


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

May 18, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 
SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

<u>From</u>		<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Various comments regarding Griffith Park Pony Ride		Referred to General Manager
2) Mauro Garcia comments regarding Sycamore Grove Park	#9328b	Referred to General Manager
3) Jennifer Massey comments regarding Pickleball and Bocce at Veterans Gardens	#9349b	Referred to General Manager
4) Sydney Douglas comments regarding Pickleball at Palisades Court	#9349c	Referred to General Manager
5) Steven Dietz comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349d	Referred to General Manager
6) Debra Sunshine comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349e	Referred to General Manager
7) Andrea Barnow comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349f	Referred to General Manager
8) Meg Freeman comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349g	Referred to General Manager
9) Lyuba Harris comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349h	Referred to General Manager
10) Pat Borgeson comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349i	Referred to General Manager
11) Donna Burkons comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349j	Referred to General Manager

12) Pong Nim comments regarding Palisades Pickleball	#9349k	Referred to General Manager
13) Amy Gustincic as President of the Los Feliz Improvement Association comments regarding Board Report 23-085	#9356	Referred to General Manager
14) Kyle Jarrett comments regarding plaque near his property	#9357	Referred to General Manager
15) Joel Athey comments regarding dogs off leash at Valley Village Park	#9358	Referred to General Manager
16) Saile Gutierrez comments regarding concerns of black mustard growth at Elysian Park	#9359	Referred to General Manager
17) Mary Cimolino comments regarding Board Report 22-114	#9360	Referred to General Manager
18) Isabelle Duvivier comments regarding urban forestry	#9361	Referred to General Manager
19) Gerry Hans comments as President on behalf of Friends of Griffith Park regarding Board Report 23-085	#9362	Referred to General Manager
20) Lisa Gaines comments regarding Westchester Park Senior Center	#9363a	Referred to General Manager
21) Juan Fregoso of Council District 11 comments regarding Westchester Park Senior Center	#9363b	Referred to General Manager
22) Laddie Williams comments regarding Oakwood Recreation Center Dogs Off-Leash	#9364	Referred to General Manager
23) City Council Motion of 5/10/2023	#9365	Note and File

Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Pro Ponies-

1 message

Dee < > Thu, May 4, 2023 at 9:06 AM
Reply-To: Dee < >
To: "rap.commissioners@lacity.org" <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Hi,

I'm for the ponies returning. I'm NOT for apartment buildings going up in it's place. I'm NOT for the open land to be replaced by any buildings. I'm NOT for the aggressive tactics and bullying and threats the anti Pony activists have been and are still currently using to push their false agenda.

Dee Gornowicz



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Bring back the pony rides at Griffith Park.

1 message

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

Thu, May 4, 2023 at 10:42 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, May 4, 2023 at 10:37 AM Sherry Breskin <

> wrote:

The pony rides in Griffith Park are as iconic as the memory of P-22 our city's favorite mountain Lion. Bring them back so more generations of children and their families can experience the live animal contact.
I am a lifelong equestrian because of these early experiences.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Restoring Griffith park pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 4, 2023 at 10:41 AM

To: Ann Ammons <

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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 Thu, May 4, 2023 at 10:33 AM Ann Ammons <

> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone good morning my name is Ann Ammons. I am writing to you to share the benefits of having live Ponies in Griffith Park. I grew up riding there in the 50s. It changed my life. I became an animal science major in school received a college scholarship and have spent my life in animal care. I opened my own pony ride similar to Griffith Park in 1989 and remained there in the city of Lakewood, until the end of 2002. The benefits that these animals brought to children and their families are immeasurable. Many adults would come and sit outside of our Petting zoo , Just to pet and feed the animals and enjoy their presence. I taught Pony care classes. we gave walking and trotting pony rides. I was never ever cited, or even reported for abuse. My employees have come back and found me to now share their career choices after having worked or regularly attended the pony rides. they are nurses ,doctors, teachers ,veterinarians, radiologists. All of which require a caring individual, and this is what they learned in the exposure to the pony rides. I knew the Bronk family Who had the concession previously. They loved their ponies, and they spent a great deal of money, maintaining and caring for them. When Ponies got too old to work, they gave them away to good homes -that I know personally. I attended Griffith Park pony rides the last weekend it was open. The protesters were saying ridiculous things. One of them even told my granddaughter that she had a bad mother for bringing her to the pony rides. He also used the F word. My granddaughter was sobbing. I am still furious. Exposure to animals teaches children how to be loving, caring, compassionate individuals. On a final note statements from activists that 10 Ponies are missing are absolutely ludicrous. Mr. Weeks had no obligation in his contract to report Pony deaths. Anyone who knows anything about horses knows that their intestines are sensitive. They can sicken and die very quickly even with veterinary help.

My personal veterinarian has stated that she has been to that pony ride and states that there is nothing wrong there.

As I send this to you, it is pouring down rain. All of my horses and ponies have stalls and shelters that are covered and they are out standing in the rain. That has been another complaint, but these people do not know anything about horse and animal behavior. Please reconsider. Griffith Park was left to the city by D.W. Griffith. With the understanding that it remain for horses.

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VC No. 9328b

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GANG GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 8:02 AM

To: Garcia Incareal < >

Cc: Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>

Good Morning,

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

On Sun, Apr 30, 2023 at 3:38 PM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

APRIL 30

Council member Eunisses Hernandez

The Sycamore Grove Park has gang graffiti.

Perhaps you should consider cameras at this location.

We have the resources for this.

Attached pictures.

Mauro Garcia

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Re: SYCAMORE GROVE PARK GRAFFITI CD1 LA 90065

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, May 9, 2023 at 7:55 AM
 To: Garcia Incareal < >
 Cc: j < >, < >, < >, Rick < >, trish < >, Tina Gulotta-Miller < >, gemma marquez < >, Hector Huezo < >, Glenn Bailey < >, Cary Brazeman < >, Jack < >, Humphreville < >, Caroline Aguirre < >, 38595@lapd.online, "García, Mónica (Board Member)" < >, Steve Zimmer < >, "GOLDBERG, JACKIE B" < >, daniel marlos < >, Christopher Howard < >, Clare MK < >, Paul Evleth < >, Ruth Mehringer < >, Yvonne < >, Sarceda < >, Valentine Brown <valentine.brown@lacity.org>, Yovonte Robinson <yovonte.robinson@lacity.org>, Garcia Incareal < >

Good Morning,

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

On Sun, May 7, 2023 at 3:07 PM Garcia Incareal < > wrote:

MAY 7-23
 Council member Eusnisses Hernadez
 The Sycamore Grove park has graffiti
 Please have it removed
 Attached pictures
 The exercise machines at the park have not been fixed
 You were notified of this 5 months ago.
 Why is taking so long?
 I think the voters in your district need to know.
 Mauro Garcia

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Re: RAP's Shutdown of Pickleball While Illegal Bocce Noise Levels Continue Unabated

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 8:03 AM

To: Jennifer Massey <>, Ca Veronica De La Cruz <veronica.delacruz-robles@lacity.org>, <>, Sue Pascoe <>

Cc: darryl.ford@lacity.org

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 2:24 PM Jennifer Massey <> wrote:

Mr. Ford,

We are again following up on the illegal noise levels related to bocce, as the continuing nuisance has been ongoing, throughout this past weekend and into evening hours. While Rustic Canyon and even the Palisades Recreation Center (with respect to Pickleball) monitor noise levels for other park neighbors, it continues to be a "free for all" for bocce donors and organizers.

Pickleball, according to RAP, has been shut down due to the noise impact to adjacent park neighbors, with no formal sound study conducted. Neighbors abutting bocce continue to be impacted daily by noise levels that exceed local and state regulations.

We look forward to hearing back from you, as to how RAP plans to address this matter.

