AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
REDONDO BEACH RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
415 DIAMOND STREET
7:00PM

Call Meeting to Order
Roll Call
Salute to the Flag

A. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

Business items, except those formally noticed for public hearing, or those pulled for discussion are assigned to the Consent Calendar. The Commission Members may request that any Consent Calendar item(s) be removed, discussed, and acted upon separately. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be taken up under the "Excluded Consent Calendar" section below. Those items remaining on the Consent Calendar will be approved in one motion following Oral Communications.

B1. APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING for the Recreation & Parks Commission regular meeting of September 14, 2016
B2. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: August 10, 2016
B3. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

C. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This section is intended to provide members of the public with the opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda for action. This section is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker will be afforded three minutes to address the Commission. Each speaker will be permitted to speak only once. Written requests, if any, will be considered first under this section.

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

E1. ALTA VISTA PARK RULES AND OPERATION

Receive and file a report on the operation, activity and rules at Alta Vista Park.

E2. STATUS OF PROHIBITION OF DOGS IN PARKS AND PARKETTES

Receive and file a report regarding City policies that prohibit dogs in parks and parkettes.

F. COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF

Referrals to staff are service requests that will be entered in the City's Customer Service Center for action.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission of the City of Redondo Beach will be a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, in the Redondo Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

It is the intention of the City of Redondo Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 318-0656 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible. Please advise us at that time if you will need accommodations to attend or participate in meetings on a regular basis. An Agenda Packet is available 24 hours a day at the Redondo Beach Police Department and at www.redondo.org under the City Clerk. Agenda packets are available during Library hours, at the Reference Desk at both the Redondo Beach Main Library and North Branch Library. During City Hall hours, Agenda Packets are also available for review in the Office of the City Clerk.

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of the Recreation and Parks Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Counter at City Hall located at 415 Diamond Street during normal business hours.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

Margareet Wood declares:

I certify that I am over the age of 18 years and am employed at the City of Redondo Beach, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

On September 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. I posted the following:

Notice of regular meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission scheduled for September 14, 2016

at Door A, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on September 8, 2016 at Redondo Beach, California.

Margaret Wood

MINUTES OF THE
REDONDO BEACH RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was called to order by Vice Chairperson Elder at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Bardin, Mortillaro, Slane, Thomas, Vice Chairperson Elder
Commissioners Absent:	Mallen
Officials Present:	John La Rock, Community Services Director
	Margareet Wood, Recording Secretary

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Thomas led the members in the salute to the flag.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Mortillaro, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to approve the order of agenda. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Slane absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- Approve affidavit of posting for the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting of August 10, 2016
- Approve minutes from the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting of May 11, 2016
- Strategic Plan Update

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Bardin to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Hidvegi submitted a document: *Mitigation of Light and Noise from Alta Vista Park.*

Motion by Commissioner Slane, seconded by Commissioner Bardin to receive and file the document. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

Mr. Hidvegi explained that he lives near Alta Vista Park and noise and glare are concerns for him and his family. He said activities have significantly increased at the Park and are expected to increase more. He requested assistance from the City with mitigation measures i.e. installing trees and a sound wall and restricting activity at the Park.

Eugene Solomon, District 2, requested a future agenda item to discuss allowing dogs in parks, specifically on leashes only on walkways and sidewalks. He said discussion on the topic is prevalent on social media. He advised that CenterCal says the harbor area

will be dog-friendly. He said potential issues include people controlling dogs, dogs interacting with each other, and dog waste.

Motion by Commissioner Bardin, seconded by Commissioner Slane to close Public Participation. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

Ensenada Parkette Improvement Project

Director La Rock reported that a grant has been awarded for the project located in District 3; and a proposal has been completed by the City Engineering department. He said the project will improve ADA accessibility and grading at the Park.

He presented and reviewed the following:

- Features on proposed plan
- New play equipment
- Design Illustration
- Recommendation

In response to Commissioner Mortillaro, Director La Rock stated the project will decrease the water usage at the Park and also that water-wise plantings will be used.

In response to Commissioner Thomas, Director La Rock stated that the play equipment consultant recommends the equipment for any age.

Commissioner Thomas hoped 16-year-olds would not be using the equipment. He said the equipment doesn't look exciting and he asked about other options.

