

INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

July 20, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS  
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager *J/K*  
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) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Park      | #9394b | Referred to General Manager |
| 2) Emma Taylor comments regarding Hollywoodland       | #9407a | Referred to General Manager |
| 3) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411a | Referred to General Manager |
| 4) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411b | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411c | Referred to General Manager |
| 6) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411d | Referred to General Manager |
| 7) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411e | Referred to General Manager |
| 8) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411f | Referred to General Manager |
| 9) Robert Chernob comments regarding Pan Pacific Park | #9411g | Referred to General Manager |
| 10) City Council Motions                              | #9416  | Note and File               |

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| 11) Linda Blank comments regarding Westwood Gardens Park   | #9417  | Referred to General Manager |
| 12) City Council Motions   | #9418  | Note and File               |
| 13) Steven Holmstrom comments regarding Bogdanovich Park   | #9419  | Referred to General Manager |
| 14) Julie Schad comments regarding LA Equestrian Center  | #9420  | Referred to General Manager |
| 15) Michael Costello comments regarding Whitnall Dog Park  | #9421  | Referred to General Manager |
| 16) Jasmine Sankaran comments regarding Whitnall Dog Park  | #9421a | Referred to General Manager |
| 17) Shilpa Gupta comments regarding Stoney Point Ranch   | #9422  | Referred to General Manager |
| 18) Maryam Zar comments regarding George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon                                 | #9423  | Referred to General Manager |
| 19) Elida Mendez comments regarding Green Meadows Park   | #9424  | Referred to General Manager |
| 20) Elida Mendez comments regarding Green Meadows Park   | #9424a | Referred to General Manager |
| 21) Debra Matlock as President of Los Feliz Improvement Assoc comments regarding Riverside A Bridge Home | #9425  | Referred to General Manager |
| 22) City Council Motion  | #9426  | Note and File               |
| 23) City Council Motion  | #9427  | Note and File               |
| 24) Alexis Glenn comments regarding Green Meadows Summer Camp  | #9428  | Referred to General Manager |

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Griffith Park Pony Ride**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 3:22 PM

To: Zhen &lt; &gt;

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 10:46 AM Zhen &lt; &gt; wrote:

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Van. I am an equestrian and I have my horses in Burbank CA for almost 10 years. I have been riding at Griffith Park for 15 years. We need the Pony Ride to be back at Griffith Park with gold standard of care. Giving the opportunity to children interact with horses/ponies can have a profound impact on children's physical, mental, and social development. Horses can teach children everything from taking responsibility and being persistent to developing communication and teamwork skills. Horses can boost children's self-confidence and help them develop a wide range of skills.

The pony protesters and people who called to voted against pony ride are paid protesters and self claim equestrians which they are not. They made up lies about the pony ride and they lied about their residency. Most of them are not even LA County residents.

Please work with the equine community and take a look at the vet reports. We need to bring back the unique pony ride back to Griffith Park, this is what makes Griffith Park unique.

Thank you!

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**Re: Pony rides**

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 7:22 AM

To: "Jageck(Toni)" &lt;

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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.

On Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 1:36 PM Jageck(Toni) &lt;

&gt; wrote:

I am expressing my disappointment that the Griffith Park pony rides have not been reopened for this summer, for families-kids to be enjoying.

You have let the past management go(for absolutely zero true validated reasons), it is now time to take on a new company to set up with Ponies for the children in LA, especially lower income that can afford this experience to be able to go back to enjoying .

Many children missing being able to do this as they always have for a gazillion years.

My own children experienced this growing up. I am a home owner, tax paying, equestrian in the Burbank area.

Please recommit to putting them back in place asap.

Do not fall for all the negative lies that the aggressive over the top animal activists are trying hard to get people to fall for. LIES.....truly, they do not live in LA, do not have a clue about horse/pony ownership, at all....

This was a HUGE mistake to take out of Griffith Park.....Put back in immediately.....

Meet with the appointed horse forum groups that have been made for the reason of validating equestrians that have real true knowledge. If there are things that need to be changed to make it a Gold standard of care for the pony brought back then set up those parameters and bring back in place .

Toni Osseck

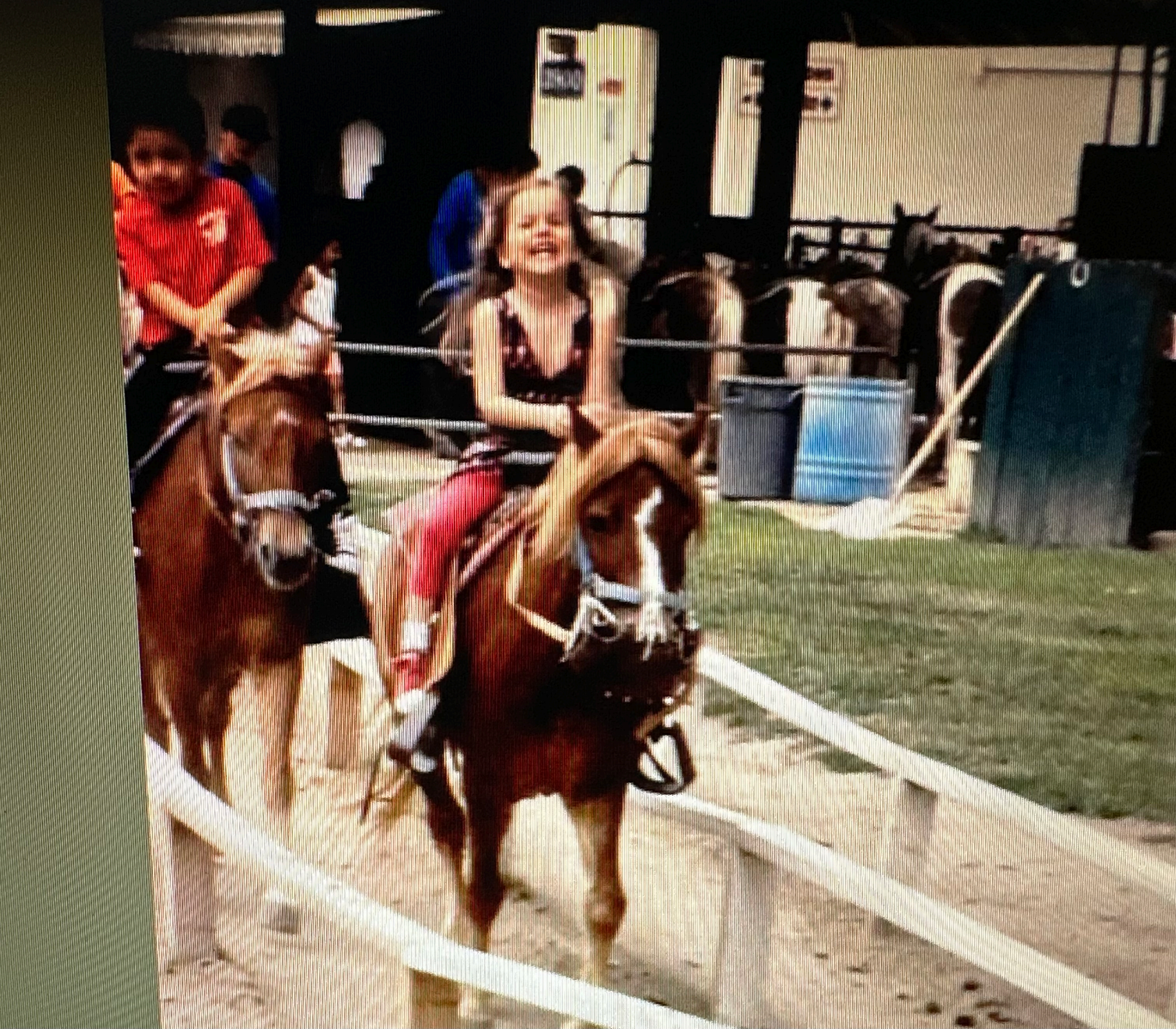
Burbank Rancho

Cute video showing moms and kids enjoying PONYS, great wholesome positive experience for all!!!!!!

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## Re: Griffith Park pony rides.

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 3:21 PM

To: Roy Simison <

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Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 8:56 AM Roy Simison <

> wrote:

Please bring back the pony rides the ponies have been a very important influence to many generations of children that love ponies horses and love all animals because of their interaction, I would hope the voices of the children would be sought they are our future and care for animals depends on them please do not lose a very important connection for the children.

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)

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**Re: Just Say Whoa: Save The Griffith Park Pony Rides**

1 message

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**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: Kimberly King-Burns < >

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 3:23 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 12:20 PM Kimberly King-Burns < > wrote:

Learning how to take care of an animal is one of the most important lessons that children can learn, and the Griffith Park pony rides are an exceptional example.

Don't take it from me: pony rides are included in the original charter of the Griffith family bequest of the park property to the fine folks of Los Angeles County.

Please save the pony rides for future generations.

Kimberly King-Burns

Los Angeles CA

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**Re: Pony rides**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 3:22 PM

To: private private &lt;

&gt;

Good afternoon,

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

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 10:06 AM private private &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello,

I'm writing to hope that the Pony rides will be allowed back in to Griffith Park. To have regulations and upgrades to the ponies welfare is paramount, and the joy that children (and adults as well ) get from those darling ponies can't be measured in the wonderful memories and faces of the children who in this city may never get to pet a pony or look into the eyes of those precious creatures.

Please don't take away what kids today need. We've too much harmful technology and children deserve a balance in their lives that a parent can afford.

I'm speaking as one who when I was a child, loved those pony rides and took my own children to experience a real live animal that we couldn't have in the house.

Again, please don't take away a link to our childhood joyful experiences and connection to real life as it once was.

Sincerely,

Harriet Britt

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**Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065**

1 message

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**Yovonte Robinson** <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 10:40 AM

To: Garcia Incareal <

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Cc:

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

The job order has been previously submitted 23-26948, 23-26955.

The job order below does not belong to Rec & Parks please contact 311 for transportation or street services for further assistance.

Best Regards

On Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 10:04 AM Garcia Incareal <

> wrote:

JULY 7

Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti.

Attach pictures

Mauro Garcia

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**Yovonte Robinson**  
**Park Maintenance Supervisor**

Recreation and Parks

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

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## SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

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Garcia IncaREAL < >  
To:

Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 10:02 AM

yovonte.robinson@lacity.org

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

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Council member Eunisses Hernandez  
The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti.  
Attach pictures  
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### 3 attachments



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## Re: Hollywoodland and the 4th of July

1 message

Emma Taylor &lt;emma.taylor@lacity.org&gt;

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 3:28 PM

To: " " < " >

Cc: Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, Josef Siroky <josef.siroky@lacity.org>, Geoff Thompson <geoff.thompson@lacity.org>, David Shew < " >, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Tracy James <tracy.james@lacity.org>, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>, Heather Mata <40988@lapd.online>, Christine OBrien < " >, Linda Doe < " >, John Dotto < " >, Jeff Swofford < " >, Michelle Botts < " >, Louis Tarantino < " >, Reena Liebling < " >, Jeanne Clark < " >, Alexa Williams < " >, Crosby Doe < " >, jeremiah christopher < " >, Farrell Bernard < " >, Tara Stephenson < " >, Joe Losorelli <joe.losorelli@lacity.org>, Walker King <walker.king@lacity.org>

Hi Sarajane,

Our office has been monitoring the situation very closely and listening to community feedback. We wanted to reach out to you directly to let you know about a few measures we're instituting to make this holiday weekend less disruptive, as well as long-term improvements to the infrastructure in the Hollywood Hills to try and reduce the burden placed on residents.

Our office, in partnership with the Office of Mayor Bass and our City departments, has coordinated increased deployment for improved traffic and parking management throughout the Hollywood Hills and Beachwood Canyon. This measure aims to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance safety for everyone during this busy holiday period.

- June 30th through July 4th - LADOT traffic control officers (TCOs) and parking enforcement patrols will be stationed at locations around Lake Hollywood Park and at the Runyon Canyon Upper Lot.
- July 1st through July 4th - LAPD Motor Division Patrol will be stationed at Lake Hollywood Park. These officers can issue tickets for moving violations, vehicles that violate the weight limits on streets in the hillsides, and issue tickets for smoking of any kind.
- July 3rd and 4th - Additional traffic enforcement patrols and LAPD Motor Division Patrol will be stationed along Mulholland Drive between Cahuenga Blvd. and the Universal City Overlook to address parking and fireworks violations.

While some community members have requested proactive street closures in anticipation of heavy traffic volumes, LADOT policy does not allow for such closures by LADOT. LAPD has sole authority on street closures. In the event extreme traffic volumes create a safety risk, police officers will be monitoring and can issue temporary closures at their discretion. These temporary closures would be lifted when the issue has abated.

Our office has also developed an action plan to address long-standing capital and operational deficiencies – you can read more on our [July 4th Resource Page](#) here and we encourage you to reach out with any feedback or questions.

As always, you can reach out to our office by emailing us at [contactcd4@lacity.org](mailto:contactcd4@lacity.org) and we wish you a safe and pleasant holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Emma Taylor

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 2:50 PM

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> wrote:

**I want this email to be part of the public record.**

We are still awaiting your reply. Perhaps there are no plans to share. The fire season is here. The number of visitors have never been so high. The danger has never been as great. What do we tell our residents? Do we tell them there are no plans? Must I remind you on several occasions this year, fire trucks were unable to traverse our streets because of parked cars and on one occasion had to wait for a car to be towed? We want to work together to solve these horrible issues, but we need you to respond, particularly about the 4th of July holidays. Unfortunately I think this is a first as far as the lack of communication in regards to this particularly dangerous holiday. We understand that there's to be a meeting after the holidays, and we certainly are appreciative of that, but **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!**

Sarajane Schwartz

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 04:18:29 PM PDT,

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> wrote:

**I want this email to be part of the public record.**

Dear CD4,

The extended 4th of July weekend is almost here and **we have not received a single reply from this email** that I sent last week about your plans to insure our safety during this extremely dangerous time of the year.

I assume by now you must have made your plans. I'm sorry it was without our participation.

Can you please share those plans with us, so we can forward them on to our residents.

In addition to the items listed below, please include a direct phone number to the person in charge, so residents can receive aid in an efficient and effective manner if needed. Also because of the nature of this holiday and the fireworks, we can't stress enough how important it is to have included in your enforcers LAPD and/or rangers who can cite for numerous infractions particularly fireworks violations.

Thank you again, and we are still awaiting your reply.

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

On Friday, June 23, 2023 at 01:51:52 PM PDT,

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> wrote:

Dear CD4,

The 4th of July and the extended holiday period is quickly approaching and ,of course, is a particularly problematic time for Hollywoodland. We want to know if you have started your

planning. There are three things that we think will make this process more effective.