Regards,
Jennifer Massey

On Apr 27, 2023, at 12:02 PM, <> wrote:

April 20, 2023

RE: Noise Levels/Bocce Game Courts in Veterans Gardens

Dear Mr. Ford,

I have attached a copy of a professional Noise Monitoring/Acoustical Analysis in connection with the ongoing, excessive noise levels we continue to experience on our property from bocce play over our hedge in the Veterans Gardens. We and our neighbors commissioned Veneklasen & Associates to perform a sound study after RAP's failure to mitigate the ongoing nuisance created by the development of new game courts behind our hedge. The Acoustical Analysis describes the typical noise levels of a bocce game at our property line, which take place at least 5 times per week, evenings and afternoons, on weekends as well as holidays, for hours at a time, resulting in the loss of use of our backyard and all outdoor spaces.

RAP's only attempt at mitigation to date has been the installation by a RAP maintenance crew of a 5 foot tall plastic fence beneath a pre-existing, 6 foot tall concrete garden wall that separates our property from the Veterans Gardens. This short, plastic fence does nothing to mitigate the excessive noise levels on our property, as the sound continues to travel over the pre-existing wall.

As the attached Acoustical Analysis shows, professional sound engineers found our backyard and all outdoor spaces of our property to be "unusable" during bocce play due to sound levels associated with both the impact of the steel balls and crowd noise. As Tables 3 & 4 reflect, the ambient sound levels of the park (45-48 dB before/after bocce) are raised by tens of decibels during bocce play (70s-86 dB within our property).

These noise levels far exceed local, state and federal noise limitations for residential neighborhoods, as well as acceptable noise levels even within the park itself (the maximum daytime noise level permitted at the R1 zone boundary line in Los Angeles is 50 dB; after 7 PM, 45 dB). The noise levels associated with bocce play were measured at 30-40 decibels higher than ambient/permissible noise levels. As the report describes, an increase of 10 dB is perceived as the doubling of sound—so neighbors experience a more than tripling of park noise from bocce play. This sound study documents objective evidence of how neighboring homes are impacted dozens of hours per week. While tens of thousands of dollars were spent by bocce organizers on specialized "Colleoni" Italian court surfaces, RAP did not require a single dollar to be spent on a sound study to assess how three, brand new, hard surface game courts would impact park neighbors, and no efforts were made to design the courts (e.g., positioning the courts parallel to homes, increasing the distance between homes and the courts) in such a way as to mitigate noise impacts on neighbors. Even a simple placement of rubberized "court stops" at the end of the courts would help deaden the sound—but RAP has refused even this step.

Despite evidence we have provided of excessive noise levels, RAP continues its policy of deference to private bocce organizers. RAP moved expeditiously to shut down pickleball "due to noise and the location to residences....this park is surrounded by homes" (quoting Palisades Recreation Center Director Dowlatshani), while the decibel levels we experience, including crowds of 50-60 people shouting at our hedge, are commensurate with and in fact exceed pickleball noise.

Historically, media reports indicate that potential sound impacts to neighboring homes have been an impediment to the advancement of certain projects in the Palisades Recreation Center, such as a skatepark.

From an August 29, 2019 Palisadian-Post article featuring a PAB meeting discussing a skate park proposal:

"Superintendent Darryl Ford of RAP pointed out that "location is probably the most important thing to think about when we're thinking about a skatepark." Ford said to keep three aspects in mind: security, use, and, most importantly, the noise."

"That lower picnic area...that whole area is surrounded by homes," Director Erich Haas said. "I can tell you right now those homeowners are not going to go for that."

Apparently bocce game noise is OK but skatepark noise and pickleball noise are not? We urge you to take immediate steps to bring these noise levels down to reasonable and legal levels or else revoke the permits. As a reminder, "all permits at all RAP sites or locations will be permitted only in conformance with State, County and City guidelines" (www.laparks.org). This language is also reflected in the Development Agreement between Your Park and RAP in connection with this park space.

November 2, 2022

Subject: **Veterans Garden Park Noise Impact to 825 and 831 Alma Real Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA
Noise Monitoring Acoustical Analysis
Veneklasen Project No. 8162-001**

Veneklasen Associates (Veneklasen) has been contracted to conduct a detailed assessment of property line noise affecting the 825 Alma Real Dr. property in Pacific Palisades, CA. The owner desires to assess compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The homeowners of 825 and 831 Alma Real Drive moved in before the recent installation of three (3) bocce ball courts in a neighboring field that is part of the Veterans Garden park complex. The [2012 master plan](#) of Veterans Gardens did not include information on events that would regularly occur in this space. Additionally, Veneklasen was not able to locate a noise study that was conducted prior to the bocce ball court construction that defines the noise that would emanate from this use. In addition, we did not locate an acoustical analysis or report or find that an acoustical consultant had reviewed the event and spectator noise during the permitting process.

Since the installation of these three (3) bocce ball courts, there have been regularly scheduled bocce ball practice, league games and tournaments that last from approximately 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. These games, which typically occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays result in ball clacking noises, crowd cheering, and blower noise that directly affect the homeowners on Alma Real Drive. As a result, Veneklasen was contracted to measure the bocce ball games during one (1) site visit and determine the increase, if any, in background noise level at the residences from bocce ball activity. In addition, Veneklasen was asked to determine if the noise level from this activity is in violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code (Chapter XI).

2.0 FIRM PROFILE

Founded in 1947, Veneklasen Associates, Inc. is among the oldest acoustical consulting firm in the United States. Our services encompass architectural acoustics, audio-visual (AV), information technology (IT), environmental noise and vibration mitigation. As an acoustics firm, Veneklasen Associates, Inc. is further differentiated by our environmental noise capabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, measurements and analysis for regulatory compliance and noise impact consultation for utilities, industrial and commercial development. Our role has ranged from recommendations specific to OSHA in the workplace to community noise analysis for EIRs. Our longevity in the environmental noise field provides us with a broad array of comparative data as well as extensive public outreach experience, often with sensitive community projects.

3.0 CHARACTERIZATIONS OF NOISE

Noise is usually defined as unwanted sound and can be an undesirable by-product of society's normal day-to-day activities. Sound becomes unwanted when it interferes with normal activities, causes actual physical harm, or has an adverse effect on health.

People judge the relative magnitude of sound sensation in subjective terms such as "noisiness" or "loudness." However, the sound pressure magnitude can be objectively measured and quantified using a logarithmic ratio of pressures which yields the level of sound, utilizing the measurement scale of decibels (dB). A decibel is a unit describing the amplitude of sound equivalent to 20 times the logarithm, to the base 10, of the ratio of the pressure of the sound to the reference pressure of 20 μ Pa. The decibel is generally adjusted to the A-weighted level (dBA) which de-emphasizes very low frequencies to better approximate the human ear's range of sensitivity. In practice, the noise level of a sound source is measured using a sound level meter that includes an electronic filter corresponding to the A-weighting curve. Even though the A-weighted scale accounts for the relative loudness perceived by the human ear and, therefore, is commonly used to quantify individual events or general community sound levels, the degree of annoyance or other response effects also depends on several other perceptibility factors, including:

- Ambient (background) sound level
- Magnitude of the event sound level relative to the background noise
- Spectral (frequency) composition (e.g. presence of tones)
- Duration of the sound event
- Number of event occurrences, repetitiveness, and intermittency
- Time of day the event occurs.

In determining the daily level of environmental noise, it is important to account for the difference in human responses to daytime and nighttime noises. At night, exterior background noise levels are generally lower than daytime levels. However, most household noise also decreases at night, and exterior noise may become increasingly noticeable. Further, most people sleep at night and have greater sensitivity to noise intrusion. To account for human sensitivity to nighttime noise levels, a 24-hour descriptor, the Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) has been developed. The CNEL divides the 24-hour day into a daytime period of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., an evening period from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and a nighttime period of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. In determining the CNEL, noise levels occurring during the evening period are increased by 5 dB, while noise levels occurring during the nighttime period are increased by 10 dB to account for the greater sensitivity during the evening and nighttime periods. The effects of noise on people fall into three general categories:

- Subjective effects of annoyance and nuisance
- Interference with activities such as speech, sleep and learning
- Physiological effects such as hearing loss

In most cases, the levels associated with environmental noise produce effects only in the first two categories. There is no completely effective way to measure the subjective effects of noise or the corresponding reactions of annoyance, because of the wide variation in individual thresholds of annoyance and degrees to which people become acclimated to noise. Thus, an important way of determining a person's subjective reaction to a new noise source is by comparison to the existing environment to which they are accustomed (the "ambient environment"). In general, the more the level of a noise event exceeds the prevailing ambient noise level, the less acceptable the noise source will be to those exposed to it. With regard to increases in A-weighted noise levels, the following relationships are applicable to this analysis:

- Except in carefully controlled laboratory experiments, a 1 dB change cannot be perceived.
- Outside of a laboratory, a 3 dBA change will be generally perceivable by most people.
- A change in level of at least 5 dBA is considered a noticeable change by most people.
- A 10 dBA change will result in the perception of doubling or halving the loudness of the noise.