Director La Rock said alternatives require a greater surface area and are more costly. He said the installation can be revisited if not successful. He said neighborhood parents did not want a traditional jungle gym, and the proposed equipment is distinctive and recommended for driving imaginative use.

In response to Commissioner Mortillaro, Director La Rock said staff would not recommend allowing dogs in Park; however it could be addressed in the strategic plan. He noted Dominguez Park is the only one in Redondo Beach that allows dogs.

Vice Chairperson Elder recommended discussing dogs as a Citywide issue rather than with the project.

Commissioner Bardin requested an agenda item addressing allowing dogs in City parks.

In response to Vice Chairperson Elder, Director La Rock confirmed that concrete is the standard material used in all City Parks and this project as well.

In response to Vice Chairperson Elder, Director La Rock stated that funds are not available to install a system to capture water runoff.

Vice Chairperson Elder said the recommended tree species is susceptible to aphids and he suggested introducing ladybugs as a control.

In response to Vice Chairperson Elder, Director La Rock confirmed that the educational activity center was considered during design; however is not part of the final conceptual plan. He also answered that the 16'x17' dimension referenced in the vendor catalog for the small boulder indicates the required fall zones. He also answered that the height of the climbing wall is 4'.

Vice Chairperson Elder suggested some type of adult exercise station for future park projects.

In response to Vice Chairperson Elder regarding the irrigation controller, Director La Rock said the City arborist will be closely monitoring irrigation for new plantings; and precipitation will be accounted for when sensors are adjusted.

Director La Rock concluded that the project activates the park and provides a gathering place for neighborhood children and adults. He anticipated that additional parks will be updated as well.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Bardin to receive and file the report. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Bardin to recommend to City Council to approve the plans for the Ensenada Parkette Improvement Project. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

COMMISSIONER REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Bardin requested an agenda item to address the concerns of the resident who lives next to Alta Vista Park. He also wanted more input from the neighborhood to find out if others have the same concerns.

Director La Rock said the current Council direction is to activate the Park more. He said additional information about the schedule will be provided.

Upon Chairperson Michael's resignation, Vice Chairperson Elder thanked him for his excellent service to the community.

Vice Chairperson Elder requested a discussion on the future plans for the SCE right-of-way.

Director La Rock responded that much of the CIP funding has been reallocated to water-wise plantings and installations of fixed adult exercise equipment along the bike path. He said plans will be presented to the Commission.

Vice Chairperson Elder reported that residents want to see movies and additional programs in North Redondo Beach.

In response to Commissioner Bardin, Director La Rock said the resident inquiring about the dog park can be referred to him.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Slane moved, seconded by Commissioner Mortillaro to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion unanimously approved with Commissioner Mallen absent.

Respectfully submitted,

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John La Rock
Community Services Director

CITY OF REDONDO BEACH ☼ SIX-MONTH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

March 29, 2016 – September 15, 2016

ACM=Assistant City Mgr CD=Community Development PW=Public Works WED=Waterfront and Economic Development CS=Community Services

THREE-YEAR GOAL: ***Modernize City communication systems***

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	STATUS			COMMENTS
			DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
1. At the August 16, 2016 council Meeting	IT Director, working with All Departments	Identify options to make the phone system easier for the public to use and present to the City Council for information and possible action.		X		
2. At the June 7, 2016 Council Meeting	IT Director, working with Police Chief, Fire Chief, RBUSD and City Manager	Identify the cost and feasibility of establishing a reverse 911 notification system and report the results, with recommendations, to the City Council for action.			X	Revised to August 16, 2016
3. By September 15, 2016	CS Director, working with IT Director, City Attorney and City Manager	Present to the City Council for review a status report on the implementation of a social media policy and pilot program.				Social Media Pilot Program on hold pending approval of Social Media Policy by City Attorney.
4. By April 29, 2016	CS Director	Create a City Staff Directory and distribute to all City Departments and the City Council.	X			
5. At the May 3, 2016 Council Meeting	IT Director	Present to the City Council for action a contract for a website upgrade.	X			

THREE-YEAR GOAL: ***Vitalize the Waterfront, Artesia Corridor, Riviera Village and South Bay Galleria***

