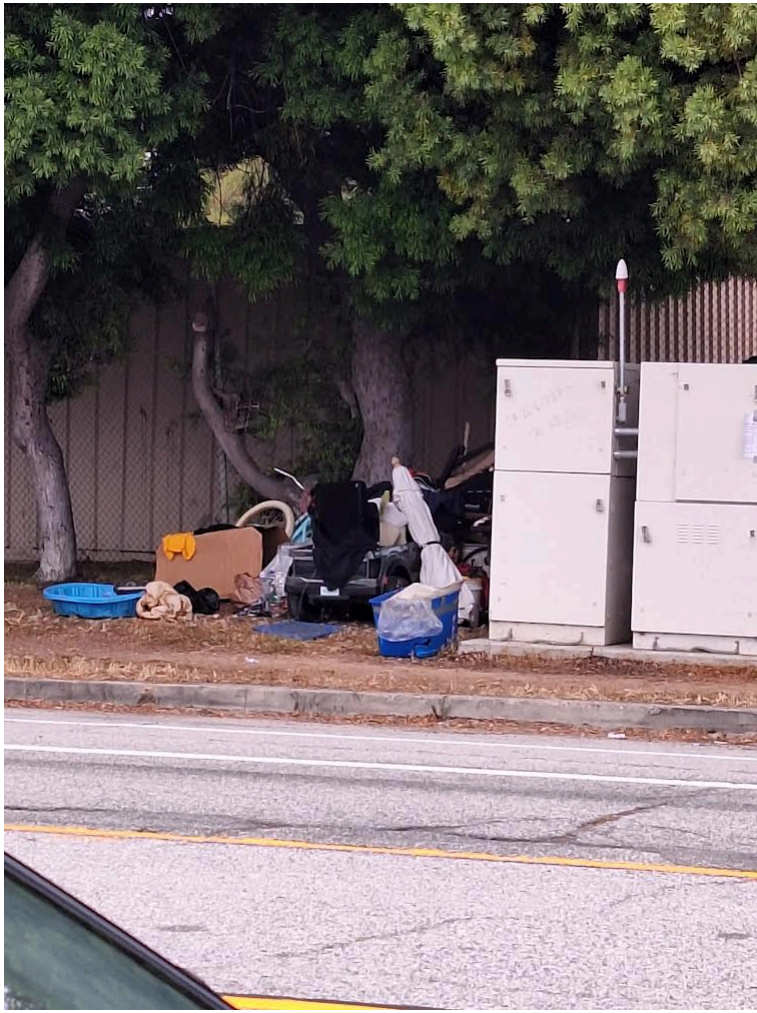
Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and staff.

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 9:19 AM Jeff Finkelstein <j > wrote:

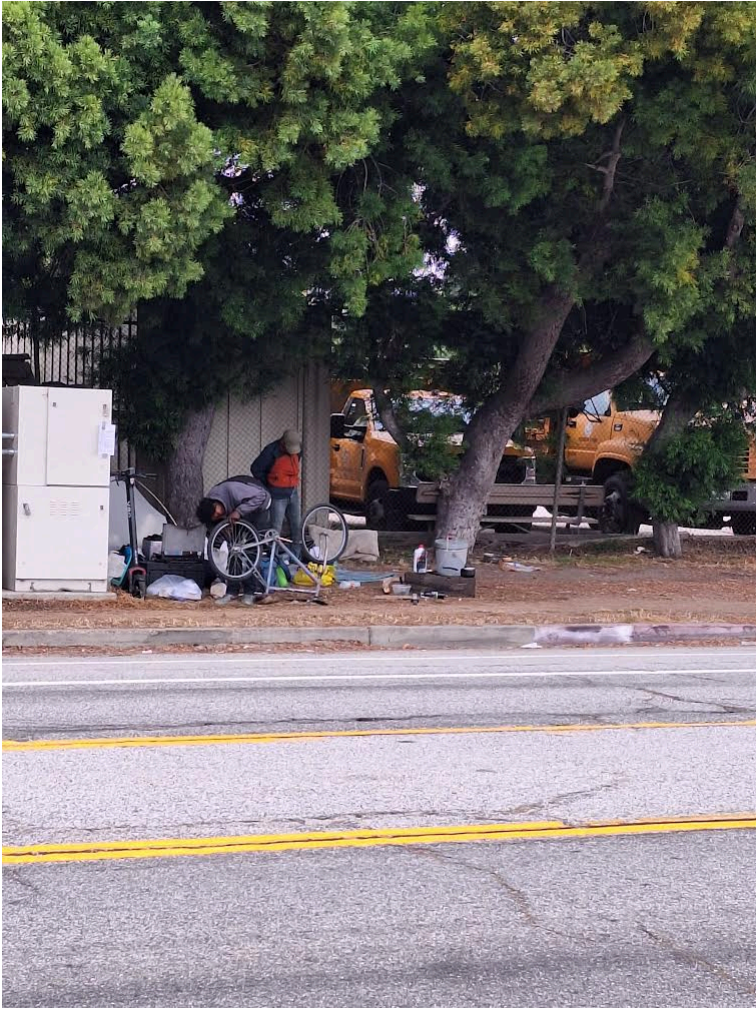
To whom it may concern at RECS and Parks, I am a 30 year resident at We have always been very tolerant of our unhoused neighbors who choose to reside on Rose Ave. West of Walgrove and between Glenavon Ave. and the golf course parking lot on the North side dirt sidewalk where the truck entrance to the course maintenance yard is located. Please see these photos of a tent encampment that has grown out of control regarding trash, waste, urine and feces, and drug use and drug dealing. We can no longer accept this one encampment that is for sure in violation of camping laws and a menace to our neighborhood. The Penmar Restaurant has become a wonderful asset to our community and I am concerned for our local community and visitors who must endure this dangerous aspect of attempting to enjoy our outdoor options. Please use whatever tools and power that you have to clean up this illegal tent encampment today. Let me know if you have any questions and when we can expect action.

