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PUBLIC COMMENT - Council File #14-0588

1 message

Rick Teplitz <rteplitz@earthlink.net>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 1:34 PM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

I am a lifelong 2nd generation resident of Los Angeles and I am strongly in favor **for the appeal** in rejecting the removal of trees and most of an intensively used picnic area for ball fields without proper EIR, public outreach or consideration of more appropriate options.

Sincerely,

Rick Teplitz

Los Angeles, CA 90045

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Aug. 8, 2014



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1 message

Walker <mitchwalkerla@aim.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 12:17 PM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

PUBLIC COMMENT - [Council File #14-0588-Crystal Springs ballfields

POSITION - For the appeal. No ballfields at Crystal Springs!

I have coached Little League for years in Glendale, NE and Silverlake. But I respect Crystal Springs as an important picnic area for the community. And a much needed habitat for the wildlife. There are many opportunities to upgrade existing fields and open fields to the public that remain locked. The current crystal springs baseball diamond is a perfect example. These ball fields are a terrible mistake. Please reconsider.

Mitchell Walker

8/8/2014

POSSIBLE POINTS TO MAKE:

Ballfields:

- A major reduction in the size of Crystal Springs Picnic Facility including area available for group and individual picnicking, free play and relaxation
- Eviction of a significant quantity of picnickers and recreationists; compression and marginalization of those in the space remaining, without proper outreach
- Removal of up to 49 trees, including many native "protected" species, and the shade, coolness and beauty they provide
- Loss of habitat for wildlife (mammals and birds) that have incorporated Crystal Springs into their habitat
- Destruction of the Crystal Springs asphalt loop road that provides a safe place for small children to bicycle and families to use rented pedal-surries
- Destruction of a Crystal Springs' centerpiece tree, a giant native sycamore that is a City of Los Angeles "Heritage Tree." Trading views of trees and greenery, for hundreds of linear feet of barrier fencing hung with banners
- Trading views of trees and greenery, for hundreds of linear feet of TALL barrier fencing often hung with banners



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1 message

Sutton Catherine <Catherine.Sutton@technicolor.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 12:02 PM

To: "Adam.Lid@LACity.org" <Adam.Lid@lacity.org>

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

PUBLIC COMMENT - Council File #14-0588 Ball fields Project

POSITION - AGAINST the appeal

I am writing to show my support for the proposed Ball fields project in Griffith Park. The addition of these fields will provide children from the surrounding areas, across all demographics, the opportunity to play together, learn together and grow together. The little league player of today is the engaged and supportive adult resident of Los Angeles tomorrow. The immediate health and welfare benefits you will provide them by approving the Ball fields project, will be rewarded by their support of our city in the future.

The amount of time and money already spent by LA City Council to review the location, has shown that such statements as "picnicker eviction" and destruction of 'heritage trees' published by opponents, is nothing more than scaremongering and misinformation from a select group of individuals, whose desire is actually to reduce any and all opportunities to ensure Colonel Griffith's vision for an urban park can be upheld and continued in a respectful and thoughtful way. It is abhorrent to consider that another penny should be wasted pandering to the few, at the expense of the many.

Sincerely,

Catherine Sutton



Adam Lid <adam.lid@lacity.org>

Crystal Springs appeal 14-0588

1 message

marksjay <marksjay@earthlink.net>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 11:36 AM

Reply-To: marksjay@earthlink.net

To: adam.lid@lacity.org

Chairman O'Farrell,

We are writing to ask your support in leaving the Crystal Springs area as it is, a gathering spot for generations of Angelenos to picnic, , to play, to ride bikes, and enjoy the open outdoor area. The grand old sycamore there stands as a testament to this enduring picnic area. Please don't put ball fields there. Don't put up barrier fences. Don't remove the mature trees. Don't take away this heritage picnic area for the young and the old and the diverse residents of Los Angeles.

