

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

May 05, 2022

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: MICHAEL A. SHULL, 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>
1) Comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride	#9054aoz-9054bbi	Referred to General Manager
2) Debra Huston comments regarding Westchester Park	#9094e	Referred to General Manager
3) Lisa Sanbank comments regarding Tennis Courts at Penmar Park	#9115	Referred to General Manager
4) Donna Lasman comments as CEO on behalf of the Venice Chamber of Commerce regarding Centennial Park	#9116	Referred to General Manager
5) Brennan Lindner comments regarding the letter from Venice Chamber of Commerce	#9116a	Referred to General Manager
6) Jamie York comments regarding Reseda Skate Rink	#9117	Referred to General Manager
7) Issen Alibris comments regarding Stoner Park	#9118	Referred to General Manager
8) Anya Mcann comments regarding George Wolfberg Park Signage	#9119	Referred to General Manager
9) Lyne Alan comments regarding Valley Glen Park	#9120	Referred to General Manager
10) Carlos comments regarding Griffith Park and Forest Lawn	#9121	Referred to General Manager

11) Brooke Klein comments regarding Potrero Canyon Friends Street Entrance	#9122	Referred to General Manager
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Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Continued violations of California Law at Griffith Park and Pony Ride**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 3:10 PM

To: Arlene Siordia < >

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:02 PM Arlene Siordia < > wrote:

Dear Commissioners and Michael Shull,

Last weekend horses and ponies were hit and overworked for 8 ½ hours. Sheep in the petting was in distress with no worker attending to her needs, and many horses and ponies halters were itching.

<https://youtu.be/Ob0pD58k4E0>

<https://youtu.be/DGcWj9G1k3Y>

As a LA constituent, I do not want city funds generated from animal abuse.

Pony rides regardless of who is operating them, are no longer acceptable in these modern times when we reject the exploitation of animals for amusement and profit. The institution, itself, the pony rides are problematic because they inevitably teach children the wrong lessons about animals, that they are not sentient beings but objects for amusement.

I am requesting from you that the pony ride contract not be renewed, and that a study be undertaken to consider alternative proposals for the site that would engage children and families, that are generated from a non-animal model.

Thank you,

Arlene Siordia

Sent from beyond!

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**Re: Elderly ponies working in hot temps. Enough is enough!!!!**

1 message

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

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:03 PM Kiersten Cluster < > wrote:

Dear Honorable Councilmembers, Commissioners, and General Manager Michael Shull,

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Kiersten Cluster

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To: Lance Wilson &lt;

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:05 PM Lance Wilson &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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To: Yalda Shah <

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:17 PM Yalda Shah <

> wrote:

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To: Mars Green <>

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 6:50 PM Mars Green &lt;&gt; wrote:

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PLEASE don't allow these ponies to die due to lack of compassion.

They are suffering. We have nothing to gain. The park only cares about \$\$\$ using tradiont as an excuse to contineu torturing these ponies.

Respectfully,  
M Green

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To: Ian Brandon >

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 7:02 PM Ian Brandon < > wrote:  
Dear Honorable Councilmembers, Commissioners, and General Manager Michael Shull,

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To: Emily Sapiens <

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 7:08 PM Emily Sapiens <

> wrote:  
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To: Edie Housley &lt;

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM Edie Housley &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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To:

Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 7:36 PM < > wrote:

Dear Honorable Councilmembers, Commissioners, and General Manager Michael Shull,

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Melanie Ross  
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To: Lauren M Nessralla &lt;

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Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 7:47 PM Lauren M Nessralla &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Sincerely,  
Lauren

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To: Nancy Goodwin &lt;

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 8:19 PM Nancy Goodwin < wrote:

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To: Leah Pate &lt;

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On Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 8:40 PM Leah Pate &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Best,  
Dr. Leah Pate

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Leah A. Pate, PhD

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To: Michelle &lt;

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 2:36 AM Michelle <

&gt; wrote:

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To: Piraveen Sasikumar <

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 5:16 AM Piraveen Sasikumar &gt; wrote:

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To: Susan Hirsch &lt;

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 7:05 AM Susan Hirsch &lt;

&gt; wrote:

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Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 9:58 AM

To: emek echo

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 7:46 AM emek echo < > wrote:

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To: "Marie A. Baker" >

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 8:13 AM Marie A. Baker < > wrote:  
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To: Gloria RFesa &lt;

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 8:38 AM Gloria RFesa <

&gt; wrote:

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Barbara Cole Gates >

Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 9:59 AM

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**Re: Elderly ponies working in hot temps. Enough is enough!!!!**

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**Re: Please shut down Griffith Park Pony Rides**

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To: Ashley Welgan &lt;

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 11:39 AM Ashley Welgan <

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 11:42 AM Joey Trachtman &lt; &gt; wrote:

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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 12:56 PM Adam Larrea < > wrote:  
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On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 2:19 PM Nicole Bovigny &lt;

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**Re: Pony rides and petting zoo**

1 message

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

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 7:51 AM

Good morning,

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On Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 4:27 PM Christina Downing < > wrote:  
Dear Tafarau Bayne and Nicole Chase,

I am contacting you about the pony rides and petting zoo in Griffith Park. As I'm sure you have heard by now, the animals are suffering and these attractions need to be shut down. They are being neglected and are not receiving proper veterinary care. The ponies, many of them elderly, are working seven hours without a break or water. Recently, an equine expert stated that the ponies are suffering from depression. And all the animals are not given protection from the heat.

Pony rides and petting zoos are archaic and have no place in a progressive city like Los Angeles. Please consider shutting them down and replacing them with non animal attractions.

Thank you,

Christina Downing

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**Re: Ponies at Griffith Park**

1 message

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 8:21 AM

To: Britt Lind <

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On Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 12:32 PM Britt Lind <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioner:

I'm writing to plead with you to shut down the pony rides in Griffith Park. They are suffering so terribly. Visiting them in person, it breaks my heart just looking at them. It's not just that their terrible physical condition has been ignored, the very ride itself is a living hell - going around and around in endless circles in every kind of weather day after day is torture none of us would wish on our dogs. It's inhumane and harkens back to medieval times when torture was normal. Torture is not normal in this day and age, and it must end. Have a heart, please, shut down the rides and send these poor ponies to sanctuaries where they can live their lives finally happy and pain free.

Thank you.

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## Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

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To:

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On Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:17 PM Fleur P Dawes <

> wrote:

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Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 8:08 AM

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## Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: marvinv075@gmail.com

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## Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

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Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 5:46 PM

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 5:57 PM

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&gt; wrote:

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**Re: Cancel the Contract: Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo**

1 message

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**Re: Continued violations of California Law at Griffith Park and Pony Ride**

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&gt; wrote:

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<https://youtu.be/Ob0pD58k4E0><https://youtu.be/DGcWj9G1k3Y>

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Thank you  
*Ashkan*

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&gt; wrote:

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> wrote:

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Carol Lynn

On Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 11:57 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

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**Re: I would like to submit a welfare check for elderly ponies!**

1 message

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Sent from my iPhone

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1 message

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<https://youtu.be/Ob0pD58k4E0>

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Thank you

Linda Middlesworth

Sent from my iPhone

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Side note\* the workers there looked miserable and told INAPPROPRIATE jokes in front of kids. Completely unacceptable.



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**Re: Hazard on Penmar tennis court**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 8:21 AM

To: Lisa Sandbank &lt;&gt;

Cc: PENMAR.RECREATIONCENTER@lacity.org

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

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:15 PM

Thank you for the update.

Many can attest, slippery courts are NOT safe to play on. Awaiting instruction on how best to proceed, and please excuse my directness, is a shortsighted plan. Courts need to be resurfaced. That's expected. The procedure to resurface should have been in place before the conditions got as bad as they are.

The best way to proceed with resurfacing is to do so immediately, or close off those courts with worn, slippery patches.

Please continue to notify me of the progress. I do appreciate your attention to the matter and the update you have provided.

Lisa Sandbank

On Apr 18, 2022, at 12:08 PM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Penmar Tennis courts are maintained once a week by our full time **Gardener Caretaker**. Maria cleans the courts and ensures that they are safe to play on. Unfortunately, our courts are worn and need to be resurfaced. So occasionally, patrons complain about the courts being slippery. We are awaiting instructions on how best to proceed with the resurfacing.

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## Re: Need more enforcement at Westchester Park now that Venice is being "cleaned up" again

1 message

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

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On Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 7:14 AM Debra Huston < > wrote:

Dear Captain Embrich and SLO Castaneda,

Yesterday a neighbor sent me a Citizen App alert. It said there was a guy with a gun in his waistband at the park at approximately 11:30 a.m. It also happened that there were several school buses at the park at the same time, and a gathering of children with bounce houses and balloons.

The RVs and vehicles with full-time dwellers in the parking lots of the park are scary enough, but the more of them there are, the meaner the group becomes. That is how it has worked in the past with tent campers. Right now, the number of vehicle dwellers in that lot is at an all-time high, and we expect it to increase as enforcement in Venice increases because the mean and aggressive guys on drugs do not want to be placed in housing or shelters.

We know from experience that they would rather take knives, scissors, and steel pipes to PATH, LAHSA, and SHARE! workers in the park to make them go away than to accept housing. We have also seen an increase in the number of people camping on the grass and near the senior center of the park. Here's a news piece about the increased enforcement in Venice:

[https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/venice-boardwalk-cleanups-set-to-increase/article\\_a6b75554-9a88-11ec-a772-9b4584a06d10.html](https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/venice-boardwalk-cleanups-set-to-increase/article_a6b75554-9a88-11ec-a772-9b4584a06d10.html)

This enforcement in Venice will take place with the help of Rec and Parks, according to this news piece. When Venice is cleared, we see an increase in homeless dwellers in Westchester Park. And the ones from Venice tend to be quite mean, aggressive, and on drugs. It's a very dangerous combination. These people present a threat to users of Westchester Park, just as they present a threat to people in Venice. The cleanups in Venice that are already underway are the likely cause of the increase in vehicle dwellers in Westchester Park.

Contributing to this problem is the fact that the Safe Parking program in the park attracts more vehicle dwellers to the parking spots outside of Safe Parking, where there are no rules, than inside the fenced Safe Parking area.

Our athletic fields in the park will be ready for use, fully renovated, this summer, and we can't have people there using parking spaces and endangering children. RAP is trying to increase the number of activities for seniors in the senior center, but that has not been successful because of the vehicle dwellers in the parking lot.

Our community is terrified of having the homeless from Venice migrate to the park. We've been through that, and it resulted in so much crime in the park, surrounding the park, and fanning out into our community. We want to avoid going through that again.

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Debra Huston

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**Re: Reseda Skate Rink LVNOC**

1 message

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

Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 9:25 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 10:09 AM Jamie York &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear Recreation and Parks Commissioners,

Thank you for your time this morning and listening to the public comment. I care deeply about my community, but it is impossible to let people have a voice when the tools we are told to rely on to stay informed are not utilized. Over the course of the last year, I have told constituents that they can register for updates about the skate rink development through the ENS system. I have been subscribed there for a year and never received a notification as the meetings were continually pushed back. This is the first meeting in over a year. You can see the documents that have been available via ENS here:

[https://ens.lacity.org/engr/rsflvoc\\_agenda.htm](https://ens.lacity.org/engr/rsflvoc_agenda.htm).

It is also unacceptable to me that a for a project that is being marketed as a catalyst for our community, committee members are being appointed the same day as the meeting in an effort to make quorum. I spoke with one member after the meeting. She received the invitation to serve that day.

The skate rink itself is built off an alley which is actively traversed by motor vehicles. There have been concerns raised regarding children crossing this alley and the Ada access of the parking.

I hope that you will look into this event and ask for the meeting to be re heard with the community receiving the proper notice and with time for all appointees to actively review the project. We waited over a year for this meeting. I find it hard to believe that two weeks will hurt it.

Best,

Jamie York  
Reseda Neighborhood Council

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## Re: Email #4: Stoner Park - Reopening Date

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 9:32 AM

To: Issen Alibris < >

Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Mike Bonin <mike.bonin@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 2:45 PM Issen Alibris < > wrote:

Hello again,

Why is Stoner Park still gated? There was initially a sign on the outside of Stoner Park in Oct of 2020 that said it would be open in January of 2021. I contacted Stoner Park Rec and the LA City Parks 7 times last year about the park closure. The times that I did hear back I was told that there was a new manager of the facility and that it would be open in 2 weeks, then there was construction, the city was waiting on the parking lot to be completed, the city was waiting on the grass on the field to settle by Ashley below. That was last summer. It's damn near summer again and our park is not completely open to the public as I was told it would be. It does appear that the park is being used for schools or clubs.

That's not fully accessible to the residents and taxpayers in this community. A gate obstructs those privileges.

I am busy. I don't want to play community organizer over a PARK but I will. The people of this community including myself deserve access to this public space and a response from the City regarding the status of that space. Barrington Recreation and Park 2 miles up the street is not gated. Why is Stoner?

Best,

Mr. Issen Alibris

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On Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 8:55 AM Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

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

If you have any further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 8:51 PM Issen Alibris < > wrote:

Question of the day!

Why is STONER Park still closed?

There's no construction on this parking lot and there's nothing unfinished on the green.

Why is our park still closed? It has been closed since October of 2020.

As you know there is a very limited amount of green space in our densely packed residential neighborhood.

Please advise on an official date that our park will be reopening.

Best regards

Issen Alibris

On Mon, Jul 26, 2021, 5:14 PM Issen Alibris < > wrote:  
Ashley,

Who are you? Are you the Parks and Recreation PIO? You didn't leave your title in this email. It's hilarious that you acknowledge that **communication is a problem** BUT have an email tagline that says "**Follow us on social media for everything Recreation and Parks related**". Is that tagline just for fun? Because you don't have a goddamn thing about park closures on Facebook or Twitter that anyone would find helpful.

If the Public Information Office can't offer good-faith answers **WHO is the person** who knows the **EXACT information** that I should be in contact with? Public Relations officers communicate information from the departments they represent. Your department needs to give you more accurate information to communicate with the public. I don't want an answer from someone who works with the city and has access to ALL of the departments to tell me I don't have all the answers. Find them out!

"**Expected to be open soon**" is not an acceptable response when I stated that the original sign from the City of Los Angeles **in October of 2020** said at the **beginning of the year** and a **Parks & Rec employee last month gave a timeline of 2 weeks**, 8 weeks ago. This means I have been given all kinds of timelines and there's been NO progress.

No one likes to be fed bullshit, least of all me after I have been patient with terrible communication between Mike Bonin's office directing me to the right department AND the Department of Parks and Rec playing kick the can.

**9 months** is entirely too long for this park to have been closed. No one should have to form a neighborhood group with lawyers and SUE the city or write the California Attorney General or their Senator to get an answer about a park reopening.

There should be no COVID19 restrictions from the city on the park. The Governor lifted all restrictions on **June 15th** and the **Mayor's Order on June 15th** including Parks and Recreation has no restrictions. <https://www.lamayor.org/COVID19Orders> <<< **if you can find an order that isn't publicly posted DO share it with me.**

I walked by Stoner Park recently. The gate was up and Department of Parks and Recreation tents were up with kids on the field behind the gates playing softball. That means there's not a problem with the field if there was a group of children out there already.

The REPAIRS to the parking lot were completed MONTHS ago when they tore it up and people are already parking out there. There is NO legitimate reason that this park should not be open TODAY. The grass was set in June and the parking lot is fine enough for cars to park in during the day and at night based on the photos.

I have snapped SEVERAL times when I walk by. BRAVO on trying to build a playground that NO ONE surveyed anyone in the neighborhood about or asking anyone about. The colors for the fitness equipment that you all painted BRIGHT ORANGE and BLUE that kids and parents mistake for playground equipment currently was a fail

Here's what I want-- I want an ABSOLUTE date that the park is opening. I have been asking about this a year and I am sick of a different answer with every communication with the city.

I am officially committed to being a pain in the ass about this since I live here and want it open AND no one respects me enough as a resident to respond timely or give me straightforward answers that don't conflict with what I can see.

I am going to write to my state senators, my Congressmen, my US Senators, the Governor's office, the Attorney General's office and post flyers in my neighborhood inviting folks to call you and ask.

I may run Facebook ads to make my neighbors aware, I will then pitch my local news stations about depression, COVID19, a lack of outdoor spaces, I'll pitch local LA influencers and popular Instagram and TikTok accounts.



I'll choose the ones that attack Democrats FIRST. Then I'll pitch national media with a Democrats are taking our public spaces pitch. "In LA where one can barely escape tents from our homeless crisis, we can't even access our local parks " These are great stories to accompany our recall coverage.

Thanks so much though and I can't WAIT to hear back from you.

The photos are yours to keep :P

Best,

Mr. Issen Alibris







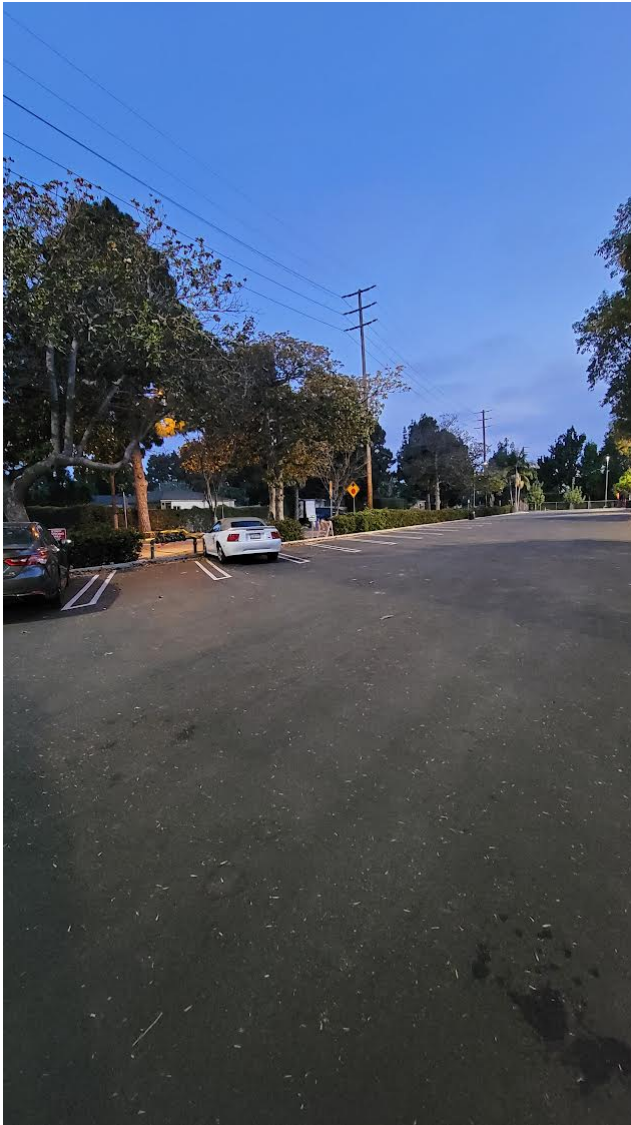












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On Thu, Jul 15, 2021 at 3:03 PM RAP PublicInfo <[RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org)> wrote:

Hi Mr. Alibris,



I understand your frustration and appreciate you reaching out with your concerns. While I don't have answers to many of your questions, I do want to let you know that we are working on reopening Stoner Park safely.