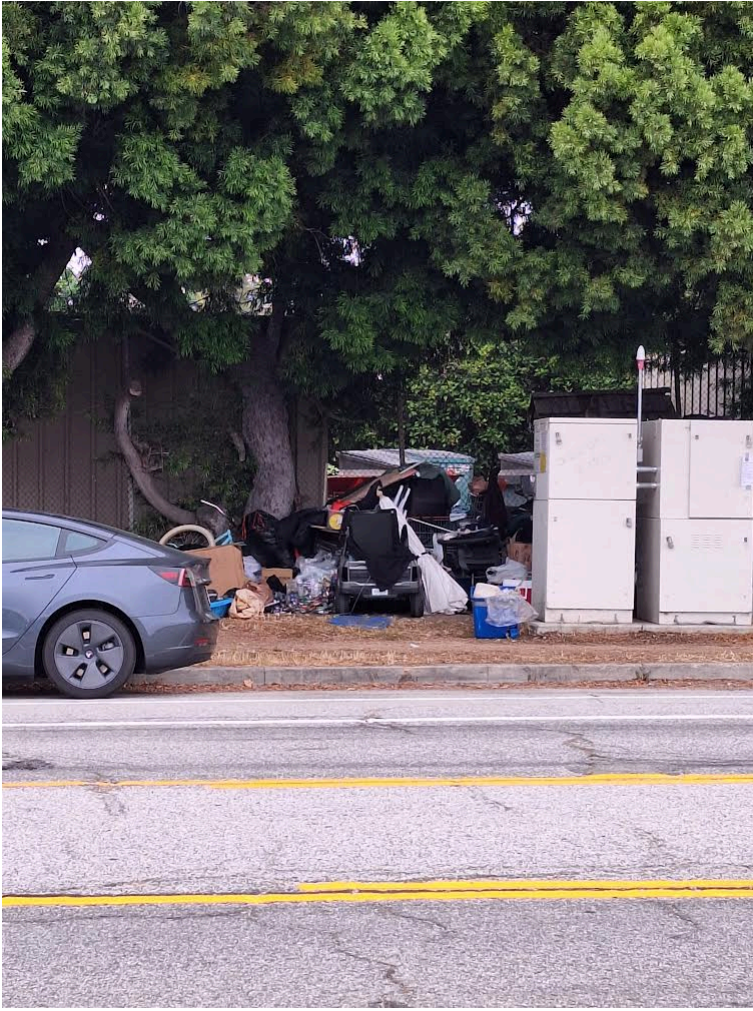
In addition, the same dirt path is filled with trash, discarded food, human waste, dog waste and is clearly representing the worst of our neighborhood and not good for the general use of the parks and businesses. The RV community is the source of this trash. Please help keep this popular walking path clean as our Parks and Recs leadership.

Thank you. JF









Jeff Finkelstein



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee_ Letter Regarding Rodeo Ordinance_Pony Rides

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 8:05 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 2:53 PM T Hagans < > wrote:

Dear Mayor and City Council Members, Enclosed you will find a Rodeo letter and Pony Rides letter approved by the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee at the June 3, 2024 general meeting. We respectfully submit these documents for your consideration and records.

Warm regards, T. Hagans (CD 1) Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee- VP

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LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENT ON PROPOSED RODEO ORDINANCE COUNCIL FILE 20-1575

Dear Honorable Members,

LAEAC commends Council's efforts to protect animals within the City of Los Angeles. However, an ordinance is not the most effective means of achieving that goal. Ordinances that conflict with state law lead to legal challenges. (See CA. penal code 596.7). The core issue lies in the absence of enforcement of existing laws and regulations.

It should also be noted that crafting ordinances based on feelings or social bias has unforeseen outcomes. As first proposed, the "Rodeo Ordinance" would have banned virtually all equestrian competition, including the 2028 Olympics! In contrast, a dedicated enforcement mechanism would facilitate the intended outcome. The Department of Animal Services currently includes oversight authority and permitting for all types of equestrian activity, including rodeos. (Ordinance 186,556 Eff. 4/14/2020).



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LAEAC finds that the proposed ordinance would drive rodeo events underground without oversight or regulation. This poses an increased risk to animal welfare and public safety, as these events would operate outside the purview of authorities.