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	STATUS			COMMENTS
			DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
1. At the September 20, 2016 Council Meeting	PW Director, working with CD Director	Report on the outdoor Dining Deck Pilot Program and present options to the City Council for action regarding possible program extension.		X		
2. At the June 7, 2016 Council Meeting	CD Director	Report to the City Council the results of Code Enforcement's review of temporary signs on Artesia Boulevard.	X			
3. By June, 22, 2016	CD Director	Release the draft EIR on South Bay Galleria for public review and comment.			X	September release now targeted.
4. By September 15, 2016	PW Director, working with CD Director	Evaluate the feasibility of converting Catalina Avenue, between Avenue I and Elena, to a one-way street.		X		
5. By August 1, 2016	WED Director, working with ACM	Present a report with recommendations to the City Council for action on the results of the public outreach meetings regarding a new boat ramp.			X	Revised due to the timing of the Harbor Commission consideration of the Waterfront project
6. At the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting	WED and PW Director, working with regional agencies	Report on the status of the analysis of sea level rise and its potential impact on the Redondo Beach waterfront.		X		
7. By June 15, 2016	City Manager with the CD Director and City Attorney	City and AES representatives to meet and confer as necessary and discuss implementation of the AES Task Force, its purpose, organization and membership, and other details relevant to the formation of the AES Task Force prior to a City Council Report on July 5, 2016 for appointment of the AES Task Force (unless extended by both parties).			X	AES has extended timeframe for marketing property for non-industrial uses. Task Force formation delayed to an undetermined date.
8. At the July 19, 2016 Council Meeting	City Manager with City Attorney and CD Director	City Council to select consulting services firms needed to support the AES Task Force following the RFP Process used for the General Plan update.			X	Date to be determined.
9. DATE TO BE DETERMINED	AES Task Force, working with Consultants	Present findings regarding options for using AES property.				

10. FUTURE OBJECTIVE	WED Director, working with Fire Chief	Develop a Transient Vessel Mooring Marketing Plan and recommend boater amenities to promote the harbor as a destination.				
11. FUTURE OBJECTIVE	CD Director, working with WED Director	Present to the City Council for action an ordinance to modify parking requirements citywide to help encourage economic development.				
11. FUTURE OBJECTIVE	WED, working with CD Director	Explore the feasibility and recommend to the City Council whether or not to create a Storefront Improvement Program in key business areas.				

THREE-YEAR GOAL: ***Ensure sustainability, livability, and health by completing the General Plan update and by implementing environmentally responsible programs***

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	STATUS			COMMENTS
			DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
1. At the May 17, 2016 Council Meeting	CD Director	Prepare a request for proposal (RFP) for contract services for the General Plan update and present to the City Council for consideration and release.	X			RFP presented to Council for action on May 17, 2016
2. At the July 19, 2016 Council Meeting	CD Director, working with City Manager and City Attorney	Recommend to the City Council for action the selection of a General Plan Update consultant.			X	Deadline extended. Two proposals received and under review. Expect presentation on September 6th
3. At the August 16, 2016 Council Meeting	CD Director, working with City Manager and City Attorney	Present to the City Council for consideration the formation and composition of a citizens' General Plan Advisory Committee, including potential inclusion of representatives from Neighborhood Councils.			X	Targeting September 6th or 20th
4. At the July 19, 2016 Council Meeting	PW Director, working with CD Director, City Manager and City Attorney	Present to the City Council for consideration a report on whether to prohibit single use plastic bags from being distributed in Redondo Beach.			X	Council requested holding work on this item due to pending State action
5. By August 16, 2016	City Attorney, working with CS Director	Present to the City Council for direction options for restructuring the Redondo Beach Sister City Committee as a separate non-profit 501 c3 and/or an official City committee or commission.			X	Deadline extended. Additional time needed for research and legal review.