1 Please involve the HHA in your planning. No one knows this area better than the unfortunate, impacted residents.

Good communication is essential.

2 Please be prepared to shut off access to tourists (allowing only residents) as was done in the past, and continues

to be done all over the City on numerous occasions like in areas near the Hollywood Bowl and even in Griffith Park, when the magnets or the streets and areas near them become congested, overrun, or beyond safe capacity.

3 Supervision needs to be extended into much later hours than usual.

As we all know this is a particularly dangerous time of year--perhaps the worst--in our already threatened neighborhood.

We look forward to hearing back from you and working together to insure public safety in Hollywoodland.

Thank you.

Sarajane Schwartz  
Safety Chair  
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Fw: Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request**

1 message

Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:04 PM

To: r cdila1 &lt; &gt;

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:33 AM r cdila1 &lt; &gt; wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** r cdila1 < >  
**To:** George Hakopiants <george.hakopiants@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** jenelle.henderson@lacity.org <jenelle.henderson@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 06:55:57 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Fw: Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request

Hello Commissioners::

This is one of the issues that the previous Recreation and Parks Commission unfortunately failed to address after I spoke a a previous commission public meeting. Recreation and Parks Assistant General Manager Jackson has failed to respond to my attached email of June 26, 2023, allegedly establishing that I was lied to by a senior Recreation and Parks staff member Superintendent Anita Meacham. Do the newly appointed Recreation and Parks commissioners share Ms. Jackson's lack of concern as to how this matter has been handled? The Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board Bylaws require a minimum of four public meetings a year. Yet, there hasn't been a meeting since August 2021, leaving no public oversight as to how the park in question is being managed! The alleged arson fire which burned down a children's playgrounds, alleged drug and alcohol use, alleged exposure of private parts by individuals, alleged daily sexual acts taking place in park bathrooms and bushes are not being addressed at advisory board meetings, because there aren't any! As I have discussed with senior department staff, the previous chair of the Advisory Board, Reggie Turner, in alleged violation of the bylaws, was in his position for some twenty years, even though the bylaws allow a maximum of four years. The Department of Recreation and Parks Advisory Board New Member Handbook states that "Each potential (advisory board) member MUST... HAVE NO PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FULL TIME OR PART TIME RAP STAFF ASSIGNED TO THAT SPECIFIC FACILITY." When the current director of Pan Pacific Park, Eric Calhoun, took over four years ago, I asked Superintendent Anita Meacham to have him do outreach to the Pan Pacific Park surrounding community to bring in new advisory board members. Instead, in violation of their own policy, he appointed several men that he introduced at a board meeting as his "boyhood friends." Superintendent Meacham ignored my concerns that this not only violated their own policy but having the park director's personal friends on the board, gave him a majority on any board vote, and would eliminate the purpose of the advisory board having any oversight over what the director was doing at the park. I am very concerned that the failure to form a new advisory board is being done intentionally to assure there continues to be no oversight as to how Pan Pacific Park is being run. Is this how Councilmember Yaroslavsky wants parks in her district to be run? If not, why haven't I been able to get any assistance from your office in seven months?

Robert Chernob

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
**To:** r cdila1 < >, Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org>; Anita Meacham <anita.meacham@lacity.org>; Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 11:03:08 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 10:02 AM r cdila1 &lt; &gt; wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** r cdila1 < >  
**To:** Belinda Jackson <belinda.jackson@lacity.org>  
**Cc:** Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 at 01:14:36 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Anita Meacham; Pan Pacific Park; Public Records Act Request

Hello Ms. Jackson:

I made a PRA request recently regarding the names of newly appointed Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board members that Anita Meacham claimed during the April 10, 2023 telephone conference you attended, that Pan Pacific Advisory Board members had been "newly appointed", and a board meeting was going to be held as soon as their fingerprints were processed. This contradicts the enclosed June 26, 2023 PRA response I received which states, "Currently there are not any newly appointed Pan Pacific Board



members, as the director is still in the process of interviewing prospective applicants." Further, it also contradicts the enclosed April 19, 2023 email I received from Anita Meacham which stated, "... Thus that PAB has been disbanded and a new PAB is being introduced as we speak. Why would Anita Meacham claim that a new PAB is being introduced over two months ago when the unsigned response to my PRA request states that Director Calhoun is still interviewing prospective candidates, which has been going on for the last year? As we discussed during our April 10, 2023 telephone conversation, Anita Meacham claimed that she was unaware of who was approving the Pan Pacific Recreation Center Revocable Right-Of-Entry Permit For Provision of Fireworks shows for the adjacently located Grove Mall, to promote the start of their Christmas sales season, when it is a violation of the Los Angeles Municipal for fireworks to be discharged at any city park. I asked Anita Meacham to explain why she allegedly repeatedly misinformed me that she didn't know who was approving the annual Grove Mall fireworks permits, when it turned out after making a PRA request, that the signature on the permit in question was none other than Anita Meacham! Is this the kind of alleged dishonesty I should expect from a high-ranking member of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks? Do you condone this kind of behavior, and if not, why haven't I seen any changes in any of the matters we discussed on April 10, 2023? The Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board bylaws require a minimum of four public meetings a year. The last meeting was August 2021! The alleged mismanagement of Pan Pacific Park is appalling!

I would like very much to schedule another meeting with you.

Best,

Robert Chernob  
enclosures:

Rap Commissioners <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)>  
To: rcdila1

Mon, Jun 26 at 10:28 AM

Good morning,

Please see information attached deemed responsive to your CPRA No. 1178 request for:

*"Names of newly appointed Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board members, any personal association to any Pan Pacific Park staff and distance they reside from the park in question.*

**response:**

Currently there are not any newly appointed Pan Pacific Board members, as the director is still in the process of interviewing prospective applicants.

*"Scheduling date of Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board public meeting, one of which has not been held since August 2021".*

**response:**

There is not a date for the next Pan Pacific Park Advisory Board Meeting at this time. A meeting will be posted to the Recreation and Parks website 72 hours prior to the date. The posted information will indicate the time, place and agenda for the meeting.

We greatly appreciate your courtesy and patience in this matter. Thank you.

Anita Meacham <[anita.meacham@lacity.org](mailto:anita.meacham@lacity.org)>  
To: rcdila1

Cc: Kenya Wiley, Belinda Jackson, Kimberly Simonet, Juan Guzman, Rap Commissioners and 1 more...

Wed, Apr 19 at 12:04 PM

Hello Robert,

As always, I have tried to be extremely responsive to your requests. The PAB issues at Pan Pacific existed many years before I was assigned and I did everything in my power to correct the situation, but it does take time when something is so rooted and engrained in the operation. Thus that PAB has been disbanded and a new PAB is being introduced as we speak.



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Fw: Transient under the influence and exposing himself adjacent to Pan Pacific Park and Gardner Library**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM

To: r cdila1 &lt; &gt;

Good afternoon,

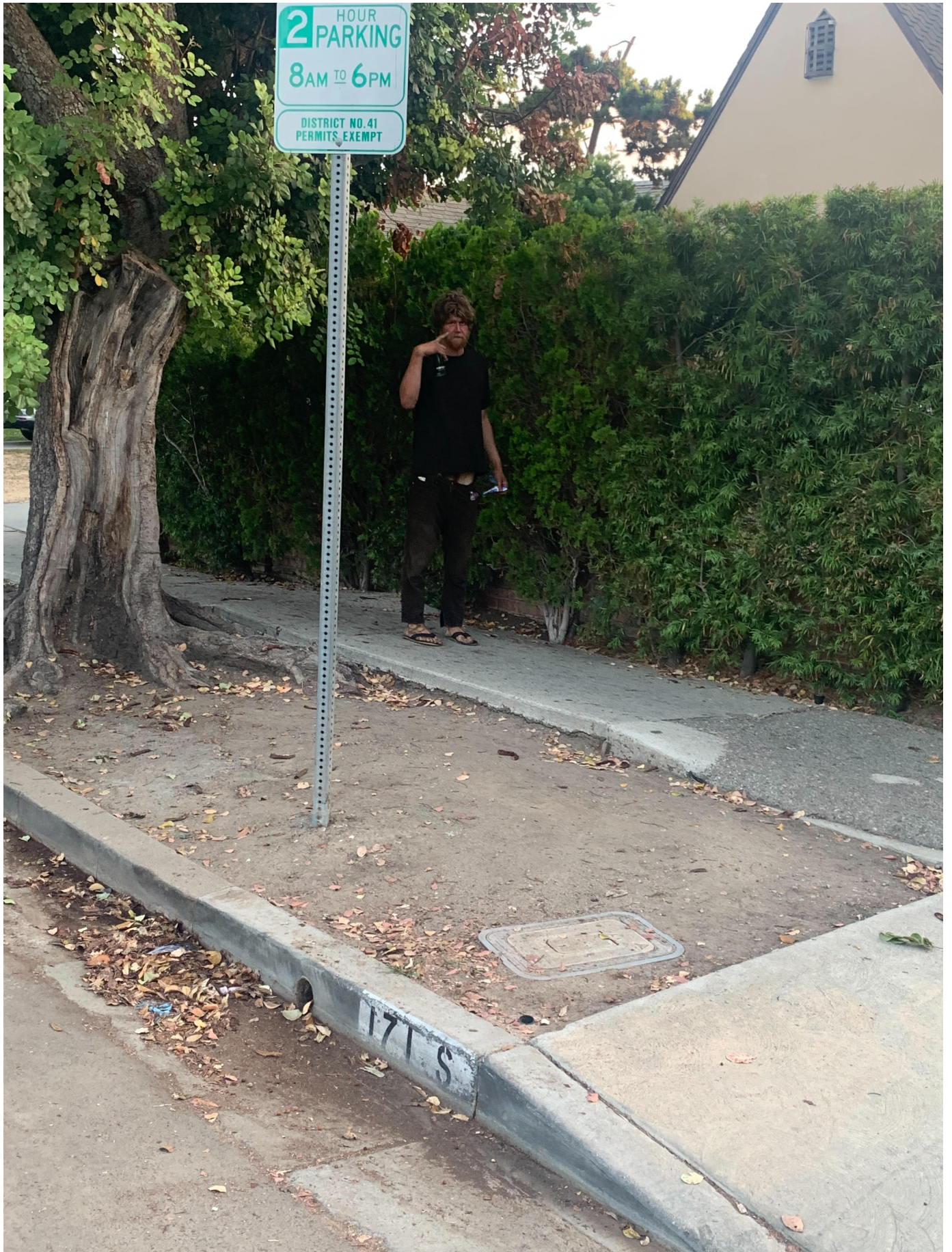
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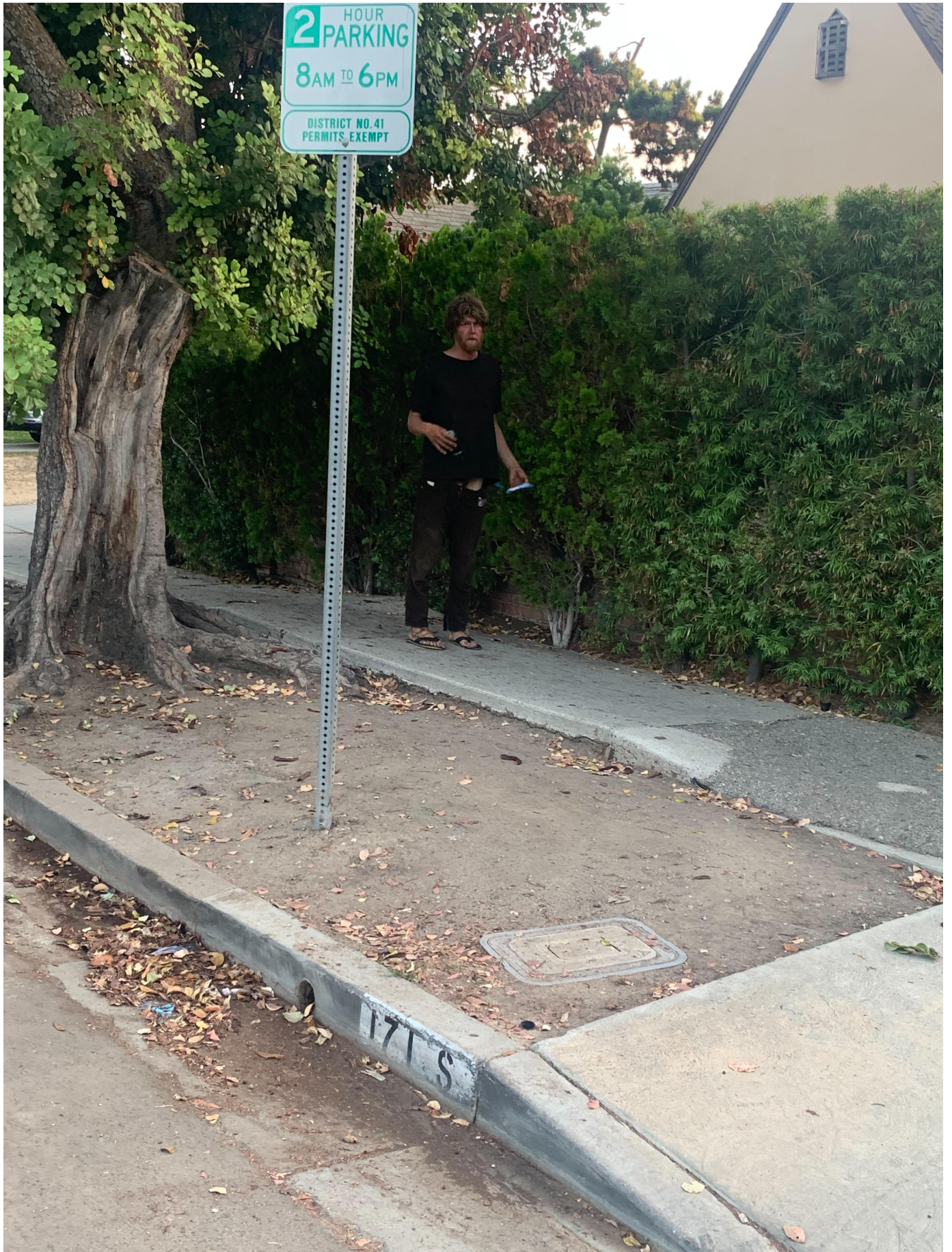
On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:38 AM r cdila1 < > wrote:

Hello Commissioners:

Picture of transient walking into Pan Pacific Park exposing himself. Park management and police failed to take any action and he continues to live in Pan Pacific Park with other transients that also expose themselves while under the influence in the presence of children and nothing is done!