Please follow up on the other areas that were considered for children's ball fields but not Crystal Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Marks

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Adam Lid <adam.lid@lacity.org>

re. #14-0589 and 14-0588

1 message

Miriam Birch <birchpro@earthlink.net>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 12:31 PM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

re. #14-0589 and 14-0588

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

I am a lifelong resident of Silver Lake and Los Feliz- about 55 years worth.

Please note my support for the above mentioned appeal.

I do not support removal of trees and disruption of wildlife habitat.

Griffith Park should not be developed or built in beyond the currently existing facilities.

We need to keep the park wild, and keep the vegetation and wildlife in it at the top of our efforts to preserve and support.

Sincerely,

Miriam Birch Pennington

8/8/2014



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1 message

Jennifer Choi <jenniferchoi13@yahoo.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 1:09 PM

Reply-To: Jennifer Choi <jenniferchoi13@yahoo.com>

To: "Adam.Lid@LACity.org" <Adam.Lid@lacity.org>

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

PUBLIC COMMENT - Council File #14-0588-Crystal Springs ballfields
POSITION - FOR the appeal

I'm opposed to the construction of the ballfields because it means the picnic facility will be greatly reduced and it'll mean removing a great number of trees. The wildlife will also be greatly disturbed. Please appeal!

8/8/14

Sincerely,

Jennifer Choi



Adam Lid <adam.lid@lacity.org>

Public Comment - Council File #14-0588

1 message

Thomas Doniger <tom@donigerandfetter.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 10:55 AM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members:

I am against the conversion of any portion of Griffith Park to ball fields.

Griffith Park is a unique asset in a vast and dense urban landscape. Ball fields can be installed anywhere, albeit the land therefore may be expensive.

If we step back from the strident current controversy and consider the wisdom of sacrificing a portion of Griffith Park to install ball fields as that decision will be perceived 20 or 50 years from now, it is simply unimaginable that the sacrifice of any portion of Griffith Park could be viewed as reasonable urban planning. I believe that this is the proper perspective for the decision and the one that elected officials should adopt.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - Council File (#14-0588 or #14-0589)

1 message

Alyce <hwoodstar@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 8, 2014 at 9:12 AM

To: Adam.Lid@lacity.org

Dear Chairman O'Farrell and honorable committee members,

PUBLIC COMMENT - [Council File #14-0588-Crystal Springs ballfields or #14-0589-Performing Arts Center]

POSITION - I am writing to say that I am FOR the appeal.

The Old Zoo This is part of the wilderness area of the park (per the Historic-Cultural Monument) and should remain so.

I have ridden (my horse) this area for quite a few years. It is an historic and tranquil part of the park. BUT it is also fraught with graffiti (yes, it does get cleaned up on occasion - as has recently been done - but it always comes back). By adding permanent edifices it will only add more opportunities for graffiti.

This section is fairly hidden - hence the tranquility - and gives the wildlife their habitat. However, this area is also not patrolled well, i.e. the graffiti. I also feel if a permanent site is built, there is a good chance the drummers who now play near the Ranger Station will start to play on this stage and instead of only hearing the drums on the trails near the carousel they will be heard throughout the park since the Old Zoo section is more central. And there will be others who will start to use the facilities as well - whether their locked or not - remember, it is an area not easily seen and is deep in the park.

Major changes would have to be made to handle the increased traffic that will come with permanent additions. Yes, there may have never been more than 2500 people at one time at a concert but that is still a lot of car and foot traffic. With a permanent building, there's a good chance there will be more year-round use and therefore more vehicle and foot traffic

And, while the current site is accessible by the handicapped, increased parking and increased usage will dictate more changes in handicap accessibility. More changes that will be destructive to the environment will have to be made to be OSHA legal.

August 8, 2014

Sincerely,

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aka Alyce Schwartz, Asst. Prod. Acct.-Payroll Local 871
Civilian Volunteer, LASD Mounted Posse Unit, Altadena Station.