THREE-YEAR GOAL: ***Assess, prioritize, and plan for park/open space acquisition, and for reconstruction of major City facilities and infrastructure***

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	STATUS			COMMENTS
			DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
1. At the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting	ACM, working with PW Director, , Police Chief, Fire Chief and FS Director	Assess the need for and develop preliminary cost estimates for reconstruction of public safety facilities (police station, fire stations and shooting range) and report the results to the City Council.		X		
2. At the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting	ACM, working with PW Director and FS Director	Assess the need for and develop preliminary cost estimates for City Hall reconstruction.		X		
3. By June 21, 2016	PW Director	Prepare a Budget Response Report assessing the need for and develop preliminary cost estimates for reconstruction of roadway infrastructure citywide.	X			
4. By June 21, 2016	WED Director, working with PW Director	Present to the City Council for consideration a plan for maintenance and repair of the Pier Parking Structure.	X			Included as part of the CIP for the FY 16-17 Budget
5. At the August, 16, 2016 Council Meeting	PW Director, working with Fire Chief	Determine the feasibility, right of way impacts, and costs of converting 4-way stop sign intersections to roundabouts through a resident petition program.		X		
6. At the May 17, 2016 Council Meeting	CS Director, working with PW Director and ACM	Present to the City Council for consideration options and cost estimates for adding lights at the playing field(s) at Dominguez Park	X			
7. At the May 17, 2016 Council Meeting	CS Director, working with PW Director and ACM	Present to the City Council options and cost estimates for adding dug outs and/or backstops at Fulton Field and Julia Field.	X			
8. FUTURE OBJECTIVE	PW Director, working with Fire Chief and WED Director	Evaluate the feasibility of docking Tall Ships at a City Pier and make a recommendation to the City Council for action.				

THREE-YEAR GOAL: ***Maintain a high level of public safety with public engagement***						
WHEN	**WHO**	**WHAT**	**STATUS**			**COMMENTS**
			DONE	ON TARGET	REVISED	
1. By September 15, 2016	Police Chief, working with ACM and City Manager	Continue to work towards implementation of recommendations from the Assessment of the Redondo Beach Police Department.		X		
2. At the August 2, 2016 Council Meeting	Police Chief, working with City Attorney and City Manager	Research and prepare an ordinance for City Council consideration for the potential regulation of aerial drones in Redondo Beach.			X	Sample Ordinance ready and prepared. Awaiting outcomes of current cases in court and changing FAA regulations prior to proceeding.
3. By August 1, 2016	CD Director, working with City Attorney, HR Director and City Manager	Implement measures to enable City code enforcement officers to issue citations for violations of the Municipal Code.			X	Officers will require updates to their certifications. Training being scheduled. Targeting September
4. At the May 3, 2016 Council Meeting	Fire Chief, working with the City Attorney and City Manager	Complete analysis and present to the City Council a recommendation on whether to submit a proposal to Los Angeles County for the Redondo Beach Fire Department to provide 911 ambulance transport service for all emergency calls originating in Redondo Beach	X			Presentation rescheduled to June 21, 2016 Council Meeting

Administrative Report

Commission Action Date: September 14, 2016

To: MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

From: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Subject: ALTA VISTA PARK RULES AND OPERATION

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file a report on the operation, activity and rules at Alta Vista Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alta Vista Park is located at 801 Camino Real. The 19.42 acre park is a combination of City and School District parcels and includes youth sports fields for baseball, softball and soccer. The playing field under the City's control is located in what is referred to as Julia Field. Julia Field is an open green space for the benefit of the community. It is comprised of green space that has been formally and informally sectioned for use as a youth baseball and softball field, youth soccer field, and other green space uses. In addition to organized youth sports, Julia Field is also used for City programming such as summer movies in the park, and by community partners such as the Beach Cities Health District for outdoor wellness programs. Julia Field is also an extension of the Alta Vista playground area and family picnic area adjacent to the Alta Vista Community Center. The organized youth baseball/softball/soccer activity is supported by the use of temporary, portable lighting during all approved park hours of operation and as needed to support activities.

The Alta Vista Community Center is a 4,900 sq. ft. enclosed facility. The building includes a large multi-purpose community room, kitchen, restrooms, and recreation office. The Center also supports the operation of the Alta Vista tennis and racquetball courts. The lighting for the tennis courts is used during all approved park hours of operation and as needed to support community drop-in, round-robin and league play.

It should be noted that the lighting in use at Alta Vista Park for the large baseball field, the batting cages and the medium baseball field are owned and operated by the Redondo Beach Unified School District.

The hours of operation at Alta Vista Park are from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These same hours are also in place for the use of Anderson Park, Czuleger Park, Franklin Park,

Perry Park, Veterans Park and Vincent Park. The aforementioned parks are all located within residential areas. At Alta Vista Park, trash receptacles are located at each entryway as well as within the park's grounds. The hours of operation and park rules for Alta Vista Park are posted on both monument signs and lighting poles and any violation of park rules may be reported to public safety officials for enforcement.