**Subject:** Transient under the influence and exposing himself adjacent to Pan Pacific Park and Gardner Library







Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Fw: November 20, 2022 Fireworks Display at Pan Pacific Park**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM

To: r cdila1 < >

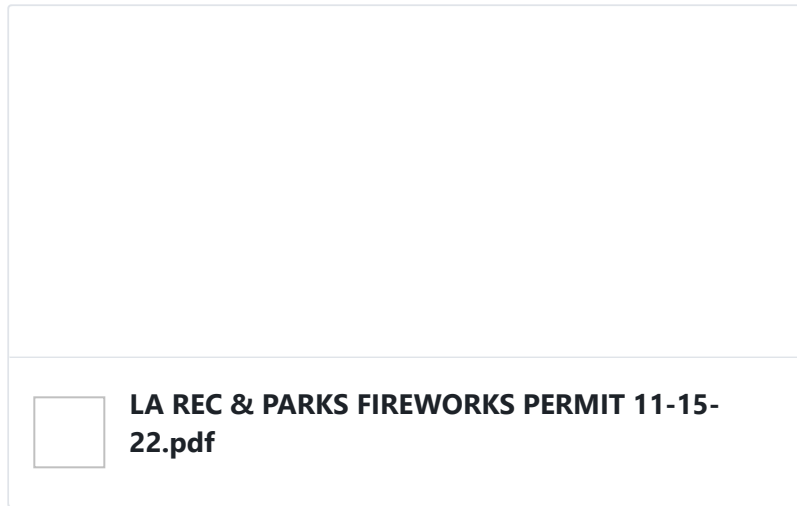
Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:36 AM r cdila1 < > wrote:

**Subject:** Fw: November 20, 2022 Fireworks Display at Pan Pacific Park

[LA REC & PARKS FIREWORKS PERMIT 11-15-22.pdf](#)



 **LA REC & PARKS FIREWORKS PERMIT 11-15-22.pdf**

**Subject:** November 20, 2022 Fireworks Display at Los Angeles Pan Pacific Park

November 20,2022 Pan Pacific Park; 7600 Beverly Blvd., Fireworks Display in alleged violation of LAMC Sections 57.5608.1.2 and 63.44(21)















To whom it may concern:

Attached, please find pictures of the Sunday, November 20, 2022 explosive fireworks being set up at City of Los Angeles Pan Pacific Park for the annual Grove Mall Christmas sales promotion just feet from where dozens of children were playing little league soccer. There were no Fire Department inspectors at the site during the setup of explosive fireworks to address any concern for the safety of the children playing soccer. Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 57.5608.1.2 states; "It shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, sell or DISCHARGE any fireworks in the city of Los Angeles. Exception: patriotic, civic and religious organizations may conduct firework displays under permit by the chief and in accordance with the provision of the California Health and Safety Code." Rick Caruso's Grove mall is not a patriotic, civic or religious organization, it is a for profit retail shopping mall. LAMC Section 63.44(21) states; "No person shall carry or discharge any firearms, firecrackers, FIREWORKS, rockets, model rockets, torpedoes, airgun or slingshot" at any City of Los Angeles park. Yet, I have also attached a copy of the November 3, 2022 Engineering Permit and Special Permit issued by the Los Angeles Fire Department; Permit # 60142509, ignoring the above-mentioned Municipal Codes and issuing a permit to allow explosive fireworks to be located right next to where children were scheduled to be playing soccer, so that Rick Caruso and his Grove Mall could use the park to promote his Christmas sales event. Also attached, is the November 15, 2022 Pan Pacific Recreation Center Revocable Right-of-Entry Permit for Provision of Fireworks Shows. City of Los Angeles Fire Marshall Orin Saunders, who signed said November 3, 2022 Permit, as well as Chief Melford Beard have failed to respond to my phone calls and email. The Los Angeles Fire Commission has also failed to respond to my phone calls and email. Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks General Manager Jimmy Kim and Superintendent Anita Meacham who signed the said November 15, 2022 Permit have also failed to respond to my phone calls and email.

Apparently, billionaire mall owners are exempt from the laws the rest of us are expected to abide by! Apparently, fireworks for Christmas sales promotions are more important than the safety of our children or the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Best,

Robert Chernob

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attachments:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

**Re: Fw: Friday, April 7, 2023 unkept Pan Pacific Park landscaping on south and west areas of park**

1 message

**Rap Commissioners** <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>  
To: r cdila1 < >

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:40 AM r cdila1 < > wrote:

**Subject:** Fw: Friday, April 7, 2023 unkept Pan Pacific Park landscaping on south and west areas of park

Hello Commissioners:

The landscaping on the south and West sides of Pan Pacific continue to be unkept months later. The attached screen shot of a website I was able to google recently after my complaints over the last year that my son, while jogging in Pan Pacific Park a year ago was repeatedly solicited for sex and drugs, which promotes public sex and has two listings for Pan Pacific Park states, "Pan Pacific Park; The place must have been designed by a gay guy for cursing. Just south of the baseball diamond and soccer field are hills, covered in shrubbery and trees that create a comucopia of dark play spaces. The whole park has these types of dark hills but to make it simpler, I just picked this corner in the Southeast. Don't know what security is like BUT i HAVE BEEN HERE WELL OVER AN HOUR AND HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE." "Pan Pacific Park Restrooms; Restrooms overlooking playground. Bathrooms are lonely and a great spot for a quick b\*\*\* or F\*\*\*." I am sending Pan Pacific Park screen shots of sex website in following email. I apologize that one of the screen shots has profanities. I did not want to alter it in any way.

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**From:** r cdila1 < >  
**To:** Kenya Wiley <kenya.wiley@lacity.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 07:30:30 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Friday, April 7, 2023 unkept Pan Pacific Park landscaping on south and west areas of park

Ms. Wiley:

Please forward these pictures to Ms Jackson for our Monday, April10, 2023 Google Meets meeting.

Best,

Robert Chernio

Attachments:













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**Re:**

1 message

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Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM

To: r cdila1 < >

Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:42 AM r cdila1 < > wrote:

**Subject: Screen shot of website promoting sex at Pan Pacific Park**

Hello Commissioners:

Warning; one of the attached screen shots from the website promoting sex at Pan Pacific Park has profanities.

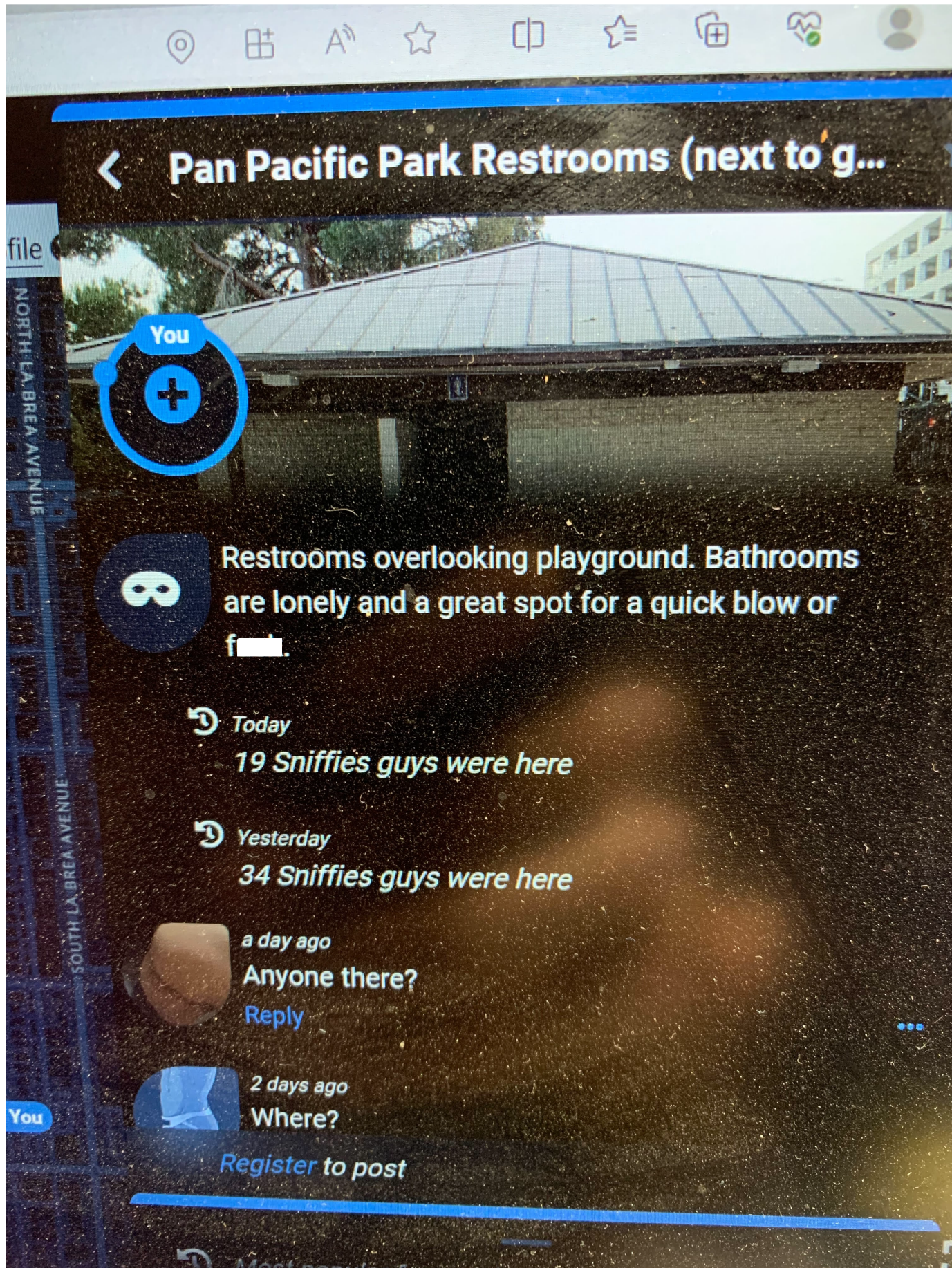
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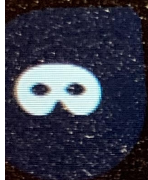
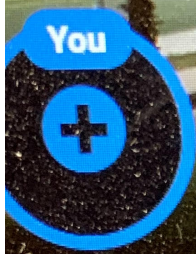
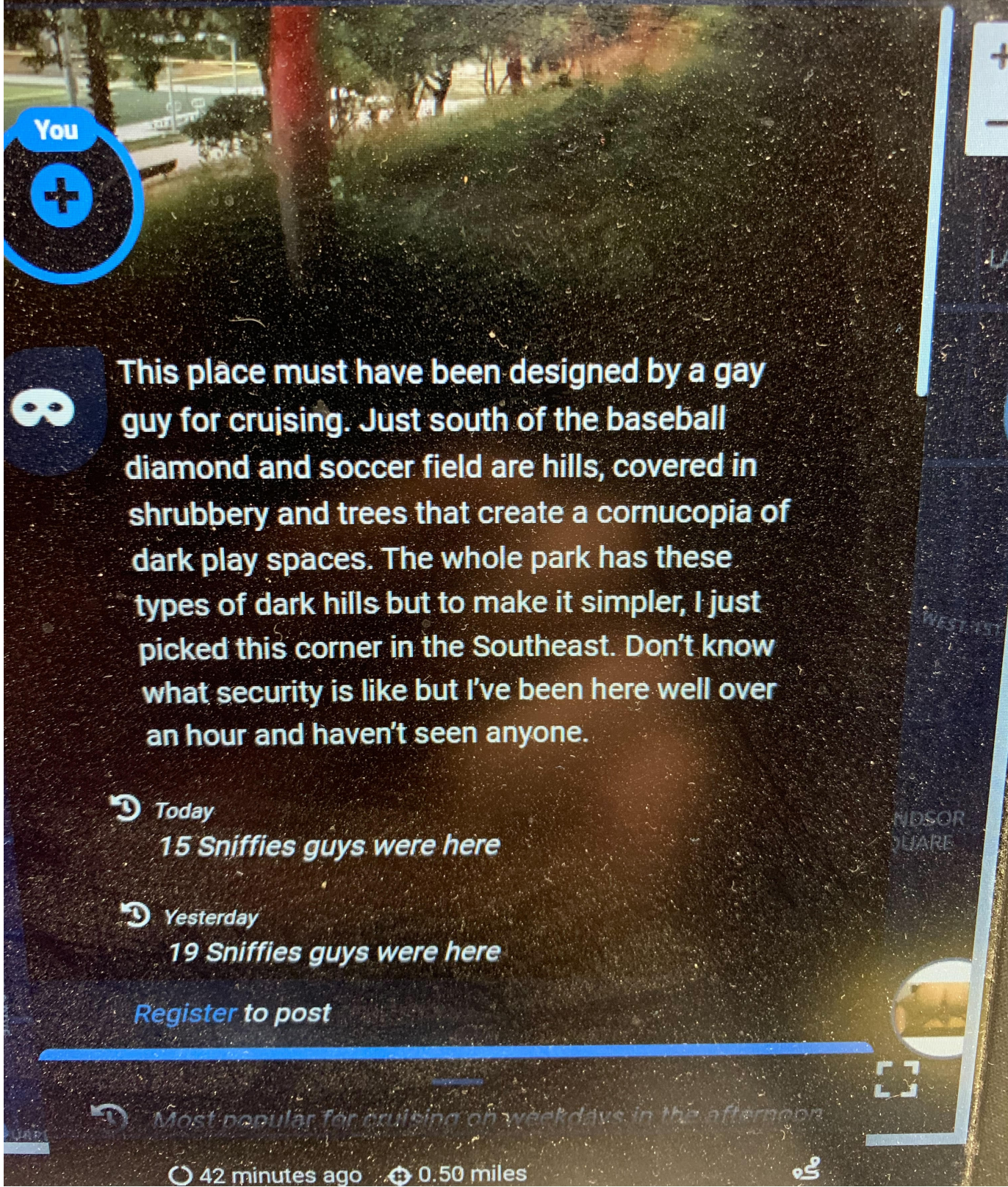
**To:** r cdila1 < >

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 10:16:48 PM PDT

**Subject:**



# Pan Pacific Park Southern Hills



This place must have been designed by a gay guy for cruising. Just south of the baseball diamond and soccer field are hills, covered in shrubbery and trees that create a cornucopia of dark play spaces. The whole park has these types of dark hills but to make it simpler, I just picked this corner in the Southeast. Don't know what security is like but I've been here well over an hour and haven't seen anyone.