4.0 SOUND LEVEL CRITERIA

Acoustical measurements were performed on September 29, 2022. During these measurements, most bocce ball related noise was created by participants cheering, participants talking, bocce balls impacting the side of the court, and bocce balls impacting other bocce balls. Additionally, a blower was used before and between bocce ball games. No other special noise sources, vehicle noise, or amplified sound was observed emanating from this event. As a result, the articles of the Los Angeles Municipal Code that apply to this event are Article 2: Special Noise Sources and Article 6: General Noise.

Per Chapter XI Article 2 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code, the following section outlines noise ordinance violations with regard to powered equipment:

SEC. 112.04. POWERED EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR REPETITIVE USE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND OTHER MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, AND DEVICES.

(b) Except as to the equipment and operations specifically mentioned and related elsewhere in this Chapter or for emergency work as that term is defined in Section 111.01(d), and except as to aircraft, tow tractors, aircraft auxiliary power units, trains and motor vehicles in their respective operations governed by State or federal regulations, no person shall operate or cause to be operated any machinery, equipment, tools, or other mechanical or electrical device, or engage in any other activity in such manner as to create any noise which would cause the noise level on the premises of any other occupied property, or, if a condominium, apartment house, duplex, or attached business, within any adjoining unit, to exceed the ambient noise level by more than five (5) decibels.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) above, no gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user, if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), notwithstanding the graduated fines set forth in LAMC § 11.00(m). (Amended by Ord. No. 171,890, Eff. 2/13/98.)

Per Chapter XI Article 6 of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code, the following section outlines noise ordinance violations with regard to loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise:

SEC. 116.01. LOUD, UNNECESSARY AND UNUSUAL NOISE.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter and in addition thereto, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area. The standard which may be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) The level of noise;
- (b) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (c) Whether the origin of the noise is natural or unnatural;
- (d) The level and intensity of the background noise, if any;
- (e) The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
- (f) The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (g) The density of the inhabitation of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (h) The time of the day and night the noise occurs;
- (i) The duration of the noise;
- (j) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant; and
- (k) Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or noncommercial activity.

Additionally, Section 111.03 of the Municipal Code states that a presumed ambient noise level of 50 dBA should be used for residential areas when the measured ambient level is lower than the presumed level. We measured an ambient level of 48 dBA before the start of the bocce ball game and an ambient level of 45 dBA after it ended. Since both of these measured levels are below 50 dBA, **the presumed ambient level of 50 dBA was used for our analysis, which is higher than the actual ambient noise level present.**

Lastly, our measurements followed the measurement criteria outlined in Section 111.02: Sound Level Measurement Procedure and Criteria. Of particular interest in this section is item (b), which states that 5 dB should be added to “repeated impulsive noises” and 5 dB should be subtracted from “noise occurring five minutes or less in any period of 60 consecutive minutes, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. of any day.” During our analysis, we treated the noise of bocce balls impacting the side of the court and other bocce balls as “repeated impulsive noises,” meaning that we added 5 dB to our measured levels. Participant conversation noise, cheering noise, and blower noise, on the other hand, was treated as “noise occurring five minutes or less,” meaning that we subtracted 5 dB from our measured levels.

5.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The bocce ball courts in question are located in Pacific Palisades at the Veterans Gardens park complex. There are three 75 ft. x 9.5 ft. courts running perpendicular to the residences next to the park. The north end of the closest court is approximately 15 ft. from the 825 Alma Real property line. Spectator benches are located on each end of the courts, including three located within the 15 ft. space between the bocce ball courts and the 825 Alma Real property line. Players typically gather at these benches to play, observe, and cheer. No walls were built to attenuate noise from these bocce ball events and there is only a pre-existing garden wall whose vegetation does not block sound. Figure 1 below shows an overview of the existing site. Nearby houses are highlighted in blue, the bocce ball courts are highlighted in green, and areas where crowds gather are highlighted in red.

Figure 1 – Site overview.



6.0 MEASUREMENTS

Sound level meters were setup in the following 4 locations around the 825 Alma Real Drive property:

1. In the south corner of the backyard closest to the bocce ball courts.
2. In the west corner of the backyard closest to where soccer lessons occur.
3. On the 2nd floor bedroom balcony.
4. In the 2nd floor bedroom with all windows and doors closed.

These meters measured noise levels and recorded audio from approximately 2:30 pm to 7:45 pm. They measured both maximum sound levels at 10 second intervals (Lmax) and equivalent continuous sound levels (Leq) at 10 second intervals. From this data, Leqs for longer time periods (such as 15 minutes) could be calculated. Leq (equivalent continuous sound level) is defined as the steady sound pressure level which, over a given period of time, has the same total energy as the actual fluctuating noise.

The location that was most impacted by the bocce ball game was Location 1, whose 15 min Leq levels can be seen in Table 1 below. A typical requirement for noise sources in the LA noise ordinance is to not exceed 5 dB above the ambient. Levels that do so are colored red and would be considered violations of the ordinance:

Table 1 – 15 min LAeq levels at the property line

Start Time, 24 hr	15 min Leq, dBA
14:45	48
15:00	51
15:15	57
15:30	63
15:45	56
16:00	55
16:15	56
16:30	56
16:45	56
17:00	57
17:15	57
17:30	58
17:45	57
18:00	58
18:15	56
18:30	58
18:45	58
19:00	53
19:15	49
19:30	45

As seen in above, the measured background noise levels are consistently more than 10 dBA above the measured ambient level without bocce ball activity (45 dBA) and consistently more than 5 dBA over the “presumed ambient level” described in the noise ordinance (50 dBA). In order to gain a better understanding of what noise sources were contributing to these exceedances, we took a closer look at Lmaxs and their causes.

The measured levels caused by blower noise are shown in Table 2 below. Since these were noise events that lasted 5 minutes or less, we subtracted 5 dB from our measured levels in accordance with Section 111.02 of the municipal code. Values in red would not comply with the noise ordinance.

Table 2 – Measured blower noise levels at Location 1.

Event Time, 24 hr	Event Level, dBA	Cause
15:30	59	Blower
15:31	64	Blower
15:34	65	Blower
15:35	62	Blower
16:25	59	Blower

As seen above, noise from the blower is significantly more than 5 dB above the presumed ambient level of 50 dBA even after 5 dB is subtracted from the measured levels. As a result, blower noise is in violation of Section 112.04b of the noise ordinance. Additionally, the entire bocce ball court complex is located within 500 ft. of the neighboring house (as seen in Figure 2 below), meaning that any operation of powered blowers on these courts is in violation of Section 112.04c of the noise ordinance.

Figure 2 – Site plan showing bocce ball courts within 500’ from homes on right side of image.



The measured levels caused by bocce ball impacts were repeated impulse noises that had a 3-5 dB “spike” around 1 kHz in comparison to adjacent frequency bands. As a result, these noise events received the +5 dB “repeated impulse noise” correction. For comparison purposes, it is helpful to note that 65 dBA is considered the upper level of conversational speech and noises that frequently exceed this level are disturbing for outdoor occupied spaces. Veneklasen applied 65 dBA as a guide since this a common codified noise limit in other city’s noise ordinances for outdoor spaces. Events that exceed this 65 dBA noise limit can be seen in Table 3 below:

Table 3 – Measured bocce impact noise levels at Location 1

Event Time, 24 hr	Event Level, dBA	Sound Present
15:51	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:53	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:54	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
15:55	85	Bocce impacts
16:01	80	Bocce impacts.
16:02	77	Bocce impacts.
16:03	79	Bocce impacts.
16:08	73	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
16:11	77	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:12	82	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:16	84	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:19	78	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching. Bocce ball cheering
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16:22	78	Bocce impacts. Bocce ball cheering
16:25	79	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce blower.
16:27	73	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
16:30	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:33	74	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:34	71	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching.
16:48	75	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:49	71	Bocce cheering. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts. Bocce cheering
16:53	77	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.
16:54	71	Bocce impacts. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching.
16:57	78	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
16:58	78	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
17:00	79	Bocce impact. Bocce cheers. Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts.
17:05	73	Bocce cheering. Bocce impacts.
17:09	81	Bocce impacts. Helicopter. Bocce cheering.
17:14	81	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
17:15	78	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
17:46	71	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
17:47	79	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
17:56	77	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts
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19:14	82	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:16	70	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.
19:17	73	Bocce cheers. Bocce impacts.

Location 3, the bedroom balcony, was also evaluated during this time. The measured bocce ball impact Lmax levels at this location with the +5 dB “repeated impulse noise” correction can be seen in Table 4 below:

Table 4 – Measured Sound Levels at Location 3.

Event Time, 24 hr	Event Level, dBA	Cause
15:51	72	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:53	75	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
15:55	86	Bocce impacts
16:01	72	Bocce impacts.
16:03	77	Bocce impacts.
16:08	70	Soccer coaching. Bocce impacts
16:11	80	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:12	72	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
16:16	76	Bocce impacts. Soccer coaching.
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7.0 CONCLUSIONS

Veneklasen performed one (1) noise measurement defined within the report and compared the data to that within the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter XI. Given the amount of significant ambient noise exceedances defined within this report, the impulsive/tonal nature of bocce ball noise impacts, and frequency of bocce ball games that occur at this location, Veneklasen has determined that these bocce ball league games violate the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter XI Article 2 and Article 6 based on the information contained within this report. Article 2 is violated because blower noise is greater than 5 dB above the presumed 50 dBA ambient level. Article 6 is violated because objectively, the bocce ball impact noises are repetitive impulsive noises with disturbing frequency content that significantly exceeds the ambient level. In addition, crowd cheering noise is disturbing and clearly is dominant when present. In essence, when these events are occurring the backyard and balcony areas defined and measured within this report are not usable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Veneklasen Associates, Inc.



Ryan Edwards
Associate



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickle ball palisades court 7 and &

1 message

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

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 7:58 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 1:46 AM Sydney douglas <

> wrote:

Pickle ball is being threatened to be shut down in our park in the palisades . All over the city the gyms and fields allow people to gather and enjoy loud fun sports . Why challenge pickleball

. I play pickleball with neighbors on courts 7 and 8 for a few hours on the weekends . We all commune and share the set up and have a community gathering of friendship and sport . We are having such a good time . Never in my life in 30 years in this community have I felt a sense of belonging to such a wide range of people in our town . It's so important to me to have this outlet that is relaxed, fun and supportive .everyone is supportive law abiding citizens that are respectful and responsible. There is no one gaining anything from

This except sport , joy , and growth .

Why can't outdoor public tennis facilities share their courts with Pickleball when indoor gyms share their basketball court with volleyball & badminton etc?

How is it fair that the City of Pacific Palisades has 14 dedicated tennis courts (8 at Palisades Rec + 6 at Rustic Canyon) but no dedicated pickleball courts?

It really seems like something that should be considered until there is a place for us in this area . We don't have alternative options . We don't have anywhere else to go . Why not let us play until the city is able to find a good solution . We are harming no one and doing so much for this great community .

Thank you for considering letting us continue to play ! This sport means so much to so many in this communtly . Please call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns at . I want to help In any way possible !

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Sydney douglas

Cell :

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 40 Pickleball Players on one court - complaint seems more like an endorsement

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 7:59 AM

To: Steven Dietz <

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Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>, Palisades Pickleball <

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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 Mon, May 8, 2023 at 7:25 AM Steven Dietz <

> wrote:

I understand you received this complaint. Not about noise but rather why are they on "my" court. The very fact that 40 people are playing on a single court where two people previously played seems answer enough (16 actually playing pickleball but people exaggerate frequently). This is a public facility built to serve the community. Pickleball uses the space 4x to 8x more efficiently than tennis. It seems clear that many in the community wish to play pickleball and getting this many new people to use park facilities should be a great thing.

Steven Dietz
CEO

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades rec center

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:01 AM

To: Debra Sunshine < >

Cc: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 4:56 PM Debra Sunshine < > wrote:

I am saddened to hear that the city is considering halting pickle ball at the Palisades rec center. During the pandemic, I started playing tennis at the rec center and it became a savior for me. I made many friends there and have kept up the sport.

Tennis then lead to Pickle Ball where I was able to connect with so many neighbors that I had seen, but never spoken with before. Everyone was so welcoming and supportive.

I understand that the manager of the tennis center may be offering Pickle Ball, but it is not the same as the grassroots organization that has formed in the lower courts. The management at the tennis center is riddled with employment and discrimination issues, and none of the instructors last long. What the community has put together on the lower courts is very special and should be supported by the city, just as taxpayers support the city.

Thank you,
Debra Sunshine, Esq.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pickleball and Tennis can share the space

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Andrea Barnow <>
Cc: "RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org" <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:05 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM Andrea Barnow <> wrote:

Dear LA City Parks,

Our family has enjoyed playing tennis on the LA City public tennis courts for several years. Our go to parks are Pacific Palisades, Cheviot and Westwood Rec.

Three months ago, we discovered Pickleball and have essentially given up tennis for this incredibly fun and social sport. We are hooked and here's why:

Pickleball is fun, affordable and social. We have made 30+ friends playing Pickleball in the Palisades on Wed, Sat and Sun outdoors and on Mon, Fri indoors. Pong has made the Wed, Sat and Sun Pickleball open play enjoyable for everyone, beginners and experienced alike.

Please add more opportunities for the community to play pickleball and please allow us to continue playing outdoors on Wed, Sat, and Sun in the Palisades. There are plenty of tennis courts in the Palisades so let's allow pickleball to be played so we can all enjoy our public parks.

The open play format is perfect as it allows us to play for 1-5 hours depending on how we feel. This is what Westchester is doing and it's quite brilliant. Can't this be replicated in the Palisades?

Also, perhaps you can add Pickleball lines to some courts in the Palisades, Westwood and Cheviot so we can more easily play and not need to tape the courts. If you don't want to do that, at least allow Pickleball to be played on the tennis courts.

Lastly, can you add more indoor days to the Palisades and also add indoor in Westwood.

Thank you,

Andrea Barnow

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Palisades Pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 3:23 PM

To: Meg <

Cc: RAP PublicInfo <RAP.Publicinfo@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 2:56 PM Meg <

> wrote:

Dear City and its Commissioners,

No doubt you are inundated with responses from the Palisades pickleball community, from their families and friends, with all of the proposed park changes hanging overhead. I do hope you'll please read my email, along with the others.

If this hasn't crossed your desks, last week the New York Times featured an article with Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy stating the most currently relevant mental health problem in our country is loneliness. So it's especially interesting, fortunate as we are to live in the Pacific Palisades, to consider the role of community, and the role of healthy social and physical activity as a most effective antidote to this mental health challenge. When are we as individuals, and as a community, and as civic recreation officials, going to consider and welcome and encourage new and evolving ways to address and overcome this problem?!

How is it that single tennis players (such as Joanne Saia) write letters to you vehemently demanding that pickleball should not be condoned by your department?! Certainly, this is not an informed voice, as you well know pickleball is not a "fad" as she'd stated, but the fastest growing sport in America. I believe you've heard other reports that have been equally distorted as to what the Palisades picklers assembling on the assigned lower courts are up to!

The fact is, the pickleball players at the Palisades Park have found a natural, viable, functional way to recreate with one another, to join together for physical fitness as a community. It's a miracle, actually, that pickleball at large has accelerated as a way to get through the pandemic, isolation, and the aftermath we're in. Pickleball is by nature a most inclusive and democratic sport, and this is the spirit of the Palisades pickleball players. This is why the group has grown. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to join a private "club"; you just come to the courts at a given secured time and day and put your paddle down, and you're in! Everyone is happy. Everyone is having fun. Why would the city want to disband such a community, and not find a way to facilitate and grow this group in tact as it already is? Why can't this pickleball community be seen as a model, as an example for how people want and need to come together in a positive, healthful way? Why not speak to us directly, seriously so, to find the best solutions?

Everyone in the Palisades pickleball group who has facilitated its formation, managed its growth, and opened this game to everyone who has come into its fold, has been done so as service, not for profit. Any money collected has been for supplies, for balls, for tape. The only reason the courts are taped is because, unlike other parks have done all over the country, there are not painted lines for pickleball boundaries. Pickleball is a newer sport, and as with all things new and good, it needs to find a way to thrive. It requires understanding (not misunderstanding and selfish, close-minded, uniformed arguments), and not conversion into a system that is antithetical to its organic momentum and strongest benefits! At the risk of sounding judgmental, why is the Palisades so far behind this curve?! Especially when you already have enthusiastic ambassadors for the sport in your community?

It is astonishing that here is a unique group of Palisades residents that may be disbanded, instead of considering it as a wonderful assemblage within the Palisades community. Why limit its potential instead of finding a way to support and grow it from its grass roots.

Thank you for your consideration of keeping this civic group together and functioning as it has done best.

Meg Freeman
Pacific Palisades.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Back in the USSR- pickleball

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 7:51 AM

To: Lyubow Chumak <

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Cc: RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org

Good morning,

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

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 10:15 PM Lyubow Chumak <

> wrote:

> Hello commissioners,

> Since the Covid started I played pickleball at Palisades rec. center. It was ONLY exercise I could do at that time, except the walking, of course. What a life saver it was and still is!

> I assume everyone can play in a public park, but in reality it is not true. those who play pickleball, and mostly our leader, Pong, tried very hard to follow all the endless rules at Palirec, moreover we went out of the way to please everyone in the management who we thought could help us.

> Somehow it looks like we are « lesser players /people » who didn't deserve to be treated equally with the tennis players. The rules seem to set in stone for tennis players even though often we see the tennis courts empty !!!

> What is the reason for such a hard fought battle against us?

> All of this unjust bureaucracy towards pickleball players brings memories of how people were treated back in the USSR where I came from. How sad.

> Where's the community spirit Americans are famous for? Where's the responsible leadership?

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> Lyuba Harris

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> Have a beautiful day, always!

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Fw: Palisades Pickleball

1 message

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

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 7:24 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 5:09 PM patricia borgeson <> wrote:

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

From: patricia borgeson <>
To: rap.publicinfo@lacity.org <rap.publicinfo@lacity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 05:03:39 PM PDT
Subject: Palisades Pickleball

Dear City and Commissioners,

I know that you have probably been inundated with letters regarding the Pickleball situation at the Palisades Park in Pacific Palisades. I am a huge fan of both tennis and pickleball and played tennis 5 days per week on the courts for 40 years. I have since changed to playing pickleball due to my age and the size of the court. It has been a wonderful experience socially and physically which is very important for senior citizens. I have developed an entire new group of friends and look forward to our few hours together. We as a group have worked hard to develop this community after playing on a basketball court with sidewalk chalk lines and then moving to uneven asphalt area between the two gyms we were finally given time on the lower courts.

It is unfortunate that individual tennis players (Joanne Saia) express such anger toward the fastest growing sport in America (soon to be an Olympic sport) as well as being so ill informed have your ear. We as a group were promised to have lines painted and noise tests done yet no one from our group was asked to attend the noise test. Several tennis players after coming to watch us play have now joined the group.

We received no support but rather saw us as a nuisance from the people who run the tennis concession and now you are allowing PB to be played on their courts with the same idea as we have used for the past few years. We make a donation to cover the costs of equipment such as tape, nets, balls but were highly criticized for this by the tennis center yet they will be charging much more.

I am at a loss for words why the city is lagging behind such an opportunity to offer seniors and others to be outside and healthy and happy. Although the recreation center has offered indoor play 2 days a week it is very different with very few players, confusing lines, poor lighting, poor ventilation and risks of injury.

At the last advisory board meeting the Director, Jasmine, said that Park Services reported that PB would not be played anywhere in the park outdoors BUT in the next breath she reported that PB would be run by the tennis center----a slight contradiction.

Please consider the benefits of Pickleball (PB). I am certain that if you looked at all of the programs offered at Palisades Park that it is the largest group of attendees for any program.

Why can't you dedicate 2 of the 8 tennis courts to PB? If you did a study you would see that the tennis courts are empty 80% of the time. Tennis, one of the greatest sports ever, is a dying sport especially at the Palisades park and the tennis center now wants a piece of the PB pie.

I understand you have all signed off on this after so many empty promises and this is so disappointing. Please let our voices be heard and reconsider.

As a side note I live one block from the park and love to hear the happy sounds from cheering parents from the baseball fields.

Sincerely

Pat Borgeson
Pacific Palisades resident for 50 years,

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LA Parks destroys a vibrant pickle ball community

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:34 PM

To: donna burkons <

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Cc: "jimmy.kim@lacity.org" <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, "sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org" <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, "anthony.gallo@lacity.org" <anthony.gallo@lacity.org>, "jasmine.dowl@lacity.org" <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>, "mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org" <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, " <

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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, May 11, 2023 at 12:30 PM donna burkons <

> wrote:

LA Parks: How to rip the heart out of a thriving pickle ball community 101

-don't recognize that pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in the world and never consider that existing tennis courts could serve 16 citizens rather than 4 at tennis

-don't pivot to think about adding hybrid courts which can be shared with tennis players

-have NO pickle ball on the west side north of the 10 and west of the 405

-watch as a group of people gather in Pacific Palisades Rec Center courtyard using chalk and portable nets to play as COVID is lifting

-watch that group of mostly senior citizens grow and socialize, get healthy, become friends

-never engage or meet personally with the group even after repeated pleas to determine a way to coexist with tennis

-offer the group use of one court on Wednesday mornings that they tape with small donations for tape, nets, balls, and paddles. "until we get lines painted" then do a "sound study" and determine it's too noisy

-don't provide a copy of the sound study that tax dollars paid for

-take away the use of the courts

-turn over pickle ball to the FOR PROFIT Tennis Center Concession at the SAME facility (ironically no noise issues) that has very limited hours at the peak heat of the day, no weekends, not accommodating to those who work, and charges fees that many seniors cannot afford

And this, my friends is how LA City Parks stays out of touch with its constituents and does not support or promote equity for diverse and marginalized communities.

Our goal is to have affordable Open Play available on the tennis courts at least three days a week at hours that people can drop in during any session of no less than four hours each. We are confident that if you open dialogue with us that goal can be achieved.

Signed,
PACIFIC PALISADES PICKLE BALL
Over 150 members

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Re: Fw: LA Parks destroys a vibrant pickle ball community

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
 To: pong nim < >
 Cc: "RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org" <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 1:35 PM

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On Thu, May 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM pong nim < > wrote:

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Subject: Revision of the Department of Recreation and Parks Alcoholic Beverage Policy 23-085

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 7:56 AM

To: LFIA President <>

Cc: contactCD4@lacity.org, jennifer.hull@lacity.org

Good Morning,

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

On Fri, Apr 28, 2023 at 1:57 PM LFIA President <> wrote:

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

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Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

via email: rap.commissioners@lacity.org

April 28, 2023

RE: Revision of the Department of Recreation and Parks Alcoholic Beverage Policy 23-085

Los Feliz Improvement Association (LFIA), representing all residents of Los Feliz, including thousands adjacent to Griffith Park, believes that adding additional opportunities for people to consume alcoholic beverages within City parks is a potentially dangerous change. It is not in line with the Department's stated mission to "enrich the lives of the residents of Los Angeles by providing safe, welcoming parks and recreation facilities" and the safety measures being implemented after the unfortunate death of a cyclist at the hands of a drunk driver in Griffith Park.

