



Comments to 6.11.2013 Agenda No. 1-CF11-1811 St. Andrews Place Park Property Condemnation

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Do not condemn this property under pretenses of park usage.

Board of Recreation and Parks Board Report No. 12-275 states:

RAP's proposed park design plans will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and with the State of California's Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 CAB 1881). RAP will implement the Best Management Practices (BMP) designed to reduce stormwater volume, peak flows, and/or nonpoint source pollution through evapotranspiration, infiltration, detention, and filtration. As part of RAP's landscaping design, RAP will use; drought tolerant planting and smart irrigation to conserve water complying with AB 1881. The design of the park will also include complete water retention on site to eliminate water run-off, which is in keeping with national, state and local BMP or irrigation and water retention.

This project is a stormwater capture project designed for detention. Stormwater is under the jurisdiction of the LA Regional Water Quality Control Board MS4 permit process. It is federal defined (40 CFR § 122.26(b)(13)) as:

"Storm water" as "storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage

Department of Recreation and Parks has no jurisdiction as the City of Los Angeles, Shahram Kharaghani, Program Manager is the permittee under Number 4B190188001 and the address:

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Mr. Kharaghani is a Bureau of Sanitation employee.

Department of Recreation and Parks has no expertise to execute stormwater detention including a Public Health component.

This site is in a Methane Buffer Zone with no analysis of any Methane Mitigation Measures or even analysis of any environmental effects and contamination issues with stormwater retention.

You state that Quimby Funds will be used for this project. What other funds will be used that is not stated in this council file. Department of Recreation and Parks Quimby Status Report dated April 24, 2012 indicates the Site Acquisition funds to be used total \$1.253.250.

Stormwater capture can cost up in the millions of dollars. You have not identified those funds or the responsible parties.

You state:

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners reports that acquisition of these two parcels will increase the Department's maintenance costs. Staff will request a budget increase through the standard budget process. An estimate of additional maintenance costs will be provided through the normal budget process request.

There is no analysis recognizing that the normal budget process will cover operations and maintenance costs. Parks are being "given away" to non-profit organizations to operate.

It is incomprehensible for city officials to fail to plan for the long-term needs of Public Health and Safety issues and the role of parks in that process.

The Public Hearing Notice indicates a date of June 25, 2013 for this matter.

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