It should be noted that with the adoption of the City's FY 2016-17 Budget, the City Council allocated funds for amenity improvements to the Julia Field youth baseball/softball area. Additionally, the FY 2016-17 Budget included Capital Project funding for the resurfacing of the Alta Vista tennis courts.

Overall the amenities at Alta Vista Park, and specifically those under the City's purview at Julia Field are consistently very popular and serve important recreational and quality of life needs for the community.

Submitted by:

John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment:

- Documentation provided by Resident regarding complaint of noise, littering and light spill at Alta Vista Park.

Mitigation of Light and Noise from Alta Vista Park

David Hidvegi
903 Serpentine St
Redondo CA, 90277

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Background

The home was built by the original owner in 1960. The family was raised in the 60/70s where noise from Alta Vista field was not an issue. My family purchased the house in 2015. The location of the property is on Julia field and 10 feet away from outfield of Doctors field and about 25 feet away from the dugout. We investigated the field and it was relatively quiet (baseball and soccer season) with it primary function being overflow for T-ball.

Situation has changed since prior owner

- He had large bushes which mitigated the sound (these were removed about 2 years ago)
- Julia field was primarily used for T-ball
- Owner had dogs which mitigated the sound
- Owner was elderly (80s) and his hearing was not sensitive. No small children in the house.

What we have done

- Contacted the city regarding noise mitigation.
- Contacted Redondo Sunset
- Explored the possibility of building a large retaining wall and absorbing the cost. Building department said that the code would not allow this due to 30in drop.

Growth

The activities on Julia field have grown exponentially over the past year.

- Doctor's /Julia field was used for T-ball
  - Activities has grown to Shetland and pinto
  - No survey or assessment was done for the impact to the neighbors
- Exponential growth in games and tournaments (see third image)
- Budget approval for further expansion in 2016
- Highest enrollment in a decade

Dear Redondo Sunset Baseball Families

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer and getting some time to relax with family and friends and I just wanted to give you all a brief update and recap of our baseball program.

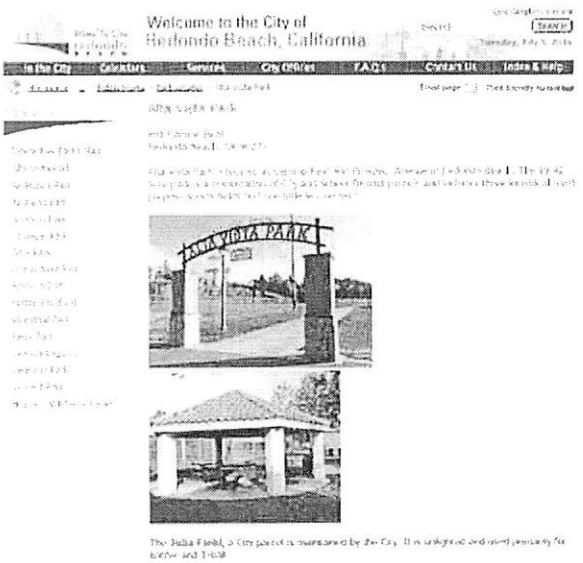
Last year Redondo Sunset experienced a busy spring season with the highest number of recruited players in a decade and we fielded close to 45 baseball teams from 8U thru 14U. This would have never been possible without the great players and families that make up our Sunset Community and I want to thank you all for all your efforts in helping our players get better and have fun!

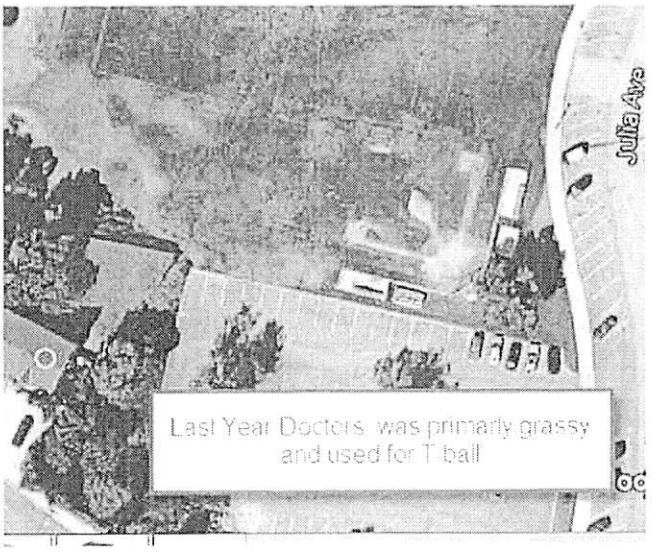
FALL BALL: Right now we are taking registrations for FALL BALL, the deadline for sign ups is FRIDAY AUGUST 19th. Be sure to go to our website to register as spots are filling up quickly.