Today

*15 Sniffies guys were here*

Yesterday

*19 Sniffies guys were here*

[Register to post](#)



*Most popular for cruising on weekdays in the afternoon*

42 minutes ago 0.50 miles





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**Re: Fw: Case # 1439**

1 message

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Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 12:05 PM

To: r cdila1 &lt;

&gt;

Good afternoon,

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On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 10:34 AM r cdila1 &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello Commissioners:

Attached, please find a copy of the November 15, 2022 Pan Pacific Recreation Center Revocable Right of Entry Permit for Provision of Fireworks Shows signed on behalf of Anita Meacham. Superintendent Anita Meacham had informed me numerous times that she had no idea who was issuing said permit every year for the Grove Mall located adjacent to Pan Pacific Park to have a fireworks display at the park to promote the start of the Grove Mall Christmas sales promotion. She informed me of this again last August 2022. Before obtaining the November 15, 2022 permit, a attempt was made to substitute the signed permit with a blank one. I had to insist that they comply with my PRA request and send the signed copy, which was finally sent to me establishing that Meacham had allegedly been lying to me when she claimed she had no idea who had been issuing said permit. Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44(21); Regulations affecting park and recreation areas, "No person shall carry or discharge any...firecrackers, fireworks (at any city park). I was informed by Juan Guzman, new area supervisor over Pan Pacific Park a month ago after discussing with him Superintendent Anita Meacham allegedly issuing said firework permits, that he had received a memo to issuing fireworks displays at city parks. Mr. Guzman informed me that he would be unable to send me a copy of said memo, and that I would have to make a PRA request. I was informed after making a PRA request for said memo that it does not exist.

Best,

Robert Chernob  
attachment:



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**Re: Continued criminal activity at Pan Pacific Park**

1 message

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

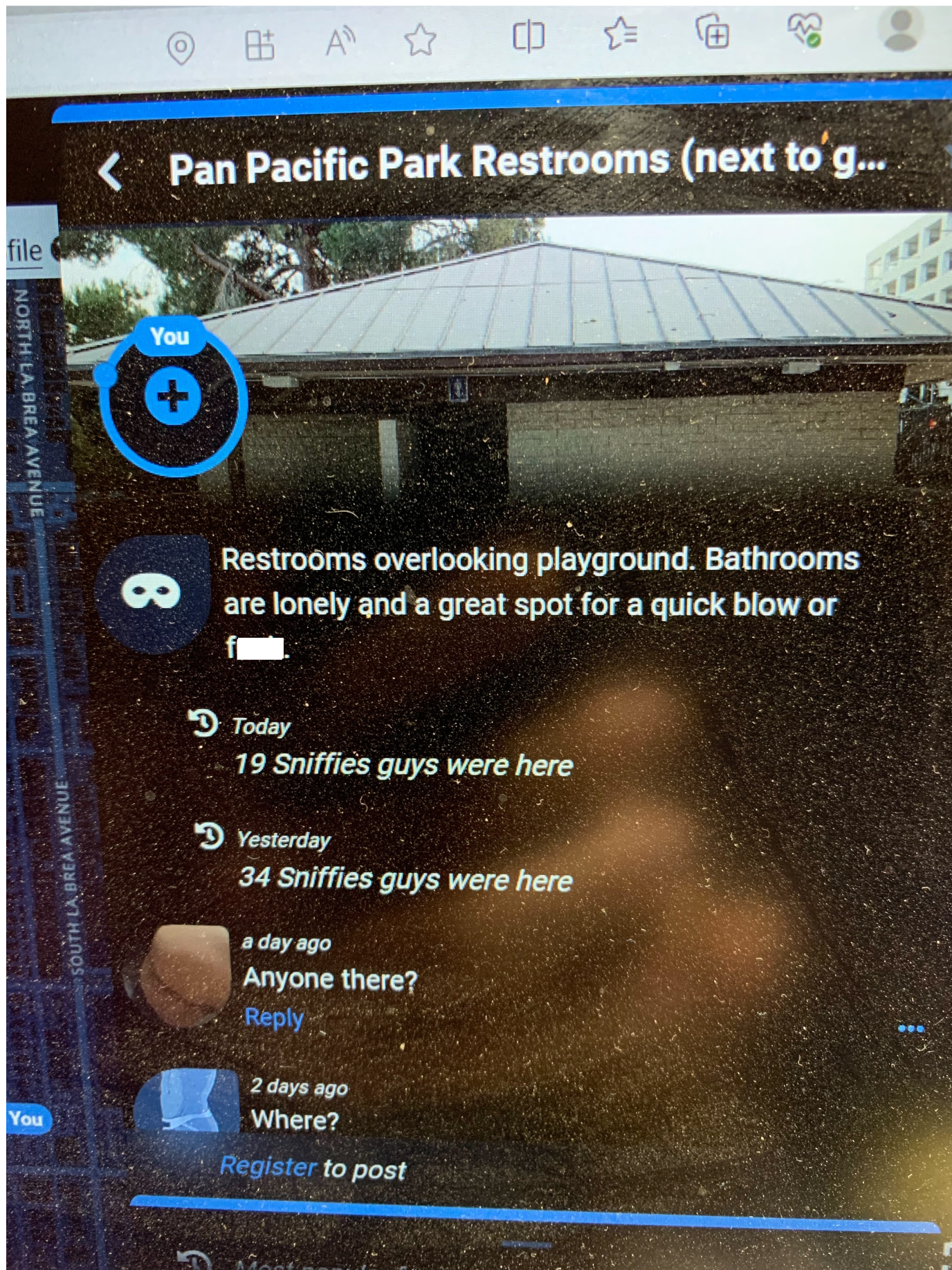
Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 2:26 PM

To: r cdila1 < >

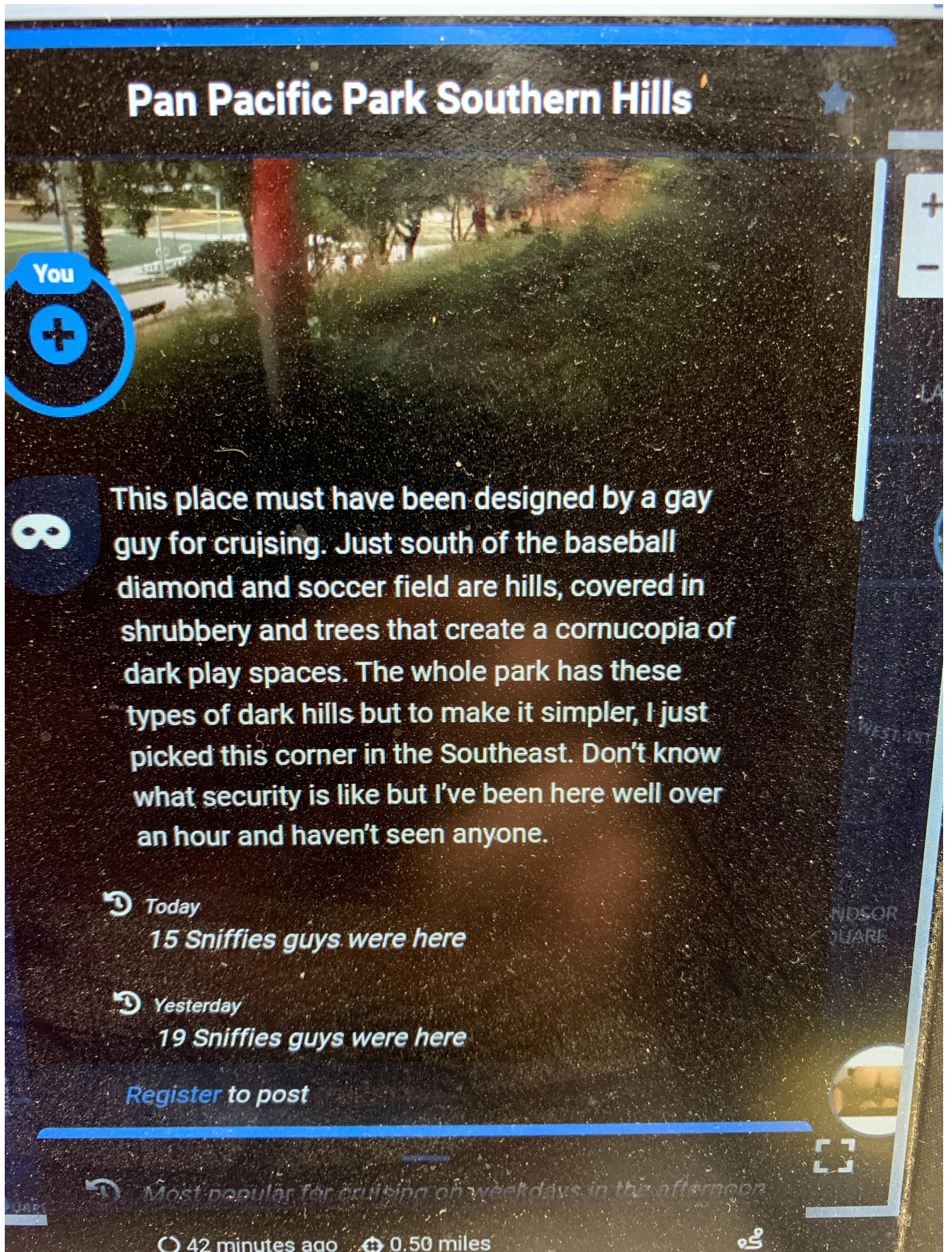
Good afternoon,

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On Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 2:11 PM r cdila1 < > wrote:







Hello President Simril:

I am once again sending you the screen shots from a website that is promoting public sex at Pan Pacific Park. The landscaping on the south and west side of the park has not been trimmed for quite a few months, making it ideal for these unfortunate activities to take place in the bushes, as well as the public park bathrooms just feet from where children are playing daily! Unfortunately, you and the other commissioners failed to respond to my several email of the documented alleged mis management taking place at Pan Pacific Park which including the following:

Arson fire which destroyed a children playground that was built with private funds. \$250,000.00 was approved by the City Council to rebuild. At the same time another \$250,000.00 was donated by the new owners of CBS Television City, located down the block from Pan Pacific Park. The new owners of the CBS property have applied for a extensive expansion of their property and are hoping to buy the support of the community. I have asked for an accounting of what happened to the \$250,000.00 the city already provided for the rebuilding of the children's park if the owners of the CBS property also gave that amount? I have received no accountability from either Ms. Meacham or Jackson. I also asked for an accountability of the donations over the last twenty years that a former Recreation and Parks district manager had attempted to get an accounting for with out any success.

Continued alleged criminal activity from homeless that continue to live at the park after the homeless center that was opened at the park during COVID closed, including alleged drug use and sales, alcohol use, homeless exposing themselves, homeless living at the park coming into our community and committing serious crimes including murders.

Pan Pacific Park advisory board has only held ONE public meeting in the last four years in alleged violation of its own bylaws requiring a minimum of four meetings a year. There used to be advisory board meeting every month where criminal activities taking place at the park were discussed with members of the LAPD and park rangers and solutions were implemented to address them. Again, there has only been one meeting in the last four years! The park director as well as his superiors have refused to explain to me why that is the case, and the bylaws continue to be allegedly violated.

Alleged broken promises of a new park advisory board being appointed a year ago with alleged false claims by Superintendent Meacham and Assistant General Manager Jackson that the board had already been appointed and was awaiting fingerprinting approval, only to find out after making a PRA request for the names of the appointed members, that allegedly there was no appointed board waiting for fingerprints.

Superintendent Meacham allegedly claiming that she had no idea who in the Department of Recreation and Parks was issuing yearly permits to the adjacent Grove Mall to promote the start of their Christmas sales promotion with a fireworks display at Pan Pacific Park, when is it a violation of the Los Angeles Municipal Code for anyone to discharge fireworks in a Los Angeles Park. Meacham promised to look into the matter to find out who was issuing the permit. It is in fact, a criminal act for a city official to knowingly issue a permit for something that is prohibited by law. A PRA request for last November's fireworks display permit issued to the Grove Mall indicated that it was allegedly signed by none other than Superintendent Meacham.

It is my understanding that members of the community where Hollenbeck Park is located have similar criminal activities which they have also contacted your commission about. Their issues are being addressed by the Commission. Yet, the same issues at Pan Pacific Park are not. Is our park not as important to you and the other commissioners? I attempted to bring this up at the last commission meeting which I attended on Zoom. Unfortunately, my name was never called during public comment part of the agenda, and I was not allowed to speak.

I would very much like to set up a telephone conference to finally discuss what has been occurring at Pan Pacific Park.

Best,

Robert Chernob  
attachments:

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# MOTION

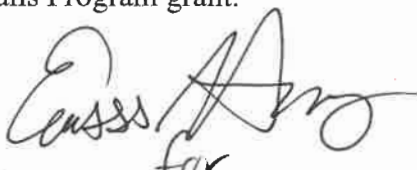
The California Department of Recreation and Parks manages the Recreational Trails Program which receives federal funding to provide grants for projects that acquire, develop, and/or maintain trails throughout the State.

The Stetson Ranch Park Trail & Trailhead Rehabilitation Project will involve rehabilitating trail and trailhead facilities at Stetson Ranch Park in Sylmar to increase use of the park and trails, improve accessibility, and protect the park's natural resources. The Project will include re-grading and soil stabilization of the main trail and parking lot, improve existing park fencing and gates, installation of lighting and security cameras, pedestrian and equestrian hydration stations, and various parking lot improvements.

The Bureau of Engineering is seeking authority to submit a \$1,301,980 application to the State for this Project, with \$400,000 in matching City Prop K funding. An accompanying resolution is required to be submitted by the State Department of Recreation and Parks to be considered for a grant award.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council ADOPT the attached Resolution, as required by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, authorizing the City Engineer, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$1,301,980 for the Stetson Ranch Park Trail & Trailhead Rehabilitation Project.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to report to Council upon notification and prior to acceptance of a Recreational Trails Program grant.

PRESENTED BY:   
for  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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Council File No: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of Application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Stetson Ranch Park Trail & Trailhead Rehabilitation Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program by the City Engineer, or designee; and
2. Certifies that the Stetson Ranch Park Trail & Trailhead Rehabilitation Project is consistent with the Applicant's general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the City Engineer as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk



Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

**Re: Westwood Gardens Park**

1 message

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

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 11:47 AM

To: linda blank &lt; &gt;

Cc: Stephen Resnick &lt; &gt;, "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" &lt;jimmy.kim@lacity.org&gt;, "cathie.santadomingo@lacity.org" &lt;cathie.santadomingo@lacity.org&gt;, Patricia Macias &lt;patricia.macias@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 11:39 AM linda blank &lt; &gt;

&gt; wrote:

**see attached****Linda M. Blank**

Telephone (310)

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The information contained in this e-mail message, is legally privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you have received this message in error, please immediately notify the sender by reply e-mail or telephone and return the message to Law Office of Linda M. Blank,

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**LINDA M. BLANK**

Email:

June 30, 2023

Via e-mail (rap.commissioners@lacity.org)

Commissioner Renata Simril

Commissioner Luis Sanchez

Commissioner Tafari Bayne

Commissioner Fiona Hutton

Commissioner Benny Tran

Re: Westwood Gardens Park

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Westwood Homeowners Association regarding the Westwood Gardens Park.

