


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

November 21, 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) Brad Rosenheim comments regarding the proposed name change of the Porter Ranch Community Park	#9765	Referred to General Manager
2) Councilmember District 4, Nithya Raman comments regarding the Griffith Park Merry-go-Round	#9766	Referred to General Manager
3) Jacob Wasserman comments regarding improvement of a street crossing (Council File Number 24-1111-S16, 24-1111-S13, 24-1111-S11)	#9767	Referred to General Manager
4) Leo Rotberger comments regarding the Balboa Baseball Field Currently Not Meeting the Requirements Set Forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act	#9768	Referred to General Manager
5) Laddie Williams comments regarding Dogs Off Leash at Oakwood Park	#9769	Referred to General Manager
6) Valeria Granata comments regarding LAEC Proposed Rates Increase	#9770	Referred to General Manager

Prepared by Rosa Cartagena, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Commission - November 7, 2024, Agenda Item #6, 24-238

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 7:43 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 4:28 PM Brad Rosenheim
To Whom It May Concern,

wrote:

Please distribute this letter to the Commissioners and include in file - thank you very much.

Brad

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Brad M. Rosenheim
Rosenheim & Associates, Inc.**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:**

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ROSENHEIM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

November 6, 2024

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

RE: November 7, 2024, Agenda Item #6, 24-238

Sent Via Email: RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG

Honorable President Simril and Commission Members,

By way of introduction, my name is Brad Rosenheim, and I have been an active member of the San Fernando Valley community since my days, beginning in 1980, as a Deputy to Los Angeles City Councilmember Marvin Braude. It was at that time, and for the following 40 plus years, that I had the distinct pleasure of meeting and getting to know and work with Jane and Bert Boeckmann on any number of community-based efforts and organizations.

Jane, as the Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Valley Magazine for over 25 years and Bert, as President and COO of Galpin Motors, were both extraordinarily accomplished members and leaders of the San Fernando Valley business community. Even more so was their dedication to philanthropy throughout the Valley. There was never a cause that they ignored and when called upon, they served the City of Los Angeles in several capacities, including Bert's service on the Los Angeles City Police Commission. For their lifetime of dedication to philanthropy and service in the San Fernando Valley Jane and Bert, on their individual merits, were each honored separately with the Fernando Award.

As much as Jane and Bert were devoted to one another, their businesses and the San Fernando Valley, they personified dedication to family. They were the parents of five, grandparents to 12 and great-grand-parents to seven. The naming of a public park, in which generations of families will enjoy their community together, is the most fitting way for the City of Los Angeles to remember and recognize the contributions of these two extraordinary people and I encourage you to approve the proposed name change of the Porter Ranch Community Park to Jane and Bert Boeckmann Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brad M. Rosenheim
ROSENHEIM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

**Fwd: MGR**

1 message

From: **Mehmet Berker** <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>
Date: Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 12:49 PM
Subject: Re: MGR
To: Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>, Takisha Sardin <takisha.sardin@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>
Cc: Jennifer Hull <jennifer.hull@lacity.org>, Stella Stahl <stella.stahl@lacity.org>

Hi Tracy, please find our letter of support for the purchase of the Griffith Park Merry-go-Round attached.

Best,

Mehmet

On Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:29 PM Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org> wrote:

I would be happy to...
Stay tuned

bcc, S.Smith

On Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:14 PM Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org> wrote:

Definitely happy to. Do you want to send us any information on the MGR or copies of the letters RAP sent to the parties (I don't think I've ever seen those) to help us with language? Som but happy to write from scratch, and some of that kind of info can help.

Best,

Mehmet

On Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 12:41 PM Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org> wrote:

Mehmet and Jennifer
I hope you are doing well.
I wanted to provide you with an update on the merry go round (MGR) and ask a favor. We have just completed drafting a board report to RAP's Board of Commissioners for RAP to pur then it can begin making its way through the process of getting agendized. Crossing fingers for a January date to be heard.
We are still being very discreet about this and the community is unaware of the work behind the scenes. Usually for all board reports, as you know, we attach letters of support from corr out of respect to the legal process unfolding .
Would it be possible to get a letter of support from the CM to attach to my report? It carries a lot of weight and would be very appreciated!
It would be wonderful ,if you are amenable, to get this ASAP.
LMK if you have any questions. If you are able to provide a letter you can send it to me personally and I will attach it to our Board package.