We are also disappointed at the lack of outreach to the public on an issue that could have negative consequences.

We ask that the types of alcohol and the frequency with which they are allowed to be consumed remain unchanged from the current policy.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of LFIA

Amy Gustincic
President

CC: Nithya Raman, Councilmember, Council District 4
Jennifer Hull, Field Deputy, LA Council District 4



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Looking for information on pedestal creation

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: LA Parks Public Information <RAP.PublicInfo@lacity.org>
Cc: Kyle Jarrett <>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 7:59 AM

Good Morning,

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

On Fri, Apr 28, 2023 at 3:17 PM LA Parks Public Information <> wrote:

Hello Kyle,

Thank you for contacting us. You may reach out to the [+Rap Commissioners](#) to have your request submitted, and also your local councilmember's office.

Thank you,
Hally

On Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:14 AM Kyle Jarrett <> wrote:

Good morning,

California has a new state historical landmark, #1063 The Black Cat Tavern. The owner of the property would like the new plaque installed on a pedestal on the corner near his property, similar to the landmarks in the images attached. I'm wondering if the Parks Department has recommendations on how to go about constructing a pedestal like these. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I'm hoping to install the plaque in the first week of June.

Thanks so much,
Kyle Jarrett



William Pollard Davis



thebillbeaverproject.com



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: dogs in parks

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 2, 2023 at 8:01 AM

To: Joel Athey <>

Good Morning,

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

On Sat, Apr 29, 2023 at 11:22 PM Joel Athey <> wrote:

Twice in the last four days I have witnessed dogs off leash attack someone/some dog in Valley Village Park. In both cases, the dogs have done it before. I want to know what we can do about it. I'm retired, ride my bicycle over to the park in the late afternoons; my dog died 2 years ago, age 16 and a half.

Case 1 A fairly big muscular dog off leash charged a puppy -- 9 weeks old, I think the owner said -- bowled it over, growled and pawed it, and thoroughly frightened the baby; it yelped for the next three or four minutes. The owner of the big dog stood 8 or 9 feet away and made no move toward it at all, just said "No" a couple of times before ambling over and dragging the dog four or five feet away. I don't think she even apologized. Several people including the puppy owner immediately broke up the tussle and scooped up the little dog to safety. Everyone around the small group of seven or eight of us and four or five dogs knows the big dog's owner. I don't suppose anyone likes her, I certainly don't. I spoke to one of them, saying this isn't the first time it's happened, and he agreed. The puppy was not physically wounded or bitten.

Case 2 Today (Saturday) I was on a bench along Westpark Drive reading a book; not many people were at the south end of the park where dog owners congregate. A young boy probably 4 years old was pushing his scooter on the path around the bend at the south end and up toward me . . . before getting to me was a guy I've known there for several years and his little dog sitting at the other park bench. The kid came along and the dog rushed out barking and biting at his ankles. Eric -- whatever his name is -- didn't move, just said "Don't do that" to the dog. The scared boy was freed only by his continued forward motion, not by anything the owner did. The kid was mumbling when he came past me. That happened, I continued read and got up to ready my bike for the ride home when I noticed the kid rounding the south end again. I stayed and watched: the dog rushed out again and bit at his ankles. I yelled Stop! just as Ed, or Eric, roused himself to yell "Don't" or whatever he said to his dog after the fact. Then he charged over right at me, threatening and pointing to his dog, "That's my business, not yours. Yours is [pointed to my bicycle]" as he glowered over me, gesticulating -- he's big, foreign. That's nonsense, of course, when a child's safety is involved, and I said so. He retaliated with "Old man" etc.

The key issue in both cases is they were not the first attacks made by their respective animals. The attacks are more expected than surprising. And in both cases, the owners did nothing, and in the second case got mad at me.

To the issue: Can we have them and their dogs expelled from the park? You will say "Of course," but is it practicable. I.e., can it be done? Not just whether there is an unenforceable rule on the books we can jabber about, but what can we do about it? I ask because I don't want to utter idle threats that everyone knows can never be carried out. Don't send me comforting compassion: I want steps 1, 2, 3, etc. for getting rid of these problem people/dogs. Or an admission that they're here to stay.

Joel Athey



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Black mustard

1 message

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

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 6:16 PM

Ok thank you.

Looking forward to a response

Best
Sailé

On May 3, 2023, at 12:49 PM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

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On Wed, May 3, 2023 at 12:45 PM Saile Gutierrez < > wrote:

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I think regulating this plant will cost us less than repairing what will costs us in fire damage.

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Good Morning,

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On Tue, May 2, 2023 at 7:59 PM Saile Gutierrez < > wrote:

Hello,

We're concerned about all the black mustard growing like wild fire because it's going to CAUSE wild fires in the next two months

Are we doing anything to root these invasive plants out?

Regards,
Sailé Gutierrez
Concerned LA county resident!

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Re: Black mustard

1 message

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To: Saile Gutierrez <>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:51 AM

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<https://myla311.lacity.org/>

On Fri, May 5, 2023 at 3:28 PM Saile Gutierrez <> wrote:

Hello,

Any updates on this? It's been a few days

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Re: Board Report 22-114 LAEC

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 4, 2023 at 7:12 AM

To: mary cimolino <>

Good Morning,

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

On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 4:33 AM mary cimolino <> wrote:

Please please please make LAEC great again!! It could be the premier show facility in So Cal & it would attract a lot of very rich customers! \$\$\$\$

Thank you

Mary Cimolino

Sent from iPhone 12

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Two important documents regarding the urban forestry.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, May 4, 2023 at 10:39 AM

To: isabelle duvivier <

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Cc: Shelley CFAC <

>, Cyndi Hubach <c

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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 Thu, May 4, 2023 at 10:20 AM isabelle duvivier <

> wrote:

Hello Commissioners,

Thank you for letting me speak today at your Board Meeting. As I said....

I'm with the Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC), a volunteer board in the City of LA Public Works. The 16 CFAC Reps are appointed by our City Council Members and approved by the Mayor.

CFAC oversees and advises City staff/departments on urban canopy issues and interfaces with the public about open space and nature in the City.

I recommend you review the below two excellent resource documents commissioned by the City.

The first, the LA Biodiversity Index Baseline Report, is produced by LA Sanitation Biodiversity Group with a panel of experts.

The second the Dudek Report, funded by Cal Fire, is a great overview of the state of our urban canopy including RAP.

lacitysan.org

<https://dudek.com/your-sector/cities/first-step-to-an-urban-forest-management-plan-los-angeles/>

Last year I organized a presentation on the 2020 Biodiversity Report. There is now a 2022 update. I would welcome the opportunity to organize an updated presentation by LASanitation. Please let me know how we can organize that.

Best

Isabelle

Isabelle Duvivier FAIA

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Office of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
Figueroa Plaza



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Alcohol Beverage Policy revision

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Fri, May 5, 2023 at 1:29 PM

To: Gerry Hans <

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Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Nithya Raman <nithya.raman@lacity.org>, Matthew Rudnick <matthew.rudnick@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, Mehmet Berker <mehmet.berker@lacity.org>, Jennifer Hull <jennifer.hull@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,

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

On Fri, May 5, 2023 at 12:59 PM Gerry Hans <

> wrote:

All,

Please see the attached comment letter regarding the proposed Alcohol Beverage Policy revision. Its approval was postponed by RAP Commissioners on April 20th, pending further outreach, Board Report 23-085.

Thank you,



Gerry Hans
President

<https://www.friendsofgriffithpark.org/>

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May 5, 2023

Jimmy Kim, General Manager
City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
(email)

Re: Alcohol Beverage Policy Revision, Board Report 23-085

Dear Mr. Kim,

During the April 20th Commission meeting, Commissioners generously granted Friends of Griffith Park's (FoGP) request to postpone the approval of the Alcohol Beverage Policy Revision. Our verbal and written pleas for community outreach and transparency relating to the proposed policy changes are much appreciated. We thank the Commissioners for granting the postponement, a request also made by the Griffith Park Advisory Board.

