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RE: Recommendation for Equestrian Turn-Out / Round Pen at Bette Davis Park or Easter Field.

Stefanie Smith:

At the November 23, 2020 virtual meeting of the Los Angeles Equestrian Advisory Committee (LAEAC), Mr. Michael Elric gave a short explanation accompanied by a Power Point of a proposal to construct a narrow turn-out pen and a round pen at either Bette Davis Park or at Easter Field. He said many local riders support this plan at that he believes this would provide a beneficial and needed equestrian amenity to area. Several members of the public and the LAEAC Board expressed serious reservations concerning the proposal. These included questions related to safety because the area is currently used by so many non-equestrians and there are many activities in the area that are likely to spook a horse. Others were concerned that given the foregoing, it would likely be necessary to engage on-site management to coordinate activities and prevent such things as horses being left unattended for long periods in the pens. Other concerns included whether the Department of Recreation and Parks has sufficient funding at present to install and maintain the proposed pens and the uncertain future of the Martinez Arena, a resource critical to the equestrian community.

In view of the many uncertainties raised by the Board and public, the LAEAC adopted a resolution declining to support Mr. Elric's proposal.

Dale Gibson, President. Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee