

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS  
**FROM:** TOM ODOM, INTERIM DIRECTOR, REC. AND PARKS  
**DATE:** DECEMBER 7, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** CONCEPTUAL DESIGNS FOR GRANDVIEW PARK  
**REVIEWED:** CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER  
Staff Coordinator: Katie Howe, Administrative Analyst II

**RECOMMENDATION**

(1) Give staff direction regarding the plan for Grandview Park, based on the conceptual designs developed by City consultant Mia Lehrer & Associates; and (2) direct staff to prepare the initial study and the appropriate level of environmental review required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to analyze the potential development of Grandview Park once the description of the project has been clarified by the City Council.

**BACKGROUND**

In the 2010 Tactical Plan, City Council set the Tactical Goal to improve access and active recreation at City parks, with a Sub Goal of improving Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks; and the Council-approved Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan includes Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park improvements funded in fiscal year 2010-2011. In response to Council's Tactical Goal, staff created conceptual renderings depicting improvements to both parks. In November 2009, City Council approved the conceptual improvements as a starting point and directed staff to implement a robust community outreach campaign and to retain a landscape architect to develop alternative conceptual designs for each park.

In April 2010, after staff issued a request for proposals and recommended the top staff-ranked landscape architect to City Council, Council awarded a \$50,000 contract to landscape architect Mia Lehrer & Associates (consultant) to perform community outreach and to create conceptual designs of each park. Since April 2010, staff and the City's consultant have engaged the community in an extensive public outreach campaign and have created four conceptual designs of Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks (two designs of each park) for Council consideration.

At the November 16, 2010 Council Meeting, staff and the consultant presented two conceptual designs of Lower Hesse Park (Pacific Plan and Catalina Plan) to Council for consideration, and Council directed staff to proceed with environmental review of the Pacific Plan and to reopen the public outreach process to consider the inclusion of a skate facility. Staff has brought conceptual designs for Grandview Park for Council consideration this evening.

### **SITE DESCRIPTION**

Grandview Park is approximately 18 acres, and was purchased from the PVPUSD in 1980. The property is zoned "Open Space Recreation" with a General Plan land use designation of "Passive Recreational." Grandview Park is in the same undeveloped condition as when it was acquired and is not part of the City's routine park maintenance and weed abatement program.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Staff and consultant Mia Lehrer & Associates are presenting two conceptual designs of Grandview Park. The designs take into consideration City Council's Recreational Facilities Tactical Goal, previous Council direction listed above, community workshops and outreach, staff research, and consultant expertise.

The two conceptual plans presented for Grandview Park are the Sycamore Plan and the Oak Plan. Both plans include the facility based programs and amenities listed below. The plans include a flex lawn, approximately 2.5 acres in size and seeded with grass. Flex lawns are areas commonly used for drop-in recreation (Frisbee, touch football, etc.), picnicking, and relaxation. In addition, a Family Fun Zone is proposed that would include more natural and less structured playground equipment such as climbing walls and learning/ interactive play equipment as well as a seating area for families/users.

Each plan also includes a playground and a flexible cycling area. The proposed flexible cycling area is a segment of trails dedicated to bicyclists for riding and skills practice. A day camp area is located near the parking lot and the restrooms and would be a prime location for park visitors to gather, and could be the future location of city-run day camp programming. The proposed enhanced trail system would increase the number of trails at the park (there is currently one), improve the quality of the trails, and add American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant trails.

The primary distinction between the two Grandview Park plans is that the Sycamore Plan includes a discovery area in the west canyon and a flexible cycling area in the east canyon, while the Oak Plan includes the flexible cycling area in the west canyon and a natural, less landscaped meadow in the east canyon. The discovery area proposed in the Sycamore Plan would include trails and more natural play equipment and some interpretive and discovery elements which would lend itself to explorative play.