FoGP has now closely considered the details of the policy revision, taking into account input from our constituency which holds Griffith Park in high esteem and recognizes the Park's value to people from across the City who enjoy it in many different ways.

Most provisions of the proposed Revision are acceptable to us; however, alcohol consumption can be a sensitive and volatile issue since it relates to public safety. This sensitivity is heightened when alcohol sales take place **on public property**. The provisions for security, insurance, containment, and licensing show that RAP considers the sale of alcohol in City parks an extremely significant matter.

We respectfully seek a modification to proposed Section 1, pertaining to the **unlimited** number of public open area event approvals. We believe this provision is too broad to be applied to Griffith Park, despite the high level of scrutiny we'd expect from our Superintendent, the single person who would have complete responsibility for approvals.

Requests for approvals in Griffith Park could become more frequent should word circulate of a more liberal attitude toward open-air gatherings, conventions or celebrations. Why not have a wedding outdoors rather than inside at Friendship Auditorium? Companies might find it exciting to host their regional employee jamboree in a park setting.

Our concern for special events in open areas, particularly picnic grounds, is deep-rooted in FoGP's commitment to prevent existing Park patrons and historic user groups from being displaced, whether temporarily or not. This principle was upheld by the Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group, and distilled into text of *A Vision for Griffith Park*, adopted by the

Commission in January, 2014: “*Avoid Evicting or Displacing Established Park Users,*” where there is particular reference made about picnickers, since they have no advocacy group speaking specifically for them in Griffith Park.

Our Recommendation:

1. For Griffith Park, retain the limit on approved “public open area events” at the current level, one approved event per year, rather than having no number limitation.
2. No “public open area events” should occur within the “Wilderness Area,” as defined by Griffith Park Historic-Cultural Monument #942.

For clarity purposes, the Alcohol Beverage Policy would also be improved: 1) by defining an approved event as only a one-day event, 2) by specifying that open area events are allowed only during official Park visitation hours, and 3) by counting any event that spills over into open areas from a “special event venue” as an open area event.

The changes FoGP recommends are specific to Griffith Park, but may also be well-advised for other regional parks, such as Elysian or Debs. RAP may consider listing other regional parks as exemptions to the revised provision regarding the number of open area events, as well, and retain the current limit of one per year.

As alcohol sales and revenue streams increase with more expanded event venues, a commensurate level of protections must be provided to ensure a safe recreational experience in our parks. Equally important, preventing unintentional displacement to loyal park users should be considered a top priority.

Sincerely,



Gerry Hans
President

Cc: Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, Councilmember Nithya Raman, Matt Rudnick, Brenda Aguirre, Stefanie Smith, Mehmet Berker, Jennifer Hull.

About Friends of Griffith Park:

Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) is a California non-profit 501(c) (3) dedicated to preserving and protecting Griffith Park’s natural habitat, biodiversity, and historic features, for current and future generations. FoGP is committed to ensuring that Griffith Park, a public park and Los Angeles’ largest Historic-Cultural Monument, remain open, natural, and free to all citizens of Los Angeles.



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Westchester Park Senior Center Ranger Coverage and ADA Violations

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:33 AM

To: Lisa GAINES < >

Cc: rap.dutyofficer@lacity.org, Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Geoffrey Straniere <Geoffrey.Straniere@lacity.org>, Sean Silva <sean.silva@lacity.org>, Juan.Fregoso@lacity.org

Good Morning,

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

On Sat, May 6, 2023 at 9:48 AM Lisa GAINES < >

wrote:

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As many of you know by now, I have been advocating for seniors and the disabled so that they may use the facilities at Westchester Park. I have called and emailed and to no avail-particularly alarming is the lack of response by Geoffrey Straniere whose job should be doing what I am doing: advocating for the disabled. I have tried to compel you by going on KABC, KTLA and other residents have been on radio and cable programs visibly showing the homeless at the entrance of the Senior Center door, debris on the ramp and on the walk to the center and homeless parking illegally in the ADA designated parking spots with little reaction. I accessed via CPRR and other means, documents showing the purposeful lack of Park Ranger presence at the Westchester Senior Center and surrounding area due to the Ranger's fear of safety with no regard to Senior Center staff or senior/disabled's safety. I have documents which state the obvious consequence: staff and park goers assaulted. Yet, today, the same RV parks illegally in the ADA spots, homeless encampments remain around the Senior Center, debris from homeless remains obstacles to access: all identified by DOD as violations of Title II in the judgment letter which was supposed to be rectified in November 2022.

I have called the non-emergency LAPD (on hold for over 45 minutes) in an effort to move the encampment by the entrance of the Senior Center and another one around the side (See below) but sometimes they come and sometimes they don't. I am not there daily to assure safe passage. It should not be the onus of residents to do what the city is responsible to do: enforce the anti-camping/loitering. This should be done with the Ranger, as is done at other parks in CD 11. Why not Westchester?





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On Nextdoor, I posted pictures above in sheer frustration. Alas, I received this post from a Venice resident:

Mark Ryavec · Venice-Windward Circle

Have you contacted the Chief Park Ranger, Joe Losorelli? They are understaffed, but have kept Westminster Park in Venice relatively clear of campers and vehicle dwellers.

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Lisa G. · Author · Kentwood North

Wait... Westminster Park got their campers and vehicle dwellers removed from the park on an ongoing basis and not at Westchester Park? So my frustration is now elevated to purposeful neglect.

Please respond in writing to my questions:

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1 message

Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Sat, May 6, 2023 at 10:18 AM

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Hi Lisa,

We had an extensive conversation regarding this and the resources we are allocating to the park.

Happy to schedule another to call to reiterate and further explain the process we need to take to get full compliance.

Please provide some times for us to schedule another call early next week.

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Juan Fregoso | Homelessness and Housing Coordinator

Office of Councilwoman Traci Park ★ 11th District

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Oakwood Recreation Center Dogs Off-Leash @ Thu May 4, 2023 1pm - 2pm (PDT) ()

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:11 AM
 To: print < >
 Cc: Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org>, Councilwoman Traci Park <councilmember.park@lacity.org>, Adrian Acosta <37285@lapd.online>, "mayor.bass@lacity.org" <mayor.bass@lacity.org>, Dillon Chapman < >, David Black < >, Eileen Archibald < >, Pamela Anderson < >, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Garry Featherstone < >, Coach Tim For SOCCER < >, "Bethy G." < >, "Mark Soslow Esq." < >, Edward Ferrer < >, Lydia Ponce < >, Naomi Nightingale < >, Jon Wolff < >, Peggy Kennedy < >, "adolf. alzuphar" < >, Larry Williams < >, Jataun Valentine < >, "Bethy G." < >, John Gavilan Oakwood Park Director <john.gavilan@lacity.org>, Becky Dennison < >

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 7:39 PM print < > wrote:
 Good Evening Recreation and Parks and Los Angeles Personnel,

Here is photos and video's of Oakwood Park this Evening. Dog take over at Oakwood Park. Hours if lawlessness 7am-9am and 4pm-8 or later.

How long will you allow these off leash dog owners take over Oakwood Park? How long will you not enforce the off leash dog laws. How long will you all continue to ignore what is happening every morning and night at Oakwood Park?

Off leash dogs all over Oakwood Park!

Sick and Tired of being sick and tired!
 Laddie Williams



Sent from AOL on Android

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 5:01 PM, Ashley Lozada <Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Margaret,

That is right we will have Rec and Parks, CD11, Rangers, and I am awaiting LAPD's confirmation.

Warmly,



Ashley Lozada, MPA | Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey Field Deputy
she/her/hers

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On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 11:34 AM Margaret Molloy < > wrote:

Hello Ms. Lozada,

Can you let me know what public agencies are participating? I see community members and:

- Ashley.Lozada@lacity.org
- sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org
- leslie.richter@lacity.org
- joe.losorelli@lacity.org

Are LAPD and Parks & Rangers representatives participating in this meeting?