THANKS IN ADVANCE!!!

tj
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Tracy James
Parks Services



11/7/2024

Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners
221 N Figueroa St, Ste 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to purchase the historic Griffith Park Merry-go-Round, located at Park Center in Griffith Park. For decades this merry-go-round brought joy to Angelenos and visitors alike, and it remains a crucial part of our City's living history. Purchasing, restoring, and preserving this iconic structure will serve the best interest of Angelenos, providing an opportunity for families to create new memories for generations to come.

Built in 1926 and re-located to its permanent home in Griffith Park in 1937, this historic merry-go-round features 68 hand carved and bejeweled horses, featuring an array of Loof, Spillman, and Carmel-style carousel horses. This carousel is the only remaining four-abreast Spillman carousel on the west coast and maybe even in the United States. It also includes a 165 Stinson Military Organ which plays over 1500 songs. It is an extremely rare example of a bygone era.

I am thrilled that the opportunity has arisen for RAP to purchase this treasured asset and that the Department is taking the lead to ensure it will be able to operate brilliantly once again.

The Merry-go-Round is actually where Walt Disney dreamt up his idea for Disneyland, and seeing the merry-go-round in the beautiful setting of Griffith Park, one can see why.

The Griffith Park Merry-go-Round is a crown jewel of our landmark park and our entire park system and I hope you all will support the Board Report and the purchase of this historic landmark.

Sincerely,

Nithya Raman
LA City Councilmember, 4th District



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1111-S1

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 7:58 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, Nov 13, 2024 at 9:43 PM LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> wrote:

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website.Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: North Westwood

Name: Jacob Wasserman

Email:

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 11/14/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 24-1111-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council requests the improvement of a critical street crossing in our boundaries to make it safer and ADA-accessible. Westwood Park is an important community gathering location with many amenities, including sports fields, tennis courts, a recreation center, a dog park, and a playground. Despite its importance, access to (and through) the park is limited due to poor pedestrian crossings. We request that curb ramps be added on both sides of the current crosswalk across Sepulveda Boulevard. This crosswalk connects the two halves of the park, the Westwood Recreation Complex and Bad News Bears Field, and also connects LADOT bus stops on either side. It otherwise has a number of positive features, including a full traffic light that quickly turns red to allow for on-demand pedestrian crossings, a marked crosswalk, and connections to off-street pedestrian and bicycle paths. But these features are inaccessible to many—disabled members of our community, people with strollers, bikers, and more—without curb cuts. Additionally, the lack of curb cuts at the crosswalk can dangerously force people who need them to use the LADWP facility driveway instead, which puts them in traffic and could obstruct that driveway as well. To achieve ADA compliance and better connect the parts of the park, please add curb cuts as soon as possible.

Ref:MSG11426208



Re: Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1111-S13

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

Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 8:42 AM

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Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 11/12/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