As you mentioned, Stoner Park is undergoing renovations as well as hosting summer camp, extended care, and youth basketball, volleyball, tennis, and flag football. As of right now, the park is open but the outdoor sports field area and parking lot are closed due to repairs and are expected to open soon. All LA City recreation centers and senior centers remain closed due to COVID-19.

As soon as the field is ready to reopen, our staff will gladly let visitors use that space. The parking lot needs to be repainted but street parking is available around the park. We also have plans to install a new playground in the Fall.

I understand communication is one of your biggest concerns, and I also know you are not the only person who feels that way, but I would appreciate patience as timelines and plans change. I hope you can understand that we all want to have our parks look the best and we want to be able to share them with our communities once they are safe and ready.

Thank you,

Ashley

On Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 1:51 PM Issen Alibris < > wrote:

Hello,

I am a WLA resident who lives around the corner from Stoner Park. **Last October** the City of Los Angeles closed Stoner Park. The sign said it was closed until the beginning of the year for some improvements.

**FIVE MONTHS LATER** in March I contacted CD11 Mike Bonin's office for an update and they had none. I contacted **Parks and Rec in April** and there was no clear answer about the park reopening. I contacted **Mike Bonin's office again in May** and was cc'ed to Parks and Rec and **ONLY** received a response via phone after I threatened to contact my journalism colleagues to do a story on the parks closure and lack of response from the city.

**In JUNE** I was told by a part-time employee at Stoner park told me he wasn't familiar with all the reasons it was closed. He did say that there was going to be a walk-through after they laid new sod. Then it would be about 2 weeks until the park reopened. That was **6 weeks ago**.

The park closure and reopening have been **TERRIBLY communicated** by the Parks and Recreation Department and CD11. There's a website and Twitter account which you all use to promote all kinds of things but nothing about park closures and openings. If this is the case for Stoner Park, how many other residents are being given the run around by the city about access to community green spaces?

Last Sunday as I rode my bike past the park to take pictures of the gate I spoke with an elderly couple who expressed similar concern about the extended closure of this park and the lack of communication about it from the city.

As a longtime resident of the community, I am disheartened that I have had to damn near become a nuisance to get people to do their jobs and communicate BASIC information about this park.

There are Seniors in the community who live alone who don't have access to green space, children who are out of school this summer, and folks who have been locked inside for over a year due to the COVID19 pandemic that cant access this space. Folks who are depressed and folks who **SHOULD** be able to enjoy the California sunshine in a greenspace near their home.

Enough is enough.

I can't wait to get an update. If not I will choose the **BEST** folks in the neighborhood to interview for reporters, pundits, and influencers.

Do have a great day.

Best,

Mr. Issen Alibris

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**Re: Public Comment re George Wolfberg Park Signage**

1 message

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

Fri, Apr 22, 2022 at 9:39 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 8:51 AM Anya McCann &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Anya McCann. I am the daughter of George Wolfberg. His wife Diane and sons are also in attendance today.

We wanted to thank the City staff and Commissioners for the opportunity to provide content in words and images for the interpretive sign about my father. We interviewed those active in the local community, including the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee and Pacific Palisades Community Council, as well as former co-workers who served the City as staff alongside my father to determine themes and values to focus upon and particular items to highlight.

The goal of everyone involved was to inspire those reading the sign to

- 1) feel welcome at this park no matter where you live - public parks are for everyone to enjoy,
- 2) become active in your community to advocate for improvements,
- 3) advocate specifically for public parks, community gathering spaces, and recreational facilities and spaces - because those things are vital to public health and wellbeing.

We have reviewed the accompanying educational interpretive signage and think Dad would be very happy. He was very interested in plants and wildlife and valued native and drought-tolerant plants. The identification, maps, and explanations are clear and present interesting content, and are eye-pleasing and fitting for the space in which they will live.

As a side note, it was important to our family to someplace highlight the names of all of the people who have served on the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee someplace to honor them as well. They have been dedicated to a very long process and given of their hearts and souls and valuable time to make this park become a reality for everyone to enjoy. Perhaps they can be featured in a plaque at the opening or on whatever website is developed.

We also hope you can include reference to the local Tongva settlements and history in the canyon, perhaps with an additional QR code on the history interpretive sign.

Finally, Dad was a strong advocate of the Friends Gate being an entrance to the park - we are told a kiosk is planned for that location as well - that entrance is important for the safety of all as the only southern access point.

Thank you all for your work serving the people of Los Angeles!!

Anya (Wolfberg) McCann

On behalf of:

Diane Wolfberg

David Wolfberg

Michael Wolfberg

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**Anya M. McCann**

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**Re: Valley Glen park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 3:15 PM

To: Lyne Alan >

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners and appropriate staff. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 1:40 PM Lyne Alan < > wrote:

Since the recent renovation of the park, the grounds staff have told me that the decomposed granite and bark sections of the park are being treated as if they are grassy areas. This is not what we the residents were told and agreed upon. DWP paid over a million dollars to up grade the irrigation system with the assurance that 30% would not be irrigated, except for plants. Some of the bark and DG areas get watered others are dry with plants and shrub's dying. All of the areas are filling up with weeds and thistles. The gardeners now just mow over those areas, just spreading the seeds everywhere. This is not with was agreed to. Granite and bark areas should be that! Not cut weeds. Hire the 140 people that you made requisitions for and handle this.

Alan Young

Sent from my iPad

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## Re: Griffith Park Overtake

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 9:07 AM

To: Carlos < >

Good Morning,

Thank you for contacting the Recreation and Parks Board Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners. If you have further questions or comments please respond to this email.

On Thu, Apr 21, 2022 at 2:31 PM Carlos < > wrote:

I am concerned that Forest Lawn is taking more areas of the park. It is increasing the areas given or sold to that private business,

I believe that against the will of Mr Griffith made his donation.  
Someone has to do something in favor of the recreation of the people of Los Angeles.