Appreciatively,

Margaret Molloy

On Apr 27, 2023, at 10:36 AM, ashley.lozada@lacity.org wrote:

Join with Google Meet

Meeting link

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When

Thursday May 4, 2023 · 1pm – 2pm (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Guests

ashley.lozada@lacity.org - organizer

Margaret Molloy

Dillon Chapman

David Black

Eileen Archibald

Pamela Anderson

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5/9/23, 9:30 AM

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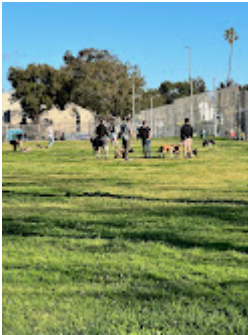
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Re: Oakwood Recreation Center Dogs Off-Leash @ Thu May 4, 2023 1pm - 2pm (PDT) ()

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

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 9:59 AM

Good morning,

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

On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 8:44 AM Larry Williams < > wrote:

Dear residence let me be very specific:

1.) A civil lawsuit should be filed against Parks and Recreation, the City of Los Angeles, The Los Angeles Police department PACIFIC DEVISION and the Los Angeles parks and recreation Park Rangers for:

A. negligence
10 years of
ignoring
consistent Legitimate
complaints of
unleashed dogs
Which is a clear
violation of the
Los Angeles
city ordinances
of Parks And
Recreations.

B.) Child in danger
meant; in that
several of our
children were
threatened,
severely
traumatized
and
even bitten by
unleashed
dogs.

Please be advised I will be conferencing with the ACLU on this matter of selective racism through selective policing enforcement on city rules.

Thank You...

Larry L. Williams

On May 9, 2023, at 8:11 AM, Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

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

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 7:39 PM print < > wrote:
Good Evening Recreation and Parks and Los Angeles Personnel,

Here is photos and video's of Oakwood Park this Evening. Dog take over at Oakwood Park. Hours if lawlessness 7am-9am and 4pm-8 or later.

How long will you allow these off leash dog owners take over Oakwood Park? How long will you not enforce the off leash dog laws. How long will you all continue to ignore what is happening every morning and night at Oakwood Park?

Off leash dogs all over Oakwood Park!

Sick and Tired of being sick and tired!
Laddie Williams

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The Trust for Public Land's ParkScore ranks Los Angeles 78th out of the top 100 most populated American cities in terms of equitable access to parkspace. Less than two-thirds of Angelenos live within a ten-minute walk of a park, and the size and low income communities of color have disproportionately lower park acreage per capita. Los Angeles can quickly and more cost-effectively expand park space via Community School Parks (CSPs) that open school facilities like playgrounds, sports fields, and basketball courts to the general public during non-school hours. With over 6,400 acres of land, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the largest landowner in Los Angeles County. Opening school campuses to the public on weekends and holidays and in the summer would positively impact Angelenos in every neighborhood of the City, and could create safe, car-free play spaces for children and families.

In December of 2007, the City Council passed a motion (CF 07-2679) that instructed the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to work with LAUSD, nonprofit groups, and community groups and report back on the feasibility of expanding CSPs. The LAUSD Board of Education passed a companion resolution two months later, and over the following year, a working group formed to create the Community School Parks Report. Among their final recommendations, the working group concluded that the City and LAUSD should negotiate a Master Joint Use Agreement that would enable the opening of an initial fifteen CSP sites (one per Council district).

Due to the 2009 recession and resulting funding reductions, plans for the creation of fifteen CSP sites were not implemented. In December 2017, an MOU agreement was reached, and in 2018, RAP launched four pilot sites at elementary schools in park-poor neighborhoods.

RAP continued to maintain these four sites until the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered access. When LAUSD campuses reopened in early 2022, the initial MOU with LAUSD had expired. LAUSD and RAP are currently in the process of developing a longer-term successor agreement for the CSP program. In the meantime, RAP has utilized civic-use permits with individual LAUSD campuses. One major challenge identified as part of the pilot program was the lack of greenspace on LAUSD elementary school campuses: most are completely covered in asphalt, with low tree-canopy coverage, making these play yards unappealing recreational spaces. In contrast, most LAUSD middle schools have sports fields, which RAP has therefore prioritized as the program has been reinitiated. The City currently operates three CSPs: at Barack Obama Middle School in CD8, and at Bethune Middle School in CD9, and at Northridge Middle School in CD12.

Joint-use parks on school campuses are popular in other cities. San Diego, Burbank, Pasadena, and Santa Monica have strong MOU agreements in Southern California, while San Francisco, Chicago, and New York can serve as models for successful expansion in other large cities. Currently program expansion in LA is limited by the need to negotiate with individual school principals, many of whom do not want the liability risk of opening their campuses to the public. Additionally, many school sites have existing civic use permits, so the City is competing with organizations and nonprofits for facility usage. A renewed Master Joint Use Agreement that incorporates lessons learned from other municipalities can alleviate the administrative burden on City of LA and LAUSD staff.

Relatedly, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) just released their Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 11th cycle of Proposition K competitive grants. Upon its passage in 1996, Proposition K included \$143,650,000 of competitive grant funding, \$20 million of which was dedicated to Youth School Recreational Projects that could support CSPs. After ten RFP cycles, about half (\$10,650,619) of this earmark still hasn't been used, despite the City's need.

One of the primary deterrents to past and potential applicants for Proposition K schoolyard funding is the requirement that funded improvements remain in place without alteration and be maintained for 10, 15, or 20 years depending on the dollar value of the awarded grant. In addition, the Proposition K 11th Cycle Competitive RFP currently requires applicants to enter into a joint-use agreement with the City by December of 2023, prior to an award being given and with awarded

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projects being constructed as late as 2026. The need to enter into a joint-use agreement provisionally far in advance of seeing the potential benefits of a Proposition K application can prevent schools from applying in the first place.

While Angelenos should certainly benefit from greening investments made by the City, applicant requirements should not be so burdensome as to deter projects from being submitted. Prior year data on disbursement of Proposition K school yard funds suggests the City will not be able to disburse approximately 10 million in funds without a streamlining and simplification of existing requirements.

Former Mayor Garcetti's 2019 LA Green New Deal set the goal of opening 25 Community School Park sites by 2025. In order to open 23 additional sites over the next two years, the City must assess roadblocks to our current expansion plan, utilizing existing resources like Proposition K funding to create synergy between the two programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 90 days on negotiating a new Master Joint Use Agreement with LAUSD with the aim of opening 25 Community School Parks by the end of 2025, with school sites selected in consultation with LAUSD.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 90 days on the status of their existing Community School Parks sites, including a comprehensive assessment of utilization, funding requirements, and administrative roadblocks, in addition to identifying any additional budgetary or staffing needs and structures that may be required to more successfully expand and administer the program, including the possibility of fully funding Community School Parks programming beyond an annual basis.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks, to report back within 90 days with recommendations to utilize Proposition K funds for the expansion of the Community School Parks program. The report should include:

- An assessment of historic roadblocks to distributing the \$20,000,000 Proposition K earmarked for Youth Schools and recommended strategies to leverage these funds to more effectively support Community School Parks, incorporating the perspectives of prospective grant recipients such as LAUSD and other eligible stakeholders;
- An analysis of the type of joint-use agreements that qualify for Proposition K consideration, including frequency of public access, burden of administrative costs, and burden of liability; and
- A plan for utilizing the remaining \$10,650,619 in Proposition K funds earmarked for Youth Schools in support of the Community School Parks program, including a strategy for school outreach, minimizing administrative burdens on LAUSD staff, and providing support to applicants where needed.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, to modify the current schedule of project awards responsive to the 11th Cycle RFP and provide an additional 180 days for LAUSD staff, nonprofits, and others to apply while the department streamlines the Proposition K application process, clarifies the issues discussed herein, and creates an outreach plan to ensure that enough applications are received to completely exhaust the rest of these earmarked funds.

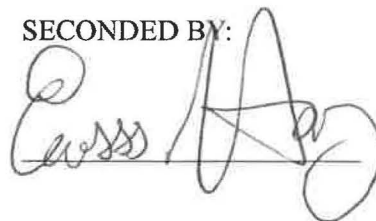
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NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

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