Council File Number: 24-1111-S13

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- REQUEST FOR ACTION-

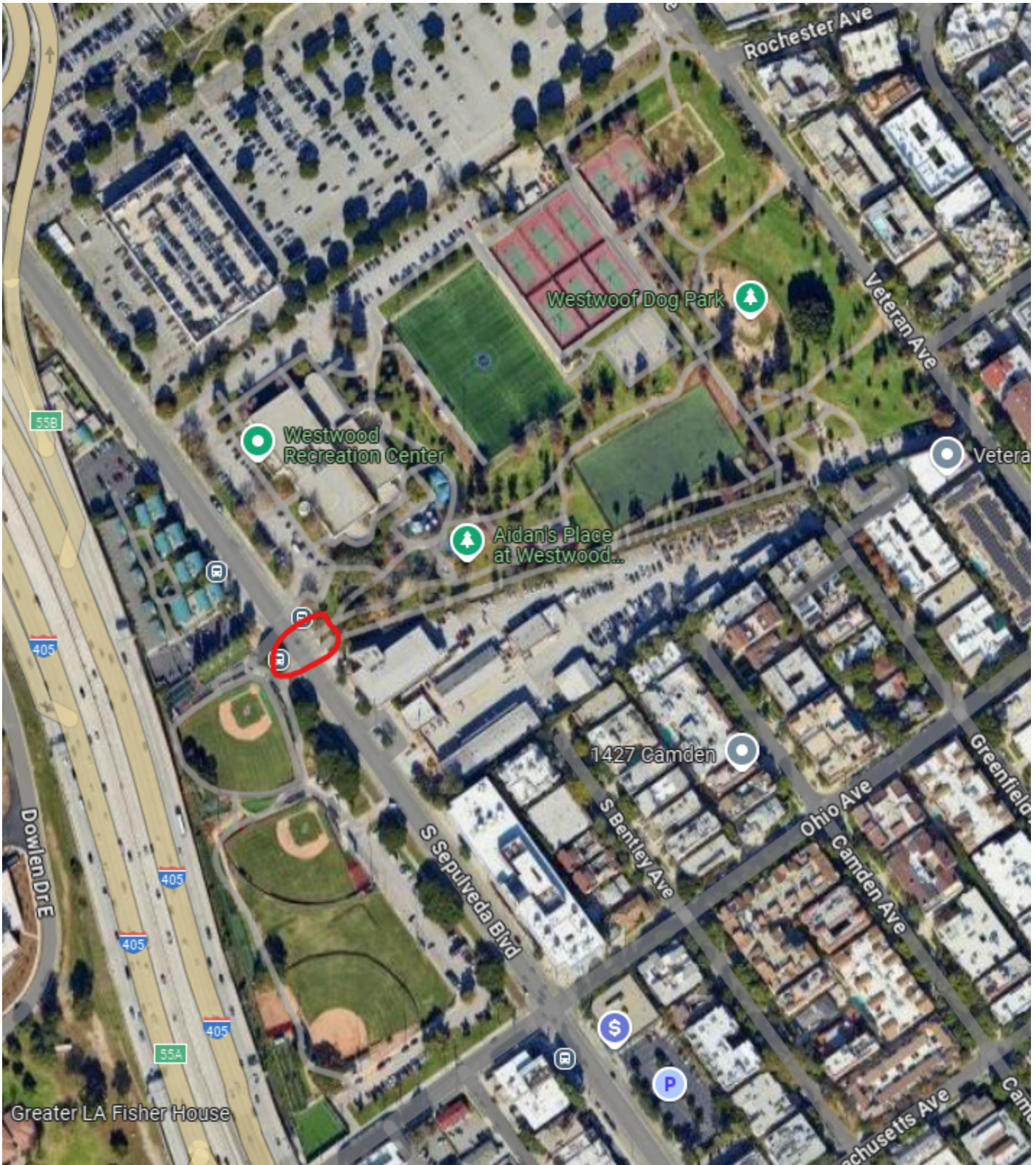
Title: Add Curb Ramps at Pedestrian Crossing of Sepulveda Boulevard at Westwood Park

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Park Access

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 8:11 AM

To: Leo

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, Nov 11, 2024 at 8:23 AM Leo

wrote:

Dear Takisha Sardin

I am writing to inform you that the Balboa Baseball Field does not currently meet the requirements set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA Standards for Accessible Design outline specific criteria for public recreational facilities, including parks and sports fields, to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

The ADA requires accessible parking spaces located near entrances, with a clear and unobstructed path to the field. Pathways should be stable, firm, and slip-resistant, with adequate width to accommodate mobility devices. Recreational facilities, including restrooms and seating areas, must also be designed to ensure access for all individuals, regardless of their mobility challenges.

At present, the Balboa Baseball Field lacks compliance with several of these essential standards. Specifically:

1. **Parking**: Accessible parking spaces are insufficient and not appropriately located. The handicapped parking spaces against the back fence are far from the entrance and require people to walk over logs to get to the entrance. The most ridiculous and difficult parking I have ever seen.
2. **Pathways**: Existing paths do not meet ADA standards for stability, width, or slip resistance, posing significant challenges for those with mobility impairments.
3. **Recreational Facilities**: Restrooms and seating areas are not adequately accessible.

I urge immediate attention to these issues to bring the Balboa Baseball Field into compliance with ADA regulations, ensuring an inclusive and accessible environment for all. Please let me know what steps will be taken. I really don't want to exercise my legal rights.

Thank you for addressing these concerns.

Sincerely,
Leo Rotberger



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Confrontation at Oakwood Park Off leash Dogs

1 message

Another WorldView Is Possible

Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 4:15PM

To: Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>

Cc: Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Animal Control <ani.wlfield@lacity.org>, Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Los Angeles Mayor's Office <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, SAMUEL GIL <41153@lapd.online>, BRIAN COOK <36258@lapd.online>, Sharie Abajian <sharie.abajian@lacity.org>, Pat Joyce <pat.joyce@lacity.org>, Brian Averill <brian.averill@venicenc.org>, John Gavilan <john.gavilan@lacity.org>, Dillon Chapman <dillon@venicebeachfc.com>, Coach Tim For SOCCER <tim@venicebeachfc.com>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Task forces are an unsuccessful strategy, that's been tried in the past, and never had any real impact. These people communicate. If the cops show up, they text each other, and wait until you leave.

A better idea, is just routine enforcement, during routine patrols. It's not that hard to get out of a car, and write a ticket, whenever cops happen to be passing-by. If they did that, and the City Attorney would start acting to get stay away orders for the ringleaders, and repeat offenders, then this NUISANCE would be quickly abated.

I KNOW that LAPD can actually write tickets for dogs - I've received one. (I had the Sheriff's Deputy at the Courthouse on Purdue get it dismissed. I doubt any of these persons would be in a position to do that). So there's absolutely no need to involve Rangers or DAS. All that's required is making this a priority for the Pacific Division, who roll past that park, all the time.

If you want to schedule extra-special, intensive enforcement sessions, with other agencies, that's fine, too - it could be complementary. But the LAPD is much better staffed in the area, than either of those boutique units.

And we've never heard back about making Oakwood a humans only park. Runyon Canyon and Silverlake are both that way. There's no reason why Oakwood couldn't be, as well - IF there was the political will in the City, to do it. It would certainly make enforcement easier... No questions about picking up the dropped leashes, or 20' leashes, etc.. It would be a bright line standard. Dog in the park = a ticket and directions to Westminster Dog Park, Alla Road, and any park in Santa Monica that they want to got try their luck at.

People of California

On Tue, Nov 12, 2024, 3:15 PM Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi David,

While I understand your concerns, this is the approach that has been discussed - we are working to get dates for the taskforce as described. LAPD deployment depends upon funding overtime if they cannot fund officer deployment through normal allocation.

The overall situation is still developing. We will follow up as we have more updates.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Silva | Deputy, Venice | Planning Liaison

Office of Councilwoman Traci Park * 11th District

WESTCHESTER: 7166 W. Manchester Ave, LA, CA 90045

(310) 568-8772 TEL |



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On Tue, Nov 12, 2024 at 3:13 PM David Black
Sean, that's really not good enough.

wrote:

From my understanding from the transcript from the meeting no one was given a heads up about, that is not what you promised. This is the first mention of securing "overtime funds". When is the new call being set as promised?

We shouldn't have to beg you to do your jobs. I don't get why you don't share our concern about our kids trying to enjoy the park without crawling through piss and dog excrement, fear of being bit, and the aggression parents and coaches are experiencing at the hands of owners. It takes 15 minutes to come out here and give tickets - do it once a week - that's an hour a month. We aren't asking for anyone to do anything else but their actual jobs that they earn a very good salary for. You said you guys were organizing task forces and suddenly your excuse is overtime?

Again we would like a meeting with Traci Park. At this point you won't set up a follow-up meeting as promised, you aren't setting up task forces for ticketing as promised - so what are you actually doing? We have asked you at least 20 times to meet with the councilmember. If you can't facilitate, do you suggest it would be best if we start calling her cell phone?

David Black

On Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 10:10:03 AM PST, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Thanks for your continued engagement. I have been to the park in the mornings and evenings, so I am definitely aware of the circumstances on the ground.

We are working with LAPD, DAS, and RAP to get my proposed taskforce days to work out, but first and foremost need to secure the overtime funds needed for extra deployment. This is an ongoing priority for us, and we appreciate your patience.

All the best,
Sean

Sean Silva | Deputy, Venice | Planning Liaison
Office of Councilwoman Traci Park * 11th District
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On Sun, Nov 3, 2024 at 8:27 AM Beth G wrote:
Sean,

With all due respect, what are you guys waiting for? A task force exists (animal control and LAPD) - so not sure what you mean by a "proposal for a task force"? If this was a priority - it would be happening. It's very simple, take 20 minutes at 7:30AM/8AM once a week for 4 weeks and come out here and write tickets. People will start to get the message if there is any type of enforcement. There is zero enforcement right now - no animal control, no rangers, no LAPD (who drive by the park and don't even get on their loudspeaker and ask dogs to be leashed). This is the actual worst I have ever witnessed in 21 years of living here. Myself and a neighbor had to ask the owners of the 25+ barking dogs outside our windows to move to the otherside of the park as we are trying to sleep. It was 7:21AM on a Sunday.

Sean you did promise to set an additional meeting where members of the community could actually attend since you just locked in a time that works for you all (who get paid for these meetings). No one is doing anything and we are exhausted. **Sean we'd like to invite you to come down here and sit in the bleachers for an hour and witness yourself.**

In closing, when is the follow-up meeting, when is the task force coming out here, and when can we meet with councilmember Park?

Thanks

On Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 12:14 PM Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org> wrote:

All:

The coordination continues on this front. The proposal for a taskforce was a key takeaway from the meeting and from previous communications, so it remains a push for us with all the relevant departments.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Silva | Deputy, Venice | Planning Liaison
Office of Councilwoman Traci Park * 11th District
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On Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 7:55 AM David Black wrote:
Sean - What's the update? It's not that difficult to organize a 7:30am stop at Oakwood park to write tickets. There are literally 30 dogs out there barking right now.

1. Coordinate a time with animal control and LAPD and rangers. (Re rangers - we noticed the rangers came by one day in the afternoon and while we appreciate it - AM and PM is when there are 25-40 dogs running loose)
2. Close some of the gates in the park the evening before so it will minimize people running away
3. Come at 7:33 in the morning and write a bunch of tickets (off leash, it dogs don't have licenses) and warn people you will trespass if they have their dogs off leash in the park again
4. If you actually write mass tickets word will spread.

This isn't that hard. We all know what would help yet you all refuse to do it. Please advise when are you looping back around with the folks on this email to set a meeting as you promised. You set the last call as it worked for you, lapd, and animal control yet only worked for 2 members of the community who had been patiently waiting for the meeting.

Best,

David Black

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

On Monday, October 21, 2024, 10:58 AM, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi all,

We are currently working on just such a coordinated effort.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Silva | Deputy, Venice | Planning Liaison
Office of Councilwoman Traci Park * 11th District
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On Thu, Oct 17, 2024 at 9:08 AM Beth G wrote:

Good morning all - Below is a video of the park last Friday morning at 7:30am. We were woken up by the barking like we are every day. Please watch the whole video. There were roughly 24 dogs in the park. You will note a woman with a little table. She is selling coffee to the dog owners. Yes - there have been so many people in and out of the park with their dogs in the mornings between 7-9:30am that this woman started a business and plans to come to Oakwood on Fridays.

If you'd all pull up to the first gate on Oakwood any morning at 7:30am you'd find more dogs than at any dog park in the area. As of 8:37 there were no less than 20 dogs out there. When will there be a larger scale ticket operation? That would really help make an impact and spread the word that you all are taking an active and taking this issue seriously.

Thanks,

Beth



oak.mp4

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 2:51 PM Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org> wrote:

The white gates will be removed this week.

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 1:36 PM print wrote:

Greetings All,

It would definitely assist us all if the Oakwood Park would lock the gates where the white gates are stored. The dog owners go in the open gates and take out the white gates to cover the openings in the gates on the grassy fields. This occurred several times during the weekend.

It would also assist if the gates could be locked open at all time. It makes some of the dog owners not stay for long periods of time when the dogs keep running out onto the street.

It was a large amount of dogs all over the field.

We need assistance as this off leash dog problem becomes increasingly worst each and every day.

We need assistance from every department in the Los Angeles City. Park Rangers, Animal Control, LAPD and Recreation and Parks.

I'm looking forward to answers and actions being taken.

Awaiting a response.

Thank you
Laddie Williams

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 11:38 AM, [Another WorldView Is Possible](#) wrote:

It's shocking that these mobile Gates were ever even brought to the Park - with Zero community input , save for opposition. That they've just been left there, for all this time - invokes the legal doctrine of "attractive nuisance".

Another WorldView Is Possible

On Mon, Aug 19, 2024, 9:07 AM David Black wrote:

Thanks for forwarding the pictures

My neighbor and I removed a few of the fences enclosing the park and put them in the locker area behind the field. John - can the fences be moved?

We have not received a date to meet but I do agree with Ms. Williams there seems to be an escalation.

David

On Monday, August 19, 2024 at 08:58:46 AM PDT, Beth G wrote:

Hello all

In addition to the escalation in the interactions, many have repeatedly stated that the plastic fencing that was donated to the park to "protect the kids" has been used to close off the park. This weekend, every entrance to Oakwood was blocked by these gates. Please see the three photographs I have attached that show 3 separate park entrances closed off by these gates. We have asked the Oakwood Recreation director numerous times to remove these gates or at the very least lock them away as they are being used exactly as we feared - to encourage unleashed dogs. They were part of a failed experiment that is making the problem worse. **Mr. Gavilan** - we have asked for your help numerous times regarding this but never hear back. Again, these fences are eyesores and being used to make matters worse. They need to be removed from the park.