Thanks

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Re: Potrero Canyon Friends Street Entrance

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 9:13 AM

To: Brooke Klein <>

Cc: steve.hudson@coastal.ca.gov, jason.p.douglas@lacity.org, arianne.garcia@lacity.org, norman.mundy@lacity.org, Pedro.garcia@lacity.org, Maria.martin@lacity.org, nicholas.tealer@coastal.ca.gov, mike.bonin@lacity.org, aaron.mclendon@coastal.ca.gov, darryl.ford@lacity.org, noah.fleishman@lacity.org, tristen.marler@lacity.org, Zach.Rehm@coastal.ca.gov, michael.a.shull@lacity.org, jimmy.kim@lacity.org, patrick.schmidt@lacity.org, cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org, kristen.ly@lacity.org, gary.lee.moore@lacity.org, shahar.amitay@coastal.ca.gov, steven.hong@lacity.org, ap.diaz@lacity.org, andrew.willis@coastal.ca.gov,

Good Morning,

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On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 12:09 PM Brooke Klein <> wrote:

All,

The California Coastal Commission has determined that the "new trail to Friends Street" is "unpermitted development" and ordered the City to stop construction and request an amendment to the current CDP.

The email letter was sent Friday and they have not stopped construction. See letters and photos taken just now. Also, see the City officials walking right past the unpermitted/unauthorized path. Please stop this unauthorized construction until environmental impact and traffic studies are performed for this entrance. Thank you,

Brooke Klein

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2022, at 2:04 PM, <> wrote:

Hi RAP, City, BOE and Coastal Commission employees,

Will someone please explain to me why the construction on the Friends Street entrance (FSE) in Potrero Canyon has resumed even though that entrance was never actually approved? We brought this to your attention a year ago and construction should have been stopped until a proper Environmental Impact and Traffic Study were conducted. This entrance was never approved in the 1985 EIR and the City filed a false report saying it was. In fact, it was never even mentioned in the 1985 EIR, which we have told you multiple times. The map that was approved did NOT include a Friends Street entrance. I have included link to the EIR and approved map below.

This is not a little path like they want you to believe. They have cut a road into the hillside, constructed CONCRETE retainer walls, installed 5' poles that are cemented 3' underground with NO APPROVAL or environmental impact study. I have included photos. Is the City above following rules? You are all aware this isn't approved, but construction continues. Is this legal? I will be meeting with lawyers this week.

In addition, will someone please explain WHY this entrance is being constructed at all? The PPCC and George Wolfberg concluded there was NOT public support. If you polled residents again, you would get the same result, especially when they realize this road leads to a trail that goes INLAND to

Palisades Rec Center, NOT to the coastal views or the beach! Isn't the point of this park to give park goers coastal access? If that is the goal, this unapproved entrance is not the answer.

The City is also in direct violation of the coastal permit that clearly says "No permanent in ground irrigations shall be installed on site. Temporary above ground irrigation is allowed to establish plantings," yet they installed permanent under ground irrigation systems all throughout the canyon. They also didn't open the park within a year of grading and are not providing coastal access, which were required in the coastal permits. They were supposed to provide biannual reports yet haven't provided any since 2015. But you all know this (I have email trails) yet you continue to allow construction.

For your reference, here is:

1. the 1985 EIR which never mentions the FRS and the report that says the Friends Street entrance was approved in the 1985 EIR:  
<https://www.laparks.org/sites/default/files/pdf/commissioner/2021/jan21/21-016.pdf>
2. the map that was approved which does not include the FRS and does not include coastal access (attached)
3. the latest landscape plans that show the road leading to a trail INLAND to the Palisades Park (attached)
4. the amendment that says no permanent irrigation systems can be installed (page 30)  
<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2014/10/W19a-10-2014.pdf>
5. current photos of the road, concrete retaining walls and cemented poles for the wire railings (attached)

Please explain to me how the City is allowed to continue construction on an entrance that was never approved and let me know who is overseeing this project to make sure they are not in violation of the permits. Thank you,

Brooke Klein (Friends Street resident)

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April 22, 2022

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Norman Mundy  
Environmental Supervisor II, City of Los Angeles

Subject: Re: Re: Status of Potrero Canyon Park Project

Dear Mr. Mundy,

Thank you for your letter detailing the status of the Potrero Canyon Park project.<sup>1</sup> We understand that these projects are extremely complex and multifaceted, and we appreciate you gathering the materials necessary to answer the various inquiries surrounding this undertaking. It is encouraging to see the project's progress to this point, and we hope to ensure that the City reaches their end goals, including those laid out in the CDP,<sup>2</sup> one of these goals being the public's access to one of California's unique and popular coastal destinations.

1) Construction of the Lateral Trail is Required

Section 30210 requires that maximum access to the coast is provided. This goal was recognized in the proposed trail system that would connect Potrero Park to Temescal Canyon and to Will Rogers State Beach. The Commission is glad to hear about the new funding dedicated to building a bridge over the Pacific Coast Highway, connecting Potrero Park to the beach below, however, that is not an alternative to what is required in the CDP.

According to the Commission's records, the City's construction of the lateral trail to Temescal Canyon is required. Following the City's plans, a vertical trail is being built from Potrero Canyon Park at the Palisades Recreation Center "to the mouth of the canyon at a point just landward of Pacific Coast Highway."<sup>3</sup> Further, from that same trail system, a lateral trail is proposed to connect the park to Temescal Canyon, and the beach on the other side of the Pacific Coast Highway.<sup>4</sup> These plans were approved by the Commission because of their conformance to the CDP. Anything less, would not comply with the CDP currently issued for the project.

The City's letter also makes a point that the trail connection to Temescal Canyon crosses Caltrans property; however, this is not a new development and has been known since the project was initiated. Thus, the property ownership of the site of the lateral trail should not be an excuse to delay construction of the trail, and the City must proceed with securing whatever permissions are necessary

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Norman Mundy (Apr. 1, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> CDP No. 5-91-286 (A1-11).

<sup>3</sup> Staff Report for CDP No. 5-91-286-A11.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at pg. 15 ("From that point, a lateral trail, separated from Pacific Coast Highway by a berm, would lead to the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and Pacific Coast Highway, approximately 0.5 northwest from the bottom of Potrero Canyon.").

from Caltrans to construct the trail. As you know, we have offered to coordinate these discussions with Caltrans and remain happy to do so to move construction of the lateral trail along expeditiously.