Remember, fall ball usually includes 2 practices a week and 1 game and less for the younger teams. All games and practices are at local fields and run from the second weekend of September through Thanksgiving with playoffs in early December. Fall ball is a great opportunity for our players to polish their skills and to get more reps and have fun!

Please Click Here to Register for Fall Baseball

SPRING CHAMPS: I would also like to congratulate all of our spring teams for helping us have such an exciting Spring Season and I especially wish to congratulate our champions for each division. See below:



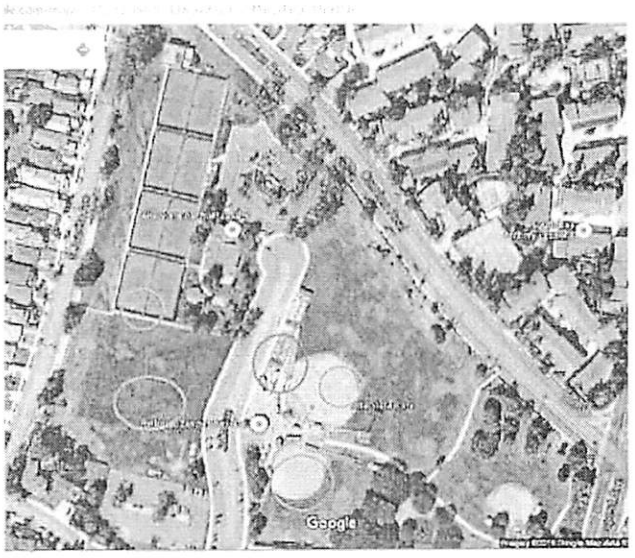


Sources of light

The main sources of glare and splilloff are from the unshielded floodlights.

High: Main field, portable lights on Julia, Tennis courts
Med/High: Good stuff field
Med/Low: Batting cages

Article on good light management: Visors and dampeners can reduce glare and splilloff.
http://recmanagement.com/feature/200310FE03/2



Note: Lights on the tennis courts are on when not in use.

Sources of trash

We regularly find trash or discarded objects in our yard. The children find these items while playing in the yard.

- Balls (5-10) a week
- Broken glass, bottles, cans
- Cigarette butts
- Condom wrapper

Sources of noise

High: Doctors field or activities near it
Med/High: Julia field, good stuff field
Med/Low: Batting cages, Main field, tennis courts

Maximum permissible exterior sound is 50 dba (Redondo Code). I have measured sound average between 65-69 dba.

4-10.02 Declared and prohibited nuisances.
The following are hereby expressly declared to be nuisances, and any person maintaining or permitting such nuisances, or any of them, to be maintained or to exist on his premises, whether as owner, lessee, or otherwise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and each and every day such nuisances shall be permitted to be continued shall constitute a separate offense:
(a) Affecting peace and comfort or interfering with lawful businesses.
(1) Unnecessary noises. The unnecessary making of, or knowingly and unnecessarily permitting to be made, any loud, boisterous, or unusual noise, disturbance, or commotion in any hotel, motel, apartment house, court, rooming house, auto court, trailer camp, dwelling, place of business, or other structure, or upon any public street, park, public place, or building, except the ordinary and usual sounds, noises, or commotion incident to the operation of such places when conducted in accordance with the usual and normal standards of practice applicable thereto and in a manner which will not disturb the peace and comfort of adjacent residents or which will not detrimentally affect the operators or customers of adjacent places of business;

4-24.301 Maximum permissible sound levels by land use categories.

The noise standards for the various categories of land use districts identified shall be the higher of either the presumed or actual measured ambient and shall apply to all such property within a designated category as follows:

Receiving Land Use District Category	Time Period	Presumed Ambient Level (dBA)
Low Density	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	45
Residential R-1-A, R-1, R-2, P-D-R, P-U-D Overlay	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	50
Medium Density	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	50
Residential R-3, R-4, P-D-R, P-U-D Overlay	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	

Benchmark

Toluca Baseball

http://www.tolucabaseball.com/

Address: 10844 Acama St, North Hollywood, CA 91602

Phone: (818) 660-6557

Similar situation regarding close proximity to neighborhood

Similar neighborhood – upper middle class

- No stadium/flood lights
- No broadcast music
- No games after 5pm
- No weekday practice before 4pm
- No games on Sunday – Usually practice is early
- No hosting tournaments
- Parents abide by a code of conduct
- 3 fields at one park, 2 at the other. No room for expansion.

Park is considerate of neighborhood needs.

Possible Solutions

Mitigate Noise

- Mature trees around my house and good stuff field to mitigate noise/light.
- Sound wall and good stuff field to mitigate noise/light.

Restrict activity

Restrict activity on Julia to T-ball.

Field times

These are times where my family does not get woken up by noise and I can put my children to bed in the evenings. Sundays we would like to remain in our house to perform family activities like homework, housework and cooking.

- Early morning (9am +)
- Late afternoon/evenings (5pm +)
- Sundays (all day) – We need to recover from Saturday

Move lighted field to Dominguez Park – less intrusive to neighborhood

Conclusion

The lights and noise given the close proximity of the house to the field is more than a nuisance since it affects the health and wellbeing of my family. We hope that the council will prioritize such concerns above recreational activity and implement a solution prior to the 2016 season (opening day).

Administrative Report

Commission Action Date: September 14, 2016

To: MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

From: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Subject: STATUS OF PROHIBITION OF DOGS IN PARKS AND PARKETTES

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file a report regarding City policies that prohibit dogs in parks and parkettes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The longstanding prohibition of dogs in parks has enabled the City to maintain grass areas, walkways and children's play areas that are clean and free of dog urine and fecal matter, and ensure that seniors, children and other park patrons are not at risk of being bitten or tripped by dogs running underfoot while recreating in City parks. It has also enabled the City to utilize best practices for park management and maintenance that ensure healthy, non-degraded turf and non-contaminated water run-off. It has enabled the City to conserve scarce resources by having in place a clear and easily enforceable rule and by reducing the amount of enforcement necessary for policing dog-related incidents in parks. Finally, it provides a reduced liability for the City due to potentially negative dog related incidents in City parks.

The City issues, on average four to five thousand dog licenses per year. Though dogs are not permitted in parks, the City provided a dedicated recreational space for dogs comprised of the three-acre Redondo Beach Dog Park in Dominguez Park, one of the largest in Los Angeles County. The facility, which is operated in cooperation with the volunteer group Friends of the Redondo Beach Dog Park, and is maintained by the City, provides separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, as well as dog drinking fountains, benches and shade trees. Because the dog park is centrally located and offers a significant amount of acreage for off-leash dogs, it has become a very popular and heavily used facility in the City. The dog park is open seven days per week from dawn to dusk, with the exception of Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. - noon, when it is closed for routine maintenance and cleaning.

Additionally, the recently revitalized Esplanade seaside walking plaza between Knob Hill Avenue and the City's border with Torrance is a dog-friendly community amenity, providing oceanside open space for the enjoyment of patrons and their dogs.

The Municipal Code prohibits dogs in parks and on the Pier, and owners must keep their dogs on-leash when walking them in other public areas.

The prohibition of dogs in the parks allows for the parks to operate as safe, family-friendly and fully open and accessible for its residents. Additional considerations include:

- The City does not have to divert enforcement resources to ensure that dog obedience and clean-up rules are followed.
- The City does not have to divert maintenance resources to provide turf replacement and clean-up services. Dog fecal matter would cause problems with maintenance equipment such as trimmers and mowers.
- Seniors, families with small children and other residents and guests who may fear and/or be allergic to dogs would not be discouraged from using the parks.
- The presence of dogs in a general use park creates the potential for conflict between dog owners and park patrons: Dogs, even on-leash, can be disruptive and get into fights with other dogs.
- The City would be able to ensure that water run-off from parks is not contaminated.

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