We appreciate the City Council's dedication to animal welfare. As such, we stand ready to assist in any way to improve the welfare of animals. Rather than pursuing the proposed ordinance, we urge the City Council to focus on enhancing enforcement efforts and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure compliance with existing law.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact T. Hagans

Sincerely,

Mary Benson

Mary Benson, President

Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

cc: Staycee Dains, DAS

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COMMENT ON GRIFFITH PARK PONY RIDES CONCESSIONS CFI 21-1457

Dear Honorable Members:

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) is an advocate for the reinstatement of pony rides in Griffith Park based on several compelling reasons that underscore their importance to our community. The LAEAC urges adoption of the management model used at the Greek Theater and the Los Angeles Equestrian Center to facilitate its expanded vision.

Pony rides are not only a recreational activity but also a significant contributor to Griffith Park's historic resources. They play a crucial role in preserving the park's cultural significance, serving as a living reminder of its rich heritage in Los Angeles. Preserving these rides ensures that future generations can continue to experience and appreciate the historical essence of our beloved park.



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June 3, 2024

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Underserved community members have been deprived of horseback riding opportunities during the transition period. Ensuring the humane treatment of animals coupled with a community partnership gives “children from low-income families the opportunity to interact, care and learn about horses at an affordable cost”. This is in alignment with the council’s motion and vision for a world-class pony ride experience.

Live pony rides maintain the commitment that meets the diverse interests and preferences of our community members. They support the diversity of recreational offerings in Griffith Park and enhance the overall experience for families and individuals alike.

Therefore, we urge the Council to consider these points carefully and support pony rides at Griffith Park and the opportunity to add pony rides throughout the entire park system for the expanded benefit to our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact T. Hagans

Sincerely,

Mary Benson

Mary Benson, President

Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

cc: Jimmy Kim, RAP RAP Commission



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee_ Letter Regarding ENS system_ Equestrian Web button

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 8:05 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 12, 2024 at 3:04 PM T Hagans < > wrote:

Dear Jimmy Kim, The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee is pleased to inform you that we have approved two important documents for your review and consideration: one is requesting implementation of the early notification system feature for the equine advisory committee, and the other regarding an "equestrian" web button for the laparks.org/equine webpage. Thank you for your attention to these matters. Best regards, T. Hagans (CD 1) Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee Vice President

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Jimmy Kim
General Manager
Department of Recreation and Parks
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REQUEST FOR EARLY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PORTAL FOR THE LAEAC

Dear Mr. Kim:

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was approved unanimously by the City Council on February 6, 2009 (CFI 07-4097). Members of the Committee are appointed by their respective Council members and Mayor. The EAC was envisioned by Mayor Villaragosa similar to the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) on equestrian issues. An ENS portal was created for the BAC by the Department of Transportation.

One of the most important issues to both the LAEAC and members of the public is the publicizing of meetings through the City's Early Notification System (ENS) which automatically notifies subscribers and posts the agendas of upcoming meetings.



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The Department of Recreation and Parks has already provided a location on its website www.laparks.org/equine for the meeting agendas, minutes, and attachments. Committee members unanimously agree that an ENS link is long overdue for our committee.

The LAEAC is formally requesting that an ENS be created so that members of the public and City Staff can subscribe and be automatically notified of our meetings and agendas.

If you have any questions, or further instructions, please contact T. Hagans at

Sincerely,

Mary Benson

Mary Benson, President
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

cc. Recreation & Parks Commission

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REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF “EQUESTRIAN” WEB BUTTON ON LAPARKS HOMEPAGE

Equestrian activities are a significant and popular part of our community's recreational offerings. It is currently challenging for users to find relevant information about equestrian facilities, trails, events, and programs on the website.

The LAEAC is writing to request the inclusion of a navigation feature for “Equestrian” on the Department of Recreation and Parks homepage category of activities. By adding a dedicated navigation element to click for “Equestrian,” these Los Angeles Park amenities can then be easily found and enhance user experience for those interested in these activities.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that this addition will be a valuable enhancement to the website, benefiting many residents and visitors who engage in equestrian pursuits.



Mr. Kim
June 3, 2024
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact T. Hagans

Sincerely,

T. Hagans

T. Hagans, Vice President
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

Cc: RAP Commissioners



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickle Ball Courts in Echo Park

1 message

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

Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 3:41 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 3:02 PM Henry Korman <

> wrote:

Hello,

I'm Henry Korman, an Echo Park resident, and I was wondering if there were any plans to install Pickleball courts at the Echo Park Rec Center, or to convert one of the Tennis Courts into Pickleball.

There are multiple public Tennis courts at the Rec Center and in the surrounding area, like Elysian Park. There is a big lack of Pickleball courts on the Eastside of LA, and the ones that do exist are not public.

I know of other Echo Park, Los Feliz, and Silverlake residents who take lengthy drives to the West Side, where Culver City alone has 3 public Pickleball courts.

I hope that you'll consider such an expense, or let me know if there's an official process by which I can gauge public support for a change.

Thank you for your attention,
Henry Korman