2) Submission of an Annual Report is Required

In 2010, the Commission approved an amendment to the CDP, and included the following condition:

“The applicant shall agree in writing, prior to issuance of this amendment for the review and approval by the Executive Director, to submit an agreement, commencing one year from the date of Commission approval of this amendment, an annual report detailing the progress of the Portrero Canyon Restoration Project and an accounting of the expenditure and projected expenditure of funds from the Portrero Canyon Trust Fund.”<sup>5</sup>

As of the date of this letter, the Commission has yet to receive, for this year or recent years, a report with updates on the overall project, along with explanations of the expenditure of funds so far and plans that will need further funding. While the City’s letter was informative, it is ultimately insufficient because it does not explain the expenditure of funds so far, the future expenditure of funds for the remaining pieces of the project, the reasons behind the slowdown in construction of the lateral trail, and the reasons for the construction of the new trail to Friends Street.

3) Unpermitted Construction of the new trail to Friends Street

In addition, as the City has described in its letter, there is a new trail connection to Friends Street.<sup>6</sup> This trail connection is not depicted on the approved plans for the project and is therefore unpermitted development and construction of this trail construction should stop unless and until it is authorized by the Commission. If the City wishes to retain this connection, the City must request an amendment to the current CDP to reflect this new trail connection at Friends Street.

4) Irrigation Installation & Live Oak Tree Removal

The Commission appreciates your thorough explanation of the irrigation system currently in place at Potrero Canyon Park. Based on your response letter, and community reports, you have currently installed a below-grade irrigation system, which you intend to abandon upon establishment of plants at the project site. Commission staff is reviewing the consistency of this irrigation system with the terms and conditions of the CDP and will follow up once a determination has been made.

In addition, Commission staff is reviewing community reports of native live oak tree removal. Both the CDP and the 2016 Landscaping Plans discuss the necessary procedures and policies to be followed for potential live oak tree removal during the project. Commission staff will continue to investigate these reports and will follow up once a determination has been made. Please be sure to provide the agency with any updates in the meantime.

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<sup>5</sup> CDP 5-91-286-A8 at page 6.

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Norman Munday on April 1, 2022 (“As noted above, on order to provide public access from Friends Street, a pedestrian gate and a decomposed granite path that connects to the main interior park trail have been constructed.”).

Next Steps

To summarize what immediate steps are necessary for the City to be in compliance with the components of the CDP noted above, **within 30 days of the date of this letter**, please:

- 1) Recommence construction of the lateral trail to Temescal Canyon;
- 2) Submit an adequate annual report summarizing the expenditures and future expenditures of the park project; and
- 3) Apply for an amendment to the CDP for the new trail connection to Friends Street.

Again, we appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to coordinating with you in the future. Please feel free to reach out via email at [nicholas.tealer@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:nicholas.tealer@coastal.ca.gov) or you can always give us a phone call at (562) 590-5071.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas Tealer*

Nick Tealer  
District Enforcement Officer

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September 19, 2016

Norman Mundy  
Department of Public Works  
City of Los Angeles  
1149 S. Broadway, Ste 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Potrero Canyon HMMP for Coastal Development Permit No. 5-91-286.

This refers to 2015 grading plans prepared by MARRS (89 sheets). These plans were presented to Coastal Commission at 1/7/16 meeting.

Dear Mr. Mundy:

Commission staff have reviewed the Potrero Canyon Park Unit 2 Grading plan by MARR Services, Inc., dated July 30, 2014, and the Potrero Canyon Preserve landscape plan by LA DPW Engineering, MARRS and RRM Design Group, and have determined that the plans are consistent with the requirements of Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 5-91-286, the Final Potrero Canyon Riparian Mitigation Proposal, prepared by ERCE, dated August 1991, and subsequent amendments. Therefore, the Executive Director hereby approves the proposed aforementioned plans presented by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering (City), for the grading and landscaping of the Potrero Canyon Park Development Project area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al J. Padilla'.

Al J. Padilla  
Regulatory Permit Supervisor  
California Coastal Commission

Cc: Robert C. Hancock, Project Manager



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August 23, 2016

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1149 S. Broadway, Ste 700  
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Re: Potrero Canyon HMMP for Coastal Development Permit No. 5-91-286.

Dear Mr. Mundy:

Commission staff, including Dr. Jonna Engel, staff ecologist, have reviewed the revised, Draft Compensatory Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Potrero Canyon Park Development Project (Plan), dated December 2014, and have determined that the Plan is consistent with the requirements of Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 5-91-286 and the Final Potrero Canyon Riparian Mitigation Proposal, prepared by ERCE, dated August 1991. Therefore, the Executive Director hereby approves the proposed Plan presented by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering (City), for the habitat mitigation and monitoring of the Potrero Canyon Park Development Project area.