The Westwood Gardens Park (the "Park") is a small park in our neighborhood that is adjacent to the Westwood Library. Several years ago, when we added some play equipment to the Park, it became especially appealing to members of our community that have young children who attend classes at the library. Now it is clear that the Park desperately needs additional play equipment to fulfill its obligation to our neighborhood to provide a safe place to play. Currently two thirds of the Park does not have play equipment or any other play space. While parents used to bring their young children to story hour at the library next door to the Park and then go to the Park afterward, we have been told by parents that they no longer keep that routine because of the condition at the Park,

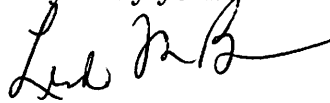
For the past two years I have unsuccessfully attempted to discuss with RAP the need to add additional play equipment and their failure to properly maintain the Park's landscaping. I have left numerous telephone messages to Cathie Santos Domingo and written to her and Mr. Kim. Yet nether has had the courtesy to respond. And it must be noted that there are no e-mail addresses available for RAP's staff nor, in their 14 page list of contacts, is there anyone listed who can be contacted about construction or maintenance even though recently Darryl Ford signed a notice of cancellation of the facility and repair task force meeting as superintendent of planning maintenance and construction branch..

Commissioners  
June 30, 2023  
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We are tired of being ignored and are seeking your help by requiring RAP to be responsive and work with us directly. It is inexcusable that RAP unilaterally decides what to do, when to do it and can ignore an entreaty from the community to discuss a matter of concern.. RAP is a public department and should be accessible to the community,

We appreciate your help .

Very truly yours



Linda M. Blank  
V.P Westwood Homeowners Assoc.

Cc: Stephen Resnick, President :Westwood Homeowners Association  
Jimmy Kim  
Cathie Santos Domingo  
Patricia Macias



## MOTION

Across the street from Los Angeles City Hall, at the corner of 1st Street and Broadway, is the site of a 1931 state office building red-tagged after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake, and partially demolished in 1976. In 2013 the lot was finally purchased by the City of Los Angeles from the State of California with the intention of turning it into a park to complement Grand Park next door. Following acquisition, the City held a design competition, solicited community feedback, and ultimately selected a design for a state-of-the-art park featuring a restaurant, arts plaza, and ample shade trees. As the project progressed it became clear that the cost to build the project as designed dramatically outpaced the funding available to construct it.

Over the decade of City ownership of First and Broadway, the number of Angelenos experiencing homelessness has increased exponentially. In Downtown Los Angeles alone, nearly 7,000 people – about one sixth of the City's unhoused population – are currently experiencing homelessness. Since October 2020, Council District 14 has added over 1,800 beds to the City's stock of temporary housing however more units are still urgently needed to bring people inside as soon as possible

While the City remains firmly committed to the goal of turning this parcel into a recreational space that can be enjoyed by all Angelenos, the homelessness crisis demands an "all hands on deck" approach. The City must use 217 West 1st Street, Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 5161005925 to provide additional temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness in Downtown Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) be instructed to develop a design for temporary homeless housing on the parcel located at 217 West 1st Street, APN 5161005925 (First and Broadway).

I FURTHER MOVE that BOE be instructed to include an analysis of the suitability – as measured by factors including but not limited to: resident safety and quality of life, staff safety, and access to on-site services – of various types of temporary housing in the design proposal.

I FURTHER MOVE that BOE be instructed to coordinate with the Department of Recreation and Parks on the placement of all utilities at First and Broadway to ensure optimal placement for future park usage.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority be requested to prioritize unhoused individuals in Downtown Los Angeles for placement in all temporary units at First and Broadway.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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Rap Commissioners &lt;rap.commissioners@lacity.org&gt;

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**Re: Bogdanovich fireworks - the morning after**

1 message

**MELODY SHORTLE** <37142@lapd.online>

Sat, Jul 1, 2023 at 9:20 AM

To: STEVEN HOLMSTROM <>, Robert Genest <>, Tim McOsker <>  
<councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org>, "RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org" <RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org>

Good morning and thank you for the photos.

I have advised the ATV unit this morning and I will reach out to rec and parks regarding the gate closures. There may be something where rec and park and LA County park will have to meet to discuss closures and assist the city in closing the Bagdonovich side gate. Currently we don't have Park Rangers on this side of the area.

It would be nice if the LA County Sheriffs could assist in gate closures on the city side, but I don't know if that will happen because that's the city side (bagdonovich park). Our ATV unit has been assigned to beaches and parks throughout San Pedro, so I will reach out to the officers so they can assist in patrolling out there.

Thank you and be safe everyone,

Officer Shortle

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**From:** STEVEN HOLMSTROM <>

&gt;

**Sent:** Saturday, July 1, 2023 7:40 AM**To:** Robert Genest <>; MELODY SHORTLE <37142@lapd.online>; Tim McOsker<councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org>; [RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@lacity.org)<[RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG](mailto:RAP.COMMISSIONERS@LACITY.ORG)>**Subject:** Bogdanovich fireworks - the morning after

**ATTENTION: This email originated outside of LAPD. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.**

This was the scene this morning after explosives were set off in Bogdanovich park. Setting off dangerous arial fireworks was not enough - they exploded on of the trash cans.

Minimally, there should be more LAPD presence in this area at night. The gates to the parking lot should be closed before sunset, just like the adjacent County park is.

This is a very dangerous activity which could lead to severe injuries to the participants, damage to city property and fire.

Steve Holmstrom



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

## Re: Bogdanovich fireworks - the morning after

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 10:25 AM

To: STEVEN HOLMSTROM <

Cc: Robert Genest <

>, Melody Shortle <37142@lapd.online>, Tim McOsker

<councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org>

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## Re: Bogdanovich fireworks - the morning after

1 message

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**STEVEN HOLMSTROM** < > Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 10:41 AM

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

Cc: Robert Genest < >, Melody Shortle <37142@lapd.online>, Tim McOsker <councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org>, LAFDBrush@lacity.org, Supervisor Janice Hahn <fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>

Thank you. Serious consideration should be given. Hopefully the city & county can get together on this.

They had a 3 hour "party" last night. Huge amount of spent fireworks this morning. This is an attractive nuisance that could cause injury and fires.

First photos after your very patient & good park staff have started cleaning up the mess.

Steve Holmstrom



On Jul 5, 2023, at 10:25 AM, Rap Commissioners <[rap.commissioners@lacity.org](mailto:rap.commissioners@lacity.org)> wrote:

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**Re: Board Report 22-114 LAEC**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 10:36 AM

To: Julie Schad &lt;

Good morning,

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

On Sun, Jul 2, 2023 at 10:12 AM Julie Schad &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Dear Board,

As a Griffith Park equestrian and the most recent operator of the LAEC livery, currently operating in Glendale, I am highly supportive of your May 2022 proposal to hire AMS Global as the interim manager of LAEC. This decision shows the keen insight and genuine concern of true community stewards. AMS Global has the experience and track record to set a clean, auspicious and professional course for the Center. Now, in July 2023, is this still a possibility?

Respectfully,  
Julie Schad  
Griffith Park Horse Rentals

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## Re: MyLA311: Open - Park Trees/Animals/Bugs - 5801 N WHITNALL HWY, 91601

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 11:25 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 Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 11:13 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: **M Cost** < >  
Date: Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 5:18 AM  
Subject: Re: MyLA311: Open - Park Trees/Animals/Bugs - 5801 N WHITNALL HWY, 91601  
To: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Hello LA Rec & Park Commission,

With the later time change & oncoming hotter summer weather the hospitality of the park system is more needed than ever, this season.

Although the neighborhood lighting creates an ambient navigability, the Whitnall Dogparks remain dark after the extinguishing the park's lighting one month ago. Previously alite until midnight, the park was considered safe at all times for those with alternative schedules. This park serves a great & constant number of residents & their support animals. Deeply appreciated are the benefits of local open space to exercise these canine companions on a full time basis, as has been the tradition here for many years now.

Lighting of these areas provides not only safety on park premises but added security to the entire neighborhood. The increased enjoyment and use of these public areas should be the goal of the community and city departments. Technical improvements such as L.E.D. lighting would offset costs of these replacements with their economy over time.

Even 100 watt LED fixtures give more light than the current 750 watt sodium vapor fixtures, now installed. So there are great savings to be realized.

Meanwhile park patrons need more light not less.

Your attention to this element of maintenance would be most appreciated.

On a related matter, park irrigation needs periodic inspection. There seem to be leaks in open gravel areas that wet to the surface. Certain sprinklers by trees appear to water only gravel, the way they are aimed.

Thank you for reading this update. MC

On Wed, Jun 21, 2023, 10:57 AM LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Michael,

Thank you for contacting us. Unfortunately, the Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park's hours are from Sunrise to Sunset. If you have any further questions, please call the park directly at (818) 756-8190.

Thank you,  
Hally

On Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 11:47 AM ITA 311 <311@lacity.org> wrote:

The attached email was received via the 311 Web services and refers to matters under your jurisdiction. It is being referred to your office for appropriate action.

Please email or call directly to the reporting party (Cc'd) if additional information is needed. We thank you for your assistance.

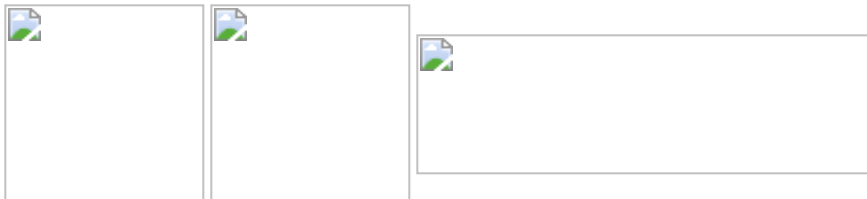
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From: **M Cost** < >  
Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 11:45 PM  
Subject: Re: MyLA311: Open - Park Trees/Animals/Bugs - 5801 N WHITNALL HWY, 91601  
To: <[311@lacity.org](mailto:311@lacity.org)>

Please turn the lights back on in our local parks, especially our dog parks. As the summer starts, it's no time to plunge the patrons into darkness. There are issues of safety for those who's work schedule doesn't permit earlier visits. Pets must be exercised, regardless of the conditions, so let's keep a safe place for the women & children daily & nightly.

Thank you for your cooperation & understanding.  
The Voting, Dogpark Patrons & Supportèrs &  
Michael Costello

On Sun, Apr 30, 2023, 12:29 PM <[311@lacity.org](mailto:311@lacity.org)> wrote:



Thank you for submitting the service request to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks via MyLA 311.

For emergencies (suspicious activities, dogs off leash, etc.), please contact LAPD Security Services at (213) 978-4670.

Service Request # 1-4111850851

Park Name: Whitnall Dog Park

Location: 5801 N WHITNALL HWY, 91601

You can check the status of your Service Request by

1. Visiting <https://myla311.lacity.org>
2. Using the mobile app from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple Store](#)
3. Contacting the 3-1-1 Call Center with your service request number

Email : [311@lacity.org](mailto:311@lacity.org)  
Telephone : (213) 473-3231  
TTY : (213) 473-5990  
Toll-Free : (800) 367-2562

3-1-1 Call Center is open M-F 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sat-Sun 8:00 am to 4:45 pm.



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**Re: Whitnall Hwy Dog Park**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 3:25 PM

To:

Good afternoon,

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 11:18 AM LA Parks Public Information &lt;RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org&gt; wrote:

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From: **Jasmine Sankaran** < >  
Date: Sat, Jul 1, 2023 at 2:22 PM  
Subject: Whitnall Hwy Dog Park  
To: <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>

Dear Parks Dept,

Please extend hours/ turn on the night lights at Whitnall Highway Dog Park. I live in an apartment in North Hollywood, where it gets very hot during the day, so our 1 year old puppy doesn't get to run around outside and let out energy until the day begins to cool down.

He loves the Whitnall Highway dog park, which is very convenient for us to get to, but there is no shade for the dogs to play under when the sun is out. The park is busiest right before and during sundown, when the dogs actually want to run and play. This is short lived before they are plunged into darkness.

We don't understand why the floodlights only run during the winter, when it's fine for them to play at any point in the day, and not in the summer, when it only makes sense to bring our dog after sunset.

Please change the policy regarding the lights in summer.

Sincerely,  
Jasmine, Tim, and Leo (woof)

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**Re: Stoney Point Ranch RFP for Operator Input from Chatsworth NC**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 7:29 AM

To: shilpa gupta &lt; &gt;

Cc: Mark Stipanovich &lt;mark.stipanovich@lacity.org&gt;, Jeff Hammond &lt; &gt;, Myrka Martinez &lt;Myrka.martinez@lacity.org&gt;, Kathy Lettieri &lt;kathy.lettieri@lacity.org&gt;, Councilmember Lee &lt;Councilmember.Lee@lacity.org&gt;, Jose Galdamez &lt;Jose.Galdamez@lacity.org&gt;, City Clerk Council and Public Services &lt;Clerk.CPS@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 6:06 PM shilpa gupta &lt; &gt;

wrote:

Hi Mark,

Thank you for working with the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) and for taking the time to talk to me today. Please see attached input from the Chatsworth community on the Stoney Point Ranch for your consideration in the Stoney Point Request for Proposal for a Designer/Operator.

I appreciate the RFP process you have explained and the willingness of your team to have a Chatsworth equestrian community member as part of your decision making process in hiring a Stoney Point Ranch Designer/Operator. I also appreciate that one of the objectives of the RFP process is to keep the community involved through a pre-proposal conference at first, and then through design presentations/workshops after a Stoney Point Ranch Operator is hired. Not only will this be a transparent hiring and contract awarding process, but Chatsworth will have a chance to voice concerns until the very end because we are inherently familiar with the site.

We realize this will be a lengthy process and on behalf of the CNC, thank you for working with us and for your patience. We look forward to a joint, cooperative working relationship with the LA City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Shilpa Gupta  
Secretary  
Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

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March 3, 2021

Councilmember John Lee  
Council District 12  
Stoney Point Ranch 10870 Topanga Canyon Boulevard  
and 10861 Andora Avenue Chatsworth  
Council File 21-0157

Dear Councilmember John Lee,

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council has voted to support Council File 21-0157 concerning Stoney Point Ranch located at 10870 Topanga Canyon Boulevard and 10861 Andora Avenue. There are a few things the community would like to see in the Request for Proposal in connection with the management and operation of Stoney Point Ranch. Stoney Point Ranch is one of the last public boarding facilities left in a community that prides itself in its Equestrian roots and lifestyle. We have lost two boarding stables in this last year and are fearful that we may lose another one, if a private concern takes over and determines that it is not in their best interest to make its facilities available to the public.

For those reasons we would like to request:

- Low cost affordable boarding to give an opportunity to those who might not be able to afford some of the more expensive facilities.
- A fun, friendly family Equestrian facility.
- An operator that would have clinics open to the public such as veterinarian clinics, horsemanship clinics, English and Western dressage and a Pony Club that would be an education system for the children.
- We would like an experienced and qualified operator who understands how important this piece of property is to Chatsworth and our heritage.
- We would also like to request that it would be understood that the CNC would be able to continue to have the Day of the Horse at the facility. This is an event that brings in around 800-1000 people for a free day of viewing horses, crafts for the children and a free lunch to the community. It is one of our two large outreach events. It is traditionally held in March or April on Saturday or Sunday depending on the Easter holiday.
- This parcel is so important to the Chatsworth Equestrian community that when it came up for sale some years ago the CNC voted to allocate \$20,000.00 from our yearly budget, an amount that was over 50% of our annual budget.



One of our biggest concerns is that it will no longer be a public facility and if taken over by a non-profit or private individual who is not willing to give access to the public for boarding or classes. It will be an asset to the community to find a financially qualified experienced operator who has a strong community tie and history of giving back to the Community.

We are looking forward to working with your office and Recreation and Parks in finding a suitable candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Hammond', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Hammond  
CNC President

cc: Commissioner President Sylvia Patsaouras  
Commissioner Lynn Alvarez  
Commissioner Nicole Chase  
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Attention: Mark Stipanovich [Mark.stipanovich@lacity.org](mailto:Mark.stipanovich@lacity.org)  
City of Los Angeles / Department of Recreation and Parks

RE: Stoney Point Equestrian Ranch - 10870 Topanga Canyon Boulevard and  
10861 Andora Avenue Chatsworth; Council File 21-0157

June 17, 2023

Dear Mr. Stipanovich,

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) appreciates the opportunity to provide input to be considered in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Stoney Point Equestrian Ranch. This is an item that is far from “new” for the CNC. More than two years ago the CNC expressed its, and the Chatsworth communities’ feelings with regard to the RFP in a letter addressed to Councilman John Lee dated March 3, 2001. I am attaching a copy of the letter. We believed then in the points illustrated, and events occurring in this community since the letter was sent, have made it our resolve to increase our efforts, to bring forth these points to your attention and all others who may have an interest in the RFP.

In the CNC’s latest discussion of the RFP it was felt that in addition to the points set forth in our earlier letter there were a few additions that need to be brought to your attention.

As noted, Stoney Point Ranch is one of the last public boarding facilities left in a community that prides itself in its Equestrian roots, lifestyle and values. Therefore, we would appreciate it if the new operator would strongly consider the following community suggestions for the ranch:

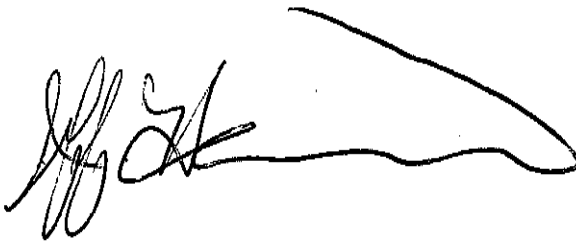
- Keep it available as a fun, low-cost, and family friendly Equestrian facility.

- Maintain a portion of the facility for other farm animals as exists today, including cows, goats, donkeys, etc.
- Provide the Ranch facilities to allow clinics open to the public such as veterinarian, horsemanship, roping, English and Western dressage, and a Pony Club that would be an educational experience for children.
- It goes without saying that the chosen candidate would need to be an experienced and qualified operator who understands how important this piece of property is to Chatsworth and our heritage, which includes maintaining the historical features of Stoney Point; who is sensitive to our surrounding environment, which includes a wildlife corridor and habitat, especially during nighttime hours. In this regard, we would appreciate it if the CNC can be permitted to nominate a representative to participate in the candidate review process.

Finally, CNC is optimistic that the City will consider all of this and agree to participate in, and cover the costs of required improvements at this facility in order to maintain it for affordable boarding.

We are looking forward to working with Recreation and Parks to find a suitable candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Lee', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

cc: Councilmember John Lee  
Commissioner President Renata Simril  
Commissioner Luis Sanchez  
Commissioner Tafarai Bayne  
Commissioner Fiona Hutton  
Commissioner Bennie Tran  
Iris Davis, Commission Executive Assistant II  
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## Re: New Signs for George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 7:30 AM

To: Maryam Zar <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, LAX - X52507 Starrels Andrew J <>, Rick McGeagh PAB & PPCC <>, Pacific Board <>, David Card <>, Gabriela Medina <gabriela.medina@lacity.org>, Michael Amster <michael.amster@lacity.org>, PPCC PPCC <>, Jenny Li <>

Good morning,

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

On Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 6:32 PM Maryam Zar <> wrote:

Dear Commissioners, GM Kim and mr, Rudnick,

Attached please proposed new signs by the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), which has represented the voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973 and has been closely involved with the development and opening of the remarkable new park at Potrero Canyon.

We have worked with the family of George Wolfberg, the Park's namesake, to develop this informative and appealing signage with great visual and aesthetic continuity with the Park.

We would also like to invite the Commissioners to hold an upcoming meeting of the Commission in pacific Palisades, at our Palisades Recreation Center. Our community would be honored to host a meeting of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

Best, Maryam Zar

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# PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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June 26, 2023

Via email delivery

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Recreation and Parks Department  
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**Re: Approval of two signs for George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon**

- “Meet George Wolfberg” sign
- “Passive Park” sign

Dear Board of Commissioners, GM Kim, and Exec. Off. Rudnick,

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization in Pacific Palisades and has been the voice of the community since 1973.

Over the decades, PPCC has supported the creation of the new George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon, which is a mile-long passive park below the adjacent Palisades Recreation Center. The Palisades community is thrilled that the park finally opened last December and that now its trails and beautiful native landscape are being discovered and enjoyed by not only Palisades residents but also people from all over Los Angeles.

The PPCC recently considered the signage at Potrero Canyon Park, and with suggestions from our Potrero Canyon Subcommittee for Signage, we unanimously passed motions recommending the following signs for the George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC).

We urge the Commission to approve the two signs outlined and described below for this unique park:

- The Passive Park sign defines “passive” uses. It explains to visitors what they can do and cannot do in this passive recreation park. The Coastal Commission permit does not allow active recreation, only passive recreation.
- The Meet George Wolfberg sign explains why the Commission and City Council named the park for George Wolfberg. The sign is also intended by PPCC and the Wolfberg family to encourage visitors to be active in community service, for the benefit of the people and for their own personal growth.

Please see the attached background information, the PPCC motions supporting the signs, and images of the two signs. For context, also attached are an image of the Map Sign and a photo of one of the two kiosks.

Anya McCann, who created the two signs, is happy to share her graphic files with your staff and to answer questions.

Following the unanimous approval of PPCC, we urge the Commission to approve the “Passive Park” and “Meet George Wolfberg” signs.

Sincerely,

Pacific Palisades Community Council  
By: Maryam Zar, President

cc: Traci Park, Councilmember, District 11, L.A. City Council, [traci.park@lacity.org](mailto:traci.park@lacity.org)  
Anya McCann, [anya.m.mccann@gmail.com](mailto:anya.m.mccann@gmail.com)

EXHIBITS:

- Two Signs Report: information, PPCC motions, kiosk photo.
- Images: the 2 signs, Map Sign, and other images.

June 16, 2023

## TWO SIGNS for “George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon” Pacific Palisades

### BACKGROUND:

Pacific Palisades Community Council applauds the opening of “George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon” in Pacific Palisades on December 10, 2022. When homes slid into the canyon decades ago, the city settled the lawsuits, bought the canyon land and much of the canyon rim, installed a drain, filled the canyon, stabilized the slopes, and designed and built a park.

The Coastal Commission permit required a restoration of the canyon with all native plants and trees, to re-create a natural habitat, with trails, for passive park uses. In 2004, Council District 11 member Cindy Miscikowski appointed a 15 member Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee of Pacific Palisades residents (confirmed by City Council and Mayor), led by George Wolfberg, to advise the city on what passive park uses the Palisades community wanted.

The Coastal Commission required that (1) at least 9.7 acres of the over 40-acre park be a restoration of riparian habitat with native flora, and (2) the park allow only passive recreation, not active recreation, making this new park very different from most city parks. Within those limitations, and after 3 years of monthly public meetings, the Advisory Committee reached a community consensus on passive park uses in its 2008 final report. Much of the Advisory Committee’s design recommendations have been followed by the city’s Recreation & Parks Department and Bureau of Engineering.

In order to see a map of the scope of this long canyon park, its entrances, and its maintenance road and trails, please see the “George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon” sign previously approved by the RAP Board of Commissioners. That Map Sign is on both entry kiosks, showing a brief history of the canyon and a map of the park.

## **PASSIVE PARK SIGN:**

By design and as required by the Coastal Commission's permit, the Park is a habitat restoration, for use as a passive park. As a mile long park of trails through an all-native landscape throughout the canyon, park visitors need to know what activities they can and cannot do in a passive park.

The Park's design and the Passive Park sign come from the Advisory Committee report's community consensus of what constitutes passive uses. Anya McCann, George Wolfberg's daughter, designed the 24"x36" sign, which should be placed at every entrance to the Park. There are 3 park entrances, with a future 4<sup>th</sup> entrance at the mouth of the canyon. There is currently no signage in the Park about the Coastal Commission's permit requirement of passive recreation use.

The main service road (12' wide, soil cement surface) and the trails (5' wide, decomposed granite surface) are where people can walk, hike, run, and walk dogs on leash. The main service road was also designed for emergency and enforcement vehicles (LAFD, LAPD, park rangers), maintenance vehicles and bicycles. But the narrow side trails were not designed for vehicles or bikes. To protect the habitat restoration, park users must stay on the road or trails.

The Passive Park sign lets visitors know how to use the main service road and trails. It also points out the acceptable passive uses for the road and trails.

The top of the Park has a mowed lawn area (community lawn on the map) that may also be used for passive play, relaxation, and quiet uses. The Passive Park sign gives some examples. Organized sports and loud activities are not permitted. The lawn is not a dog park. All dogs must be on leash. Fires and vehicles are not permitted.

## **MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG SIGN:**

The Park was named after George Wolfberg by the RAP Board of Commissioners and LA City Council. His family, PPCC, and Council District 11 councilmember (CD11) initiated and advocated for George to be so honored because of his decades of leadership in pushing the Park to completion, as both the Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, appointed by the LA City Council and Mayor, and as a Palisades community leader for many decades.



He was LA City's Chief Administrative Analyst, brought women's cycling into the '84 Olympics, implemented anti-apartheid contracting provisions, was a long time PPCC officer (4-time Chair) and representative, taught AYSO referees, member of the Rustic Canyon Park Advisory Board, and much more. Please read the sign for a much-abbreviated list of his work as a City executive and as a community servant.

The Wolfberg family and PPCC want visitors to the Park to know why it was named for George and to show how anyone can be a community activist in many different ways to improve our lives, help people, and bring people together. The sign provides that example and inspiration.

Anya McCann, George's daughter, designed the Meet George Wolfberg sign with some comments from the Wolfberg family and others in the community. The 24"x36" sign will go on each of the two Kiosks (at the entry at the tennis courts and at Friends St.), next to the Map Sign.

PPCC MOTIONS: MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG and PASSIVE PARK Signs.

Pacific Palisades Community Council is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a forum for the discussion of community issues and advocates to all governments and private agencies on those issues where there is broad community agreement. PPCC represents the broad interests of the Pacific Palisades community, with 9 elected Area Representatives, 9 Organizational Representatives, and 6 elected Officers.

Our council was founded in 1973 and is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. PPCC became the model for the city's current Neighborhood Council system.

The Passive Park and the Meet George Wolfberg signs were unanimously approved by the Pacific Palisades Community Council at its public meeting on June 8, 2023. The PPCC motion for each sign is set forth below:

"Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) urges the Board of Commissioners of the City Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to approve two necessary sign designs for the unique passive park that recently opened in Pacific Palisades, the 47-acre George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon.

**“PASSIVE PARK SIGN:** The Coastal Commission’s park permit requires that the park be used for only passive recreation to protect the restored native habitat landscaping and trails of the park. The proposed Passive Park sign reflects the community’s support of those passive uses, which became the basis for the landscape design of the park. There are no signs now in the park telling visitors what is either encouraged as passive uses or what is discouraged or prohibited as active uses. The Passive Park sign is tailored to this unique park.

**“MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG SIGN:** The RAP Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the naming of the new park in Potrero Canyon after George Wolfberg. As Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, George led the Palisades community in monthly public meetings over 3 years to reach consensus on how Palisades residents wanted to use the park, given the design direction of the Coastal Commission and the City. PPCC and the Wolfberg family want park visitors to know why the park was named for George. We believe that the sign will serve as an inspiration to park visitors, to understand the value of service to not only to the community but also as a personal rewarding endeavor.”



*Kiosk at main park entry (at the Recreation Center’s tennis courts). The “Meet George Wolfberg” sign will go next to the Map Sign. Same for the Kiosk at the Friends St. entry.*

**Map/Sign previously approved  
by the RAP Commission**

# George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon

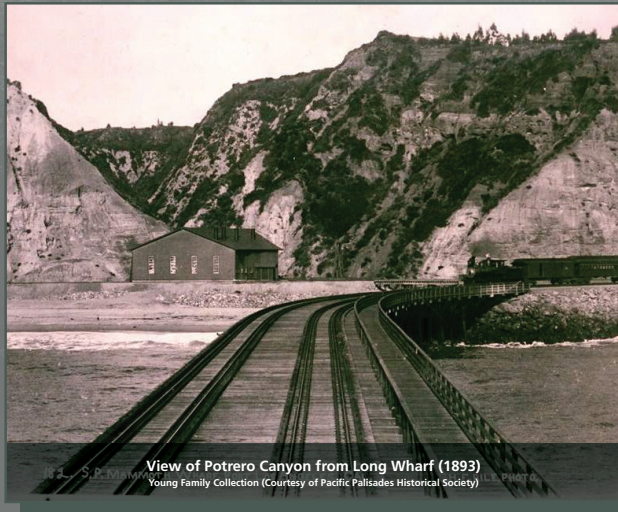


## Canyon History

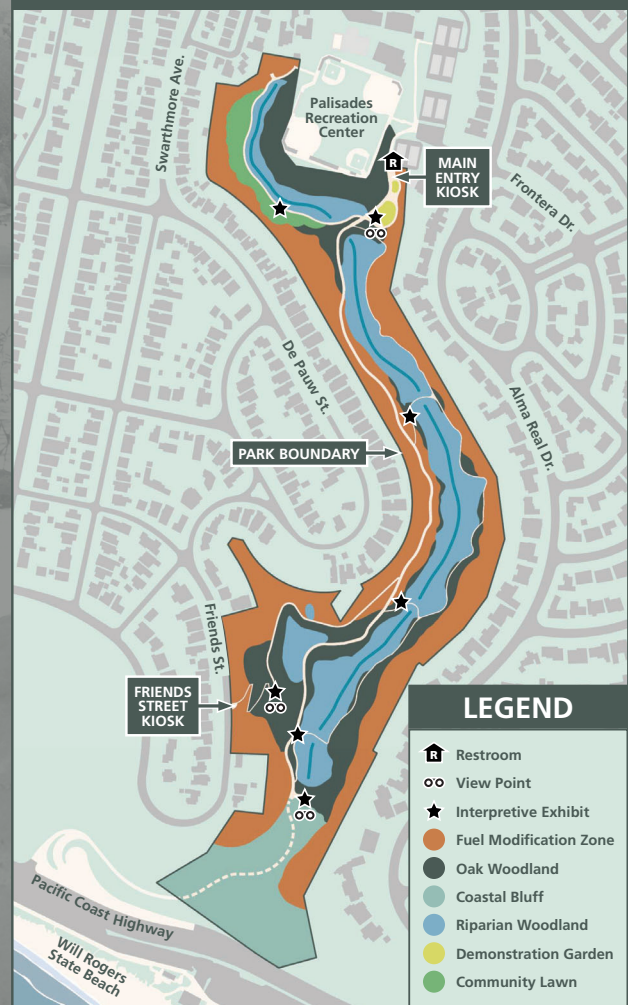
- 1900 - 1920s – Potrero Canyon was surrounded by agricultural land and open fields.
- 1920s - 1950s – The Canyon was increasingly surrounded by residential and commercial development.
- 1950s - 1980s – Homes along the rim of the Canyon experienced varying degrees of damage due to erosion and instability of the Canyon slopes. The City of L.A. purchased the Canyon land in 1964.
- 1980s - 2022 – After a lawsuit settlement, the City purchased multiple residential lots along the rim of the Canyon and developed a plan to stabilize the slopes and restore habitat in the Canyon. The park you see today is the result of those efforts.

## Historia del Cañón

- 1900 - 1920s – El Cañón del Potrero estaba rodeado de tierras agrícolas y campos abiertos.
- 1920s - 1950s – El Cañón estaba cada año más rodeado por el desarrollo residencial y comercial.
- 1950s - 1980s – Las casas alrededor del Cañón fueron dañadas debido a la erosión e inestabilidad de las laderas del Cañón. La ciudad de Los Ángeles compró los terrenos del Cañón en 1964.
- 1980s - 2022 – Después de un acuerdo judicial, la Ciudad compró múltiples lotes residenciales alrededor del Cañón y desarrolló un plan para estabilizar las laderas y restaurar el hábitat del Cañón. El parque que se ve hoy es el resultado de esos esfuerzos.



## PARK MAP

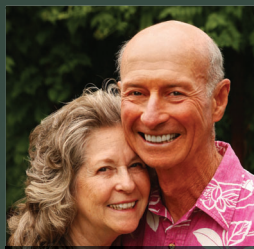


# **Meet George Wolfberg Sign**

# Meet George Wolfberg



## The Wizard of the Palisades



George cherished his wife Diane, their three children, and extended family.  
Photo credit: David Davies

Potrero Canyon Park was born under the careful guidance and leadership of George S. Wolfberg. A renowned public servant and Pacific Palisades community volunteer, George devoted his life to the people and open spaces of Los Angeles. He treasured our City's multicultural fabric and advocated for accessible parks, beaches, bike paths, and nature trails for all to enjoy.

As the City of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Analyst, George worked in quiet ways leaving an enduring mark. In preparing the successful bid for the 1984 Olympics, he added women's cycling. He also implemented a contracting policy modeled throughout North America to see an end to Apartheid in South Africa.

As Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, George led a collaborative, community-driven effort that spanned decades. In addition to his wealth of experience working for the City, his toolkit included active engagement, perseverance, a steady temperament, and a deep well of patience. Under his guidance, the park not only serves area residents but also provides a destination for all Angelenos. George embodied what any citizen and activist can achieve. He strove to leave everything he touched better than he found it. We invite you to do the same and to enjoy your visit here.

April 22, 1938 - February 5, 2020

For more details visit:  
[www.wolfbergparkpotrero.org](http://www.wolfbergparkpotrero.org)



## El Mago de las Palisades



Nationally certified, George refereed thousands of games in the Palisades area.  
Photo Credit: Rich Schmitt Photography

Potrero Canyon Park nació bajo la atenta dirección y liderazgo de George S. Wolfberg. Funcionario público de renombre y voluntario de la comunidad de Pacific Palisades, George dedicó su vida a la gente y a los espacios abiertos de Los Ángeles. Atesoró el tejido multicultural de nuestra ciudad y abogó por parques, playas, carriles bici y senderos naturales accesibles para el disfrute de todos.

Como Analista Administrativo Jefe de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles, George trabajó de forma discreta dejando una huella perdurable. En la preparación de la exitosa candidatura para los Juegos Olímpicos de 1984, añadió el ciclismo femenino. También puso en marcha una política de contratación que sirvió de modelo en toda Norteamérica para ver el fin del apartheid en Sudáfrica.

Como Presidente del Comité Asesor Comunitario de Potrero Canyon, George dirigió un esfuerzo de colaboración impulsado por la comunidad que se prolongó durante décadas. Además de su dilatada experiencia trabajando para la ciudad, su kit de herramientas incluía un compromiso activo, perseverancia, un temperamento firme y una gran paciencia. Bajo su dirección, el parque no sólo sirve a los residentes de la zona, sino que también es un destino para todos los angelinos. George encarnaba lo que cualquier ciudadano y activista puede conseguir. Se esforzaba por dejar todo lo que tocaba mejor de lo que lo encontró. Le invitamos a hacer lo mismo y a disfrutar de su visita.

22 de abril de 1938 - 5 de febrero de 2020

# Passive Park Sign



**GEORGE WOLFBERG PARK**  
*at Potrero Canyon*

## **PASSIVE PARK**

*Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset*

Our community gathered  
to create this passive park and determine its use.

Help us restore and care for this natural habitat by using the  
trails, road, and grassy meadow to enjoy passive activities only.

### **PLEASE DO**

Walk, run, hike on trails and road

Stay on the trails

Keep dogs on leashes

Bike on the main road only

Observe and appreciate nature

Read, meditate, and  
soak in the sun

Learn from the interpretive signs

Gather friends for a picnic

Play catch or frisbee

Savor the views

### **DO NOT USE**

Vehicles and

Motorized equipment

Aircraft or drones

Lights

Bounce houses

### **DO NOT**

Play organized sports

Bike on walking trails

Wear cleats

Walk dogs off leash

Smoke

Light fires, fireworks, or BBQs

Play amplified sound or music



*Enjoy your visit!*



Images of the park this Spring



Two of the many interpretive signs in the park previously approved by the Commission.

Others speak to wildfire mitigation and the flora & fauna.

# The First Port of Los Angeles

GEORGE WOLFBERG PARK  
at Potrero Canyon

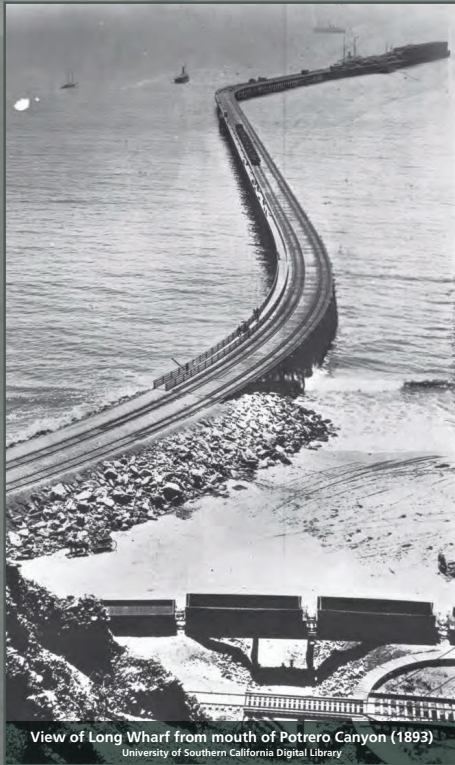


## The History of Long Wharf

The Long Wharf, also known as Port Los Angeles or Mammoth Wharf, was completed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in 1893. At 4,720 feet in length, it was the longest wooden pier in the world at the time and served as the principal port for shipping in the area until San Pedro became the official harbor of Los Angeles in 1897. Closed to shipping after years of decline, the gradual demolition of the wharf began in 1913 and was complete by 1921. Today, Long Wharf is designated as California Historical Landmark No. 881. A plaque next to the Will Rogers State Beach Lifeguard Headquarters marks the location of the wharf, where all that remains of the once notable structure is a few feet of track.

## La Historia de Long Wharf

El Long Wharf, también conocido como Port Los Angeles o Mammoth Wharf, fue terminado por la Southern Pacific Railroad Company en 1893. Con 4,720 pies de largo, era el muelle de madera más largo del mundo en aquella época y sirvió como principal puerto para la navegación en la zona hasta que San Pedro se convirtió en el puerto oficial de Los Ángeles en 1897. Cerrado a la navegación tras años de declive, la demolición del muelle comenzó en 1913 y se completó en 1921. Long Wharf está designado como Monumento Histórico de California Número 881. Una placa en la playa estatal de Will Rogers señala la ubicación del muelle, donde todo lo que queda de la notable estructura son unos pocos metros de vías de tren.

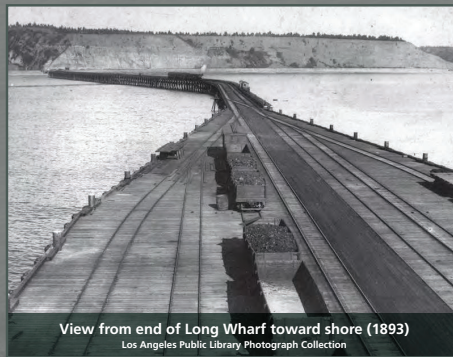


View of Long Wharf from mouth of Potrero Canyon (1893)  
University of Southern California Digital Library



From where you are standing now,  
this would have been your view circa 1900.

View of Long Wharf from Potrero Canyon (1895)  
California State Library Image Archive



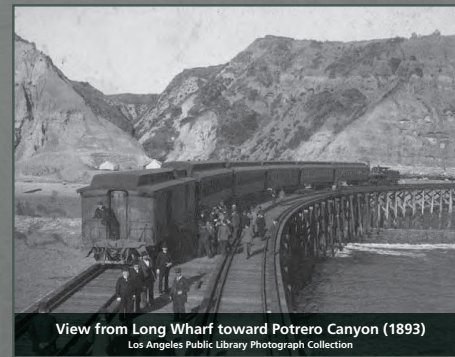
View from end of Long Wharf toward shore (1893)  
Los Angeles Public Library Photograph Collection



Arrival of first steam ship at Long Wharf (1893)  
Los Angeles Public Library Photograph Collection



Ships docked at Long Wharf (1898)  
Los Angeles Public Library Photograph Collection



View from Long Wharf toward Potrero Canyon (1893)  
Los Angeles Public Library Photograph Collection



Japanese fishing village near Long Wharf (1912)  
Los Angeles Public Library Photograph Collection

# The Canyon Then & Now

GEORGE WOLFBERG PARK  
at Potrero Canyon



## The Story of a Shifting Landscape

In the early 1900s, Potrero Canyon was surrounded by agricultural land. But as the neighborhood developed, stormwater that once soaked into the surrounding fields began flowing off roofs and paving instead, producing a concentrated torrent through the canyon. The resulting erosion carved the canyon ever deeper, threatening the stability of surrounding properties. In the 1960s, the City of Los Angeles began purchasing lots on the rim of the canyon and in 1983, embarked on the long process of stabilizing the slopes and creating the park you see today.

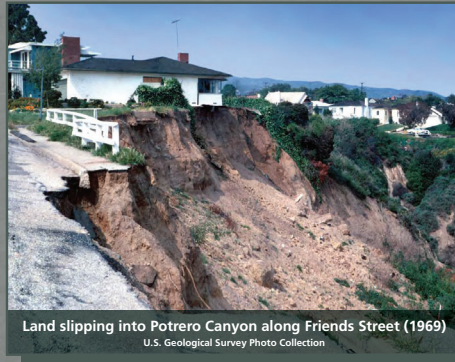
## La Historia de un Paisaje Cambiante

A principios del siglo 1900, el Cañón del Potrero estaba rodeado de tierras agrícolas. Pero a medida que el vecindario se desarrolló, las aguas pluviales que antes empapaba los campos circundantes comenzaron a fluir de los techos y pavimentación en su lugar, produciendo un torrente concentrado a través del cañón. La erosión resultante cavó el cañón cada vez más profundo, amenazando la estabilidad de las propiedades circundantes. En la década de 1960, la ciudad de Los Angeles comenzó a comprar lotes en el borde del cañón y en 1983 se embarcó en el largo proceso estabilizar de las laderas y la crear el parque que se ve hoy.

## Canyon History | Historia del Cañón



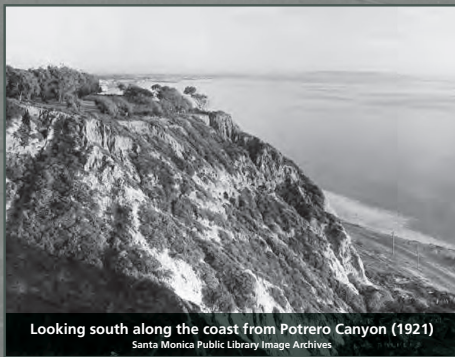
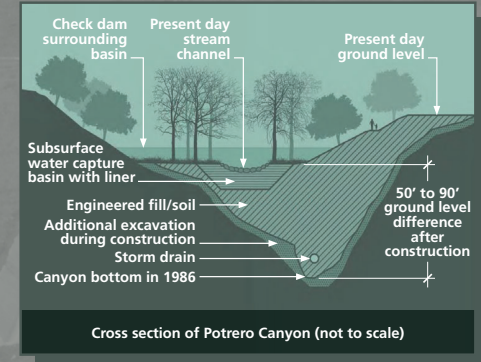
View of Potrero Canyon from Chautauqua Heights (1915)  
Santa Monica Public Library Image Archives



Land slipping into Potrero Canyon along Friends Street (1969)  
U.S. Geological Survey Photo Collection



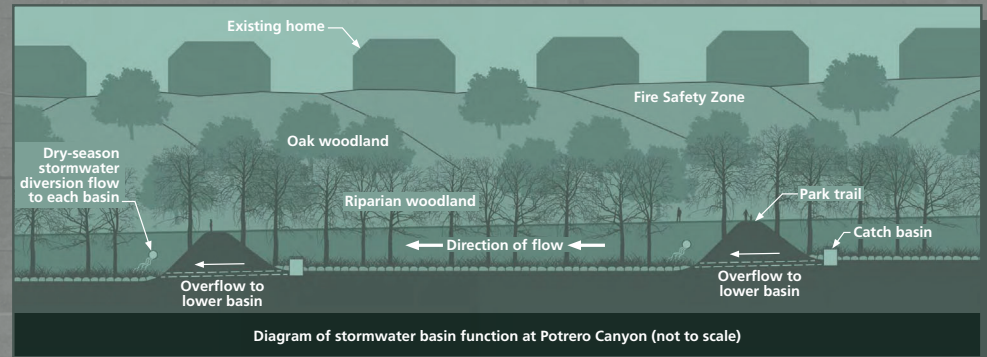
Potrero Canyon construction site (2019)  
Photo by Richard Fisher



Looking south along the coast from Potrero Canyon (1921)  
Santa Monica Public Library Image Archives



Landslide damage to a house on De Pauw Street (1956)  
U.S. Geological Survey Photo Collection





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**Re: Green Meadows renovations**

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 7:32 AM

Good morning,

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

On Thu, Jul 6, 2023 at 4:52 AM Elida Mendez &lt; &gt; wrote:

Hello!! Commissioners,

I hope everything is well with you all.

My name is Elida Mendez, President of park advisory board for the Green Meadows Recreation Center.

I have a concern about the renovations that are pending for the Green Meadows Recreation Center.

Could you please share an updated regarding this matter?

I shared with you one of the conversations with

Mr. Ford , I tried to contact him over the phone but couldn't reach him.

Please let us all work together to finish the pending renovations for Green Meadows and find some budget for the Community Wall Street pocket park.

I am excited to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Elida Mendez

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Hi Elida,

The Proposition 68 Grant funds that were recently awarded to Green Meadows Recreation Center can only be used at that facility. Those funds cannot be used at the Wall Street Park site.

And regarding Wall Street Park. I recall correctly from our previous correspondence, you had identified concerns with the following items at Wall Street Park:

- Water Fountain (which I believe was replaced)
- The removal of several areas of decomposed granite and replacement with concrete (or another surfacing) in order to stop kids from playing with the material
- Replacement of the existing playground with a new playground

Can you let me know if the above is correct? And if there are any additional items the community is concerned about at the park (lighting? security cameras, etc)

I would like to make sure I understand all the concerns, as that would better enable me to advise regarding the potential funding sources that may be available for this type of project.

-Darryl

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**Re: Submit a Request**

1 message

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

Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 7:43 AM

To: Elida Mendez &lt;

Good morning,

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

You may reference the following website: <https://myla311.lacity.org>

On Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 9:56 PM Elida Mendez &lt;

&gt; wrote:

Hello RAP Commissioners,

My name is Elida Mendez, I am a park Advisory Board president in the Green Meadows Recreation Center. I need to know how can I submit a written request for the swimming pool and facility renovation in the Green Meadows Recreation Center.

I appreciate you contacting me with any update for my request.

Today we had a meeting and we talked about the issues we are facing in the green spaces in the community:

- . Homeless encampment.
- . Lighting
- . Graffiti
- . Illegal activities (smoking, drinking alcohol and gangs gathering)

I appreciate that I get what I am asking for.

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**Re: LFIA Revised Comments on Riverside Bridge Home**

1 message

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

Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 11:17 AM

To: LFIA President &lt; &gt;

Cc: Nithya Raman &lt;contactCD4@lacity.org&gt;, Jennifer Hull &lt;jennifer.hull@lacity.org&gt;, Sarah Tanberg &lt;sarah.tanberg@lacity.org&gt;

Good morning,

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

On Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 11:07 AM LFIA President < > wrote:

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

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**Debra Matlock**

President, LFIA

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July 7, 2023

Councilmember Nithya Raman

Via email

**RE: Riverside A Bridge Home (v. 2 July 2023)**

Dear Councilmember Raman,

On June 1st, 2023, the Recreation and Parks Commission approved a one-year renewal of the lease on the Riverside Bridge Home (ABH) site. At that meeting, Geoff Thompson, CD4's deputy chief of staff, stated that the Councilmember could decide to renew the lease for additional years "if she so chooses."

The Riverside ABH site has attracted criminal and dangerous activities to an area of Griffith Park that includes a nursery school and youth athletic fields/courts and is adjacent to a densely populated area. Without major changes to the Riverside ABH site, the problematic issues surrounding the site will continue and we will all be back a year from now with even less patience for this well-intentioned, but unsuccessful experiment.

The LFIA strongly recommends that the lease should conclude at the end of the current one-year extension and that a specific exit strategy be implemented for several reasons:

1. As representatives from CD4 stated, the Riverside ABH site utilizes an outdated congregate-shelter strategy. This strategy is no longer a best practice for transitioning unhoused individuals into permanent housing. Indeed, the Council office has committed to supporting the more effective strategy of housing people in individual rooms.
2. New permanent and supportive housing options are opening across the city. These new sites render options like ABH even more obsolete.
3. The decision to close the site after the one-year renewal should happen soon. Having time to gradually close the site over the next year is crucial to ensure that the residents of the Riverside ABH have time to transition to their next phase of housing.

There are several measures that could be put in place to ensure that the site can sunset effectively over the next year:

- Attrition: Set benchmarks for the site's gradual closure, e.g. only 50 beds are allowed to be occupied at six months, 25 at nine months, etc.



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- **Ambassadors:** Expedite the creation of the ambassador program to monitor and engage with unhoused individuals in the area outside the Riverside ABH site. These ambassadors could assist with the transition to permanent housing, help to discourage bad actors who prey on the ABH residents, and respond to neighborhood issues.
- **Safety:** Ensure that the residents of the surrounding neighborhood and visitors to Griffith Park feel safe during the gradual closure of the site by following the LFIA's previous safety recommendations (outlined in our letter sent 5/25/2023). Installation of Special Enforcement Zone signage will allow for enforcement of existing laws, especially needed near the Los Feliz Nursery School, zip line playground and Mulholland Fountain.
- **Accountability:** As deputy chief of staff Geoff Thompson promised to the RAP Commission, CD4 will provide timely updates to all neighborhood organizations regarding progress on the site's closure and safety in the surrounding neighborhood in a format where the Council office can have a dialog with area residents.

LFIA was the first supporter of the Riverside ABH site and we acknowledge that closing the site immediately is not possible given the crisis we are currently in. But, given the numerous problems in the area surrounding the site and what we have learned about the ineffectiveness of congregate shelters, we would like to see a plan for closing the site in a safe and humane manner over the next year. We understand the ABH site was inherited from Councilman Ryu, but the community expects CD4 leadership to protect the area from unforeseen negative impacts.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors of LFIA

Debra Matlock  
President

CC: Renata Simril, President, LA Recreation and Parks Commission  
Jennifer Hull, Field Deputy, LA Council District 4  
Sarah Tanberg, Sr. Homelessness Deputy, LA Council District 4

funds are being used to fund recommended actions.

**Adopted Item Forthwith**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr. (1)**

(5) **23-0130  
CD 15**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to apply for Measure A grant for capital improvements at the 109th Street Recreation Center located at 1464 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the RAP, the designated Grant Administrator for Measure A Grant Program, to:
  - a. Submit a Measure A grant application for capital improvement at 109th Street Recreation Center, located at 1464 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street, to the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District, in the amount of \$3,771,700 for capital improvements as detailed in the February 23, 2023 L.A. For Kids Steering Committee report, attached to the Council file.
  - b. Make any technical adjustments to the grant application as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, RAP, to accept the above applied-for grants, if awarded, and execute a grant agreement in substantially the form set forth in the February 23, 2023 L.A. For Kids Steering Committee report, attached to the Council file, for the grant amount, scope, and the grant performance period for the projects, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Section 14.6(c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The L.A. For Kids Steering Committee reports

that there is no anticipated impact to the General Fund as this is an existing facility and there is no cost matching requirement for this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted Item Forthwith**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr. (1)**

(6) **23-0471**  
**CD 6**

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Economic Development Initiative/Community Project Funding (EDI/CPF) Grant award for the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex New Community Room and New Ranger Station Project.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), to accept the FY 2022 EDI/CPF grant program award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$3 million for the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex New Community Room and New Ranger Station (Project).
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief Accounting employee, RAP to establish the necessary account(s), and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund No. 205, to accept the FY 2022 EDI/CPF Grant funds for the Project from HUD.
3. AUTHORIZE the RAP to make any technical corrections to carry out the intent of this Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) reports that there is no anticipated fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund by executing the FY 2022 EDI/CPF grant

**Adopted Item Forthwith**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr. (1)**

(43) **23-0698**  
**CD 14**

MOTION (DE LEÓN - PARK) relative to funding for the City's special recognition of our Independence Day on July 4, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall and the Sixth Street Viaduct.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$400 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0714 (CD-14 Community Services) to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the Council District 14's special recognition of our Independence Day on July 4, 2023, including the illumination of City Hall and the Sixth Street Viaduct.

**Adopted Item Forthwith**

**Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr. (1)**

(44) **23-0702**  
**CD 13**

MOTION (SOTO-MARTÍNEZ - RAMAN) relative to funding for supplemental services provided during the period of April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022 at Echo Park Lake in Council District 13.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$44,233 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302/89, Account No. 89814M-ER, for supplemental services provided during the period April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022 at Echo Park Lake in Council District 13.

2. AUTHORIZE the Recreation and Parks Department to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

**Adopted item as Amended by Motion (Soto-Martinez – Raman) Forthwith - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Park, Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Price Jr. (1)**

(45) **23-0699**  
**CD 1**

MOTION (HERNANDEZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to funding for local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 1.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE and ALLOCATE the uncommitted balances of \$500,000 in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000422 (Coalition for Responsible Community Development - CD1) and \$500,000 in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000424 (Korean Youth Community Center, Inc. - CD1) for a total of \$1,000,000 as follows:
  - a. TRANSFER \$250,000 to General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000701 (Community Services) and allocate therefrom to Pico Union Housing Corporation to support the agency's general operating expenses; and, DIRECT the City Clerk to prepare the necessary document(s) and/or agreement(s), including any contract amendments, with Pico Union Housing Corporation, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed; and AUTHORIZE the Councilmember of the 1st District to execute such agreement or other document(s) on behalf of the City.
  - b. TRANSFER \$425,000 to General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000701 (Community Services) and



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## Re: Refund and Support

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 2:17 PM

To: Alexis Glenn <>

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Good afternoon,

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

On Mon, Jul 10, 2023 at 1:39 PM Alexis Glenn <>

> wrote:

Hello Rosalind,

First of all, I want to thank you so much for taking my call this afternoon and agreeing to assist me with securing my refund. Here is a descriptions of what happened.

My name is Alexis Glenn. I enrolled my twins, Torrence Mills-Glenn and McKinley Mills-Glenn in Green Meadows Summer camp and paid up front for the entire summer session. However, this camp was not a good fit for my children and I dis-enrolled them at the end of week one.

The twins were enrolled in Green Meadows from June 12-June 15<sup>th</sup>. My son, McKinley experienced several bullying encounters starting day one and the following three days of week one. Each day, I had a discussion with both the morning and afternoon camp directors about the altercations, many times having the discussions with them in person as my son disclosed each situation as soon as I picked him up from camp.

McKinley was slapped in the face day one by a boy in his group. I address my frustration about this to the camp director on day one. She said it would be handled. Day two, this same boy was having a tantrum away from my son (they were not playing together) but happened the throw a toy that ironically hit my son in the face. I addressed this again with the counselor. I was told this child may have special needs and they will work to resolve this. On day three it was decided to move my son to the 9-10 year old group and on day four apparently one of the boys in this group decided to put his hands on my son and he also slapped McKinley in the face. Please keep in mind that my son did not retaliate during any of these times or hit any of these children back as it is not his nature.

I took time to go through the rules with my children the weekend before camp started, specifically highlighting the policy on being respectful, no hitting and 3 strike policy that Green Meadows has. It is very disheartening to know that I took time to ensure my children would be upstanding campers, when my son experienced the total opposite.

My son is not an aggressive child, quite the contrary. He loves to talk and engage folks and in speaking with him about how all of these situations happened, it sounds like his talkative, calm and sweet demeanor seemed a bit of an annoyance to many of the others at this camp. Consequently, this was the last straw for me. Especially when my child verbatim told me Thursday June 15th evening that he did not feel safe at this camp. Total red flag and as I parent was not going to return my children to a environment where he did not feel safe.

I contacted Green Meadows on Friday morning June 16<sup>th</sup> (the day the children were scheduled to field trip to Knots Berry Farm) and informed them that my children were not attending the field trip and will no longer be attending the camp and requested a refund.

I was advised that I can be refunded the final 7 weeks of camp but that the refund will take a while to be returned to me electronically.

Thankfully, I was able to enroll the twins at Rosecrans Rec Center in Gardena as the camp Director there informed me that his park was allotted some additional slots as they were previously full. When I went to enroll them on the week June 19th, I was told that the money I already paid for Green Meadows camp could not be transferred to the Rosecrans camp and I would need to pay separately. So I paid for the entire summer of the new camp for both kids.

It has been over a month and I still have not received the refund from Green Meadows.

Any support you can provide in securing my refund is greatly appreciated.

P.S. Rosecrans Director and Staff are a blessing and have supported me and my children in so many ways. I'm so grateful we were able to secure space at this park.

My additional request is that there be more equity in the allotment of camp slots made throughout the city at these different parks and Rec centers. Green Meadows was allotted over 100 camp slots while Rosecrans was only allotted 40-45. My thought is that Green Meadows did not have enough staff to manage all those youth, which thus resulted in the struggles my son experiences with limited supervision.

The City Summer Programs are excellent and affordable and a blessing. But again, I live on the south east side and making families in Gardena and the surrounding areas fight for 45 slots for summer is absurd.

Additionally, Rosecrans needs access to a van(s) so they can take the kids at the camp to a surrounding swimming pool as this center does not have a pool. Green Meadows had several vans as well as a pool. There seems to be inequity as it comes to some of the staple amenities needs at these Rec Centers.

During the call, I mentioned to you Rosalind that I want to forward my concerns about my families experience to LA City heads, so I am including several folks in this email in hopes that it lands in the right place to see some intentional changes, both supporting Green Meadows with improved staff to camper ratio as well as additional camper slots and resources for Rosecrans Rec Center.

Looking forward to getting a response regarding my refund as well as support that Green Meadows and Rosecrans can receive for more equitable resources.



Thanks for your time and consideration,



**Alexsis Glenn, MSW**

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