Did we get a date from all divisions to meet and discuss this matter further? Councilmember Park's office? LAPD?

On Aug 17, 2024, at 2:56 PM, print wrote:

"Just had a crazy interaction with some dog people. Apparently, I should be more concerned with the people at the benches who are murderers and drug dealers who poop on the grass, not the dogs

They are so aggressive too.

Aggressively racist and ignorant."

Dogs running through Soccer practice last night at Oakwood park. One Dad went to ask the off leash dog owners to leash up their dogs and this happened.

The off leash dog owners are out of control at Oakwood Park and this type of talk is problematic and can cause a race riot.

We need HELP Oakwood is not a off leash dog park and the Los Angeles City allowing this to go on every day emboldens the off leash dog owners to say such racist statements.

Lock the gates open, patrol the park (Animal Control, Park Rangers and LAPD). Make Oakwood a no dog park.

We want a response.

Laddie Williams

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

On Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 6:47 PM, print wrote:

Dear LACity Officials,

The mornings have been horrible in the park. Full on dog gathering. In the evenings a lot of golden retrievers and doodles regardless if camp is on or not. So the real update is nothing changes. Its ridiculous that the dogs are off leash while the children are out practicing soccer, enjoying the grass area and a nice Summer evening.

When will some relief come for Oakwood park? We have asked for assistance with this ongoing daily problem.

Half the field is a dog park on the 7th/broadway side/zone.

We have been ignored by all Los Angeles City officials when it concerns these off leash dogs all day everyday. Dog poop everywhere and children and adults stepping in the dog poop.

Where is the meeting with the LA City officials that was promised to the concerned parents and people of the Venice Community? We haven't been responded to about that meeting.

We're demanding assistance with this off leash dog problem that exists daily with no one from LA City helping the Venice Community.

We need to hear from LA City Officials ASAP.

Laddie Williams
Concerned Soccer Grandma
Original Save Venice member

Sent

Sent from AOL on Android

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: RAP MEETING - NEXT HEARING ?

1 message

Rachel Ramos <rachel.amos@lacity.org>
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 Cc: Mark Stipanovich <mark.stipanovich@lacity.org>

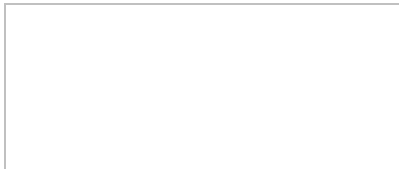
Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 9:21 AM

Good morning,

There is no restriction on equestrian center boarding rate increases as far as we know.

Thank you,

Rachel



On Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 8:23 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please see the email below. Please advise.

Thank you!

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

From: **Valeria G.**
 Date: Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 7:53 PM
 Subject: Re: RAP MEETING - NEXT HEARING ?
 To: Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Good evening, I am following up to my below as I never received an answer.

On Thu, Sep 26, 2024, 8:42 AM Valeria G.

wrote:

Thank you. To clarify, I am not inquiring if the current manager is under a concession. I am referring to whether there is an underlying statute that does not allow a rate increase greater than a certain percentage for the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.

I look forward to hearing from you.

On Thu, Sep 26, 2024, 8:40 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

From what we know there has been no approve increase on rates.

Your email will be forward to staff for more information.

Thank you

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 10:07 AM Valeria G.

wrote:

Please see below and advise per our call today. Thanks.

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

From: **Valeria G.**

Date: Sat, Sep 21, 2024, 6:58 PM

Subject: Re: RAP MEETING - NEXT HEARING ?

To: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Good evening, unfortunately I was not able to attend the meetings this week. Can you please confirm the proposed rates, let me know if they are for current borders or future borders, and let me know what is the applicable law to justify an increase of more than 3%?

Sincerely,

Valeria Granata
Attorney at law

On Mon, Sep 16, 2024, 2:45 PM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Valeria,

Thank you for your email. The next board meeting will be:

When: Thursday, September 19 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Where: Palisades Recreation Center
[851 Alma Real Dr.](#)
[Pacific Palisades, CA 90272](#)

You may reach out to the Board of Commissioners Department at (213) 202-2640 for further inquiry.

Thank you,

Caro

On Sat, Sep 14, 2024 at 9:36 PM Valeria G.

wrote:

Good evening,

I am writing in regards to the attached proposal.

When is the next meeting regarding the LAEC proposed rates increase, and where? Also, where and when we can file an opposition?

Regards,

Valeria Granata

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