The City, in accordance with CDP No. 5-91-286, will provide the Commission with biannual reports for a period of two years and annual reports for an additional three years detailing the continued monitoring and maintenance of the restored site.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Al J. Padilla  
Regulatory Permit Supervisor  
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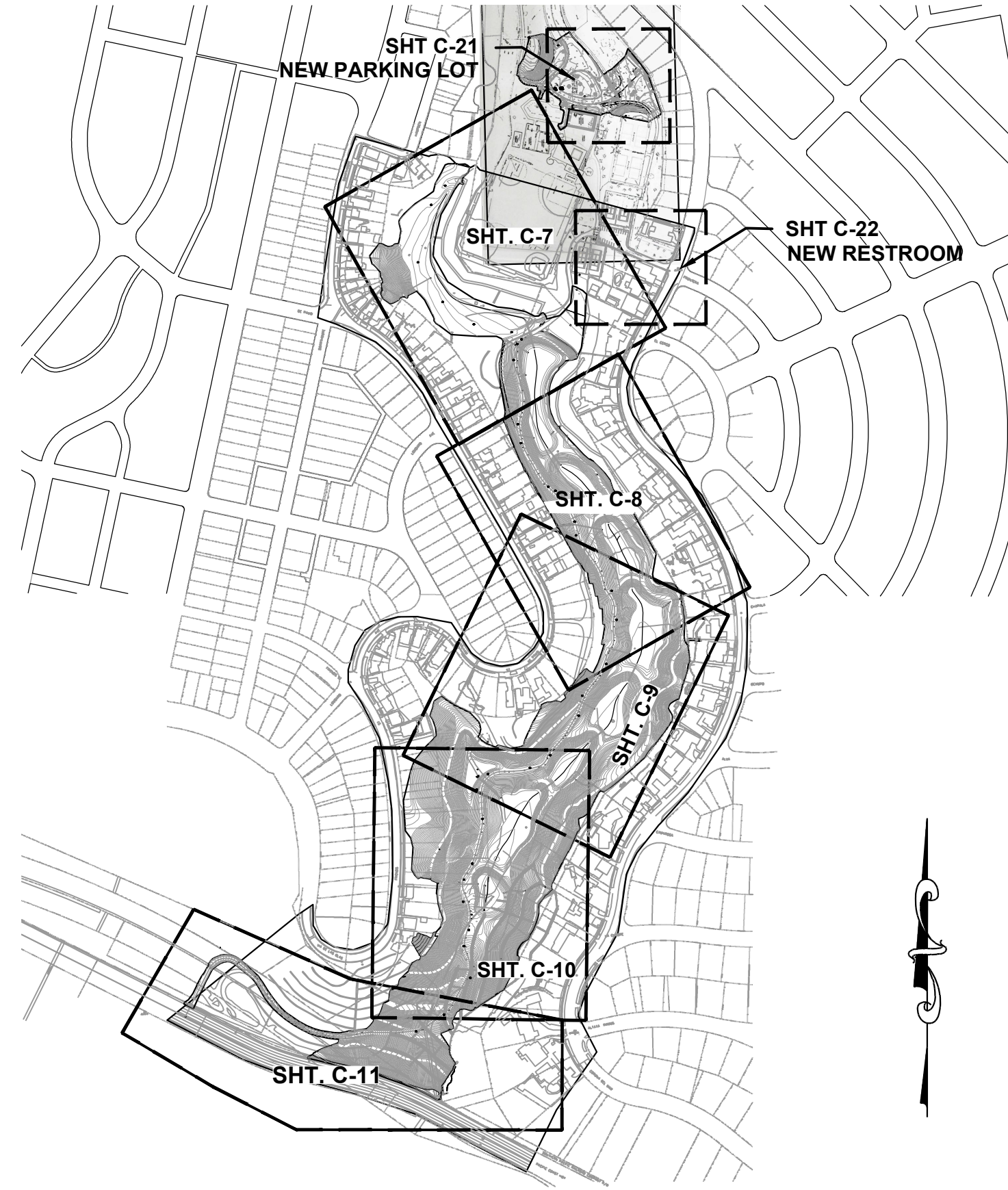
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
POTRERO CANYON PARK**

**15101, 15125 AND 15145 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY**

**NOTE: THIS WAS VERSION OF PLANS  
PRESENTED TO COASTAL COMMISSION AT  
MEETING OF 1/7/16 AND APPROVED BY CC IN  
LETTER DATED 9/19/16.**



**GRADING INDEX MAP**

SCALE: 1"=50'

**WDID # 419C362661**



**VICINITY MAP**

SCALE: 1"=400'

**UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT**  
Call: Toll FREE  
1-800-422-4133

TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE YOU DIG "CAUTION": Remember that the USA Center notifies only those utilities belonging to the center. There could be other utilities present at the work site. The center will inform you of whom they will notify.

**CHRIS JOHNSON, P.E., G.E.**

SOILS ENGINEER & REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**ROBERT C. HANCOCK, C.E.G.**

GEOLOGIST & REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**EARTHWORK QUANTITIES**

<b>FILL:*</b>	163,881 CY
<b>CUT:</b>	83,884 CY
<b>OVER EXCAVATION</b>	100,476 CY
<b>SHRINKAGE:</b>	40,546 CY
<b>NET FILL (IMPORT REQUIRED):</b>	120,543 CY
<b>APPROX. GRADED AREA:</b>	30.6 AC

**NOTES:**

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- FILL TO BE FROM THE ONSITE STOCKPILE, LOCATED ONSITE AT THE SOUTH END OF FRONTERA DRIVE ACCESS ROAD IN THE POTRERO CANYON PARK, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA. 90272.
- ACCOUNTS FOR ONSITE STOCKPILES

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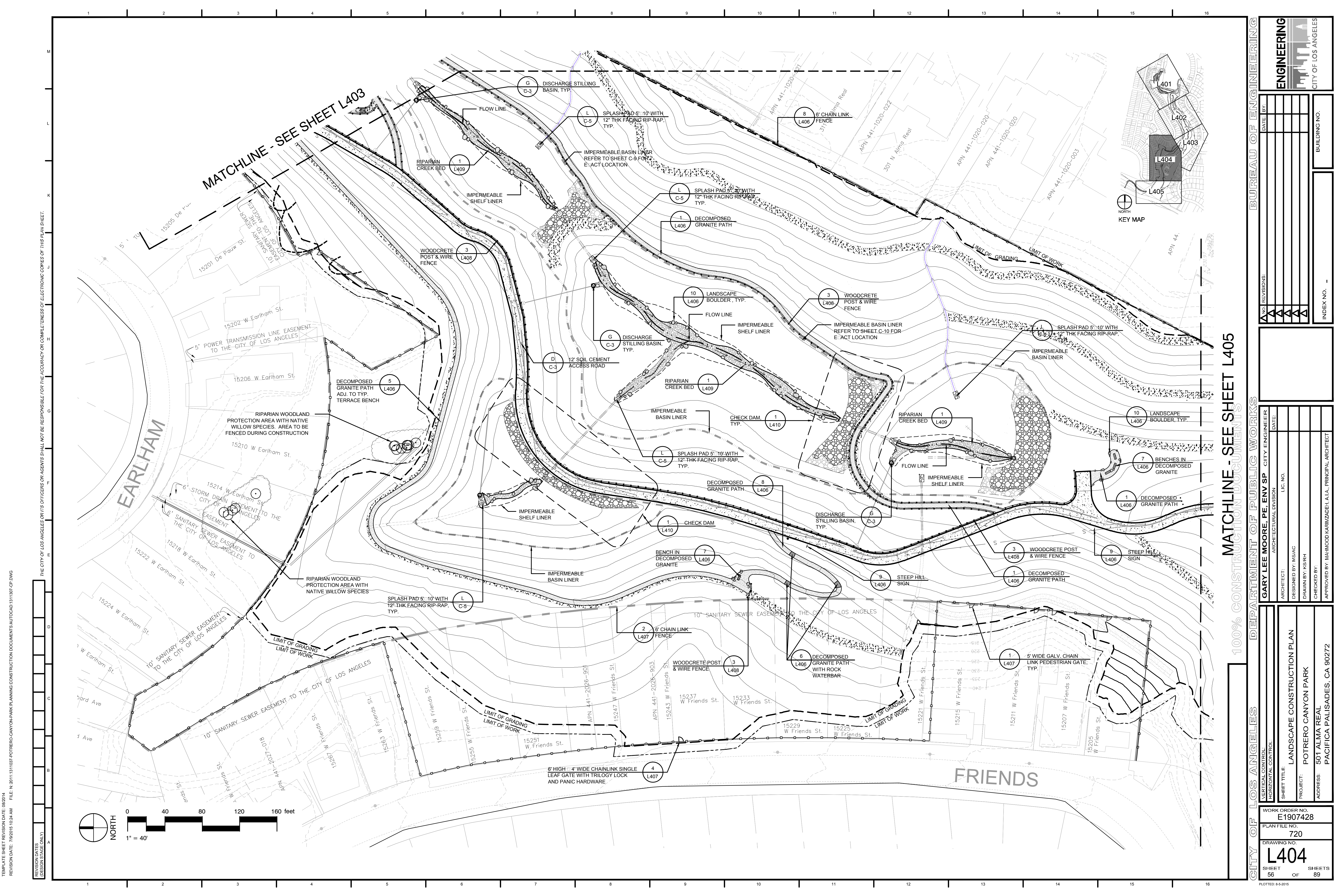
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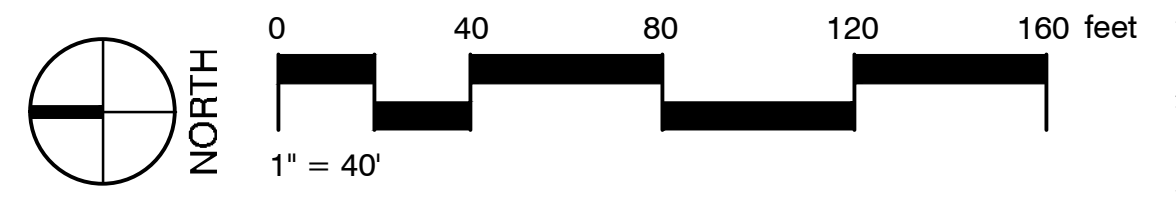
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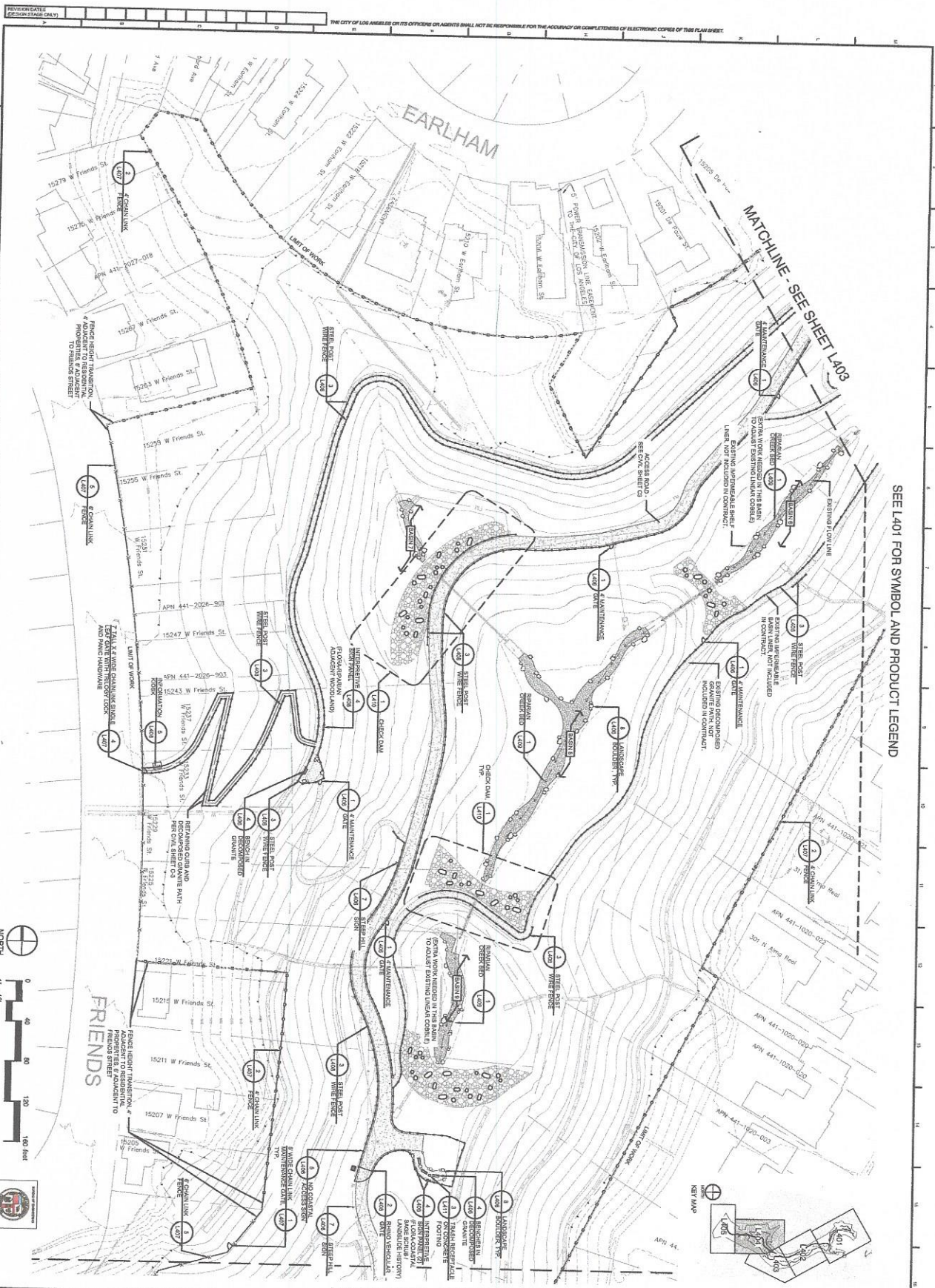
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