#### **Facility-Based Programs**

- Flex Lawn
- Bike Trail/Flexible Cycling Area
- Day Camp

- Family Fun Zone
- Fitness Station
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Perimeter and Interior Trails
- Discovery Area (Sycamore Plan only)

### **Amenities**

- Staff Office/ Restroom/ Storage
- Shade Structures
- Park Furniture (drinking fountains, trash cans, Mutt Mitt stations)
- Parking Lot
- Driveway Gates
- Landscaping and Irrigation
- Park Signage
- Landscape Buffers

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Community Outreach**

Staff and the consultant have engaged the community in an extensive public outreach campaign. In May and June staff set up park improvement outreach tables at ten locations throughout Rancho Palos Verdes and Peninsula shopping areas where they shared project information and collected resident feedback; staff collected approximately 850 resident comment cards on Grandview Park improvements. Staff and the consultant held three community workshops throughout the design process at which conceptual plans were shared and community input was collected. Staff created and continues to maintain a project webpage and listserv, and created a public service announcement on the project, which aired on RPVTV in July 2010. City staff has reached out to target groups, attended HOA meetings and events, and placed informational banners and fliers throughout the city.

### **Character**

The proposed character of the park is unique and specific to the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Staff and consultants heard residents' desire to create and maintain a beautiful park with a natural, open feel, while using water-efficient and environmentally friendly strategies where possible. Suggested landscaping includes California native, drought-resistant, and Mediterranean plantings, all of which will add color, diversity, and fire resistance and will require less water. Plantings will be carefully chosen so views are minimally impacted. Staff and the consultant have worked to maintain much of the existing topography and character that make Grandview Park unique; the Grandview "hill" will be maintained, and transformed into a flexible lawn area, and viewing nodes where residents often gather to take advantage of the views and fireworks in July, will be enhanced. Privacy buffer plantings will be used to preserve neighboring residents' privacy. One adjacent property owner has requested a wall in addition to the privacy buffer landscape to ensure his privacy. However, a wall around the perimeter of the park is not being considered at this time.

### **Traffic/Parking**

A preliminary parking analysis was conducted for Grandview Park, and parking suggested in the two conceptual plans reflects preliminary analysis findings. The study will be reviewed by the Traffic Safety Commission on December 8, 2010. A supplemental report will be conducted in connection with the environmental review of the project following City Council direction on recreational elements that the City Council would like to have included and analyzed in the park plan. Traffic calming measures are proposed, which will aid in access and ingress and egress to and from the site. Below is a list of proposed traffic measures that are being considered and which will be evaluated in the initial study and environmental document:

- Stop controls
- Red curbing
- Deceleration lanes
- Median modifications
- Signage
- Advance warning devices
- Optional neighborhood permit parking

### **Enhanced Public Safety**

The proposed plans will enhance public safety through improved access to the park for law enforcement officers and park rangers, and increased visibility into the park for patrols and observation. A staff office is proposed to provide staffing and program supervision during scheduled programs and events. Gates are proposed to limit access afterhours, and park signage will define park rules and provide directional information. The proposed landscaping will be chosen partially for fire resistance, enhancing fire safety.

### **Additional Information**

The City is in the process of updating its General Plan document, and this will include consideration of definitions of active and passive recreational uses. Grandview Park is currently zoned "Open Space Recreation" with a General Plan land use designation of "Passive Recreational." The City will not proceed with the Grandview Park improvement project environmental review process or construction until the General Plan update is complete, and the project is reviewed for consistency with the updated General Plan.

### **CONCLUSION**

Once Council gives direction about the amenities and conceptual design for Grandview Park, City staff will: (1) prepare an initial study to determine the appropriate environmental documentation to comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), (2) obtain an environmental consultant to prepare the environmental documents, and present the environmental documents and final design of the improvements to the park to the City Council for certification of the environmental documents, including the mitigation measures, and approval of the final design. The final Council action will include project funding and phasing alternatives.

Following the City Council's approval of the final plan for the park improvements, (3) staff will recommend a consultant to Council to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the park, and (4) initiate the public bidding process for the construction of the park improvements.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Following are options for Council consideration:

1. Select the Sycamore Plan for Grandview Park as presented.
2. Select the Oak Plan for Grandview Park as presented.
3. Suggest alterations of either existing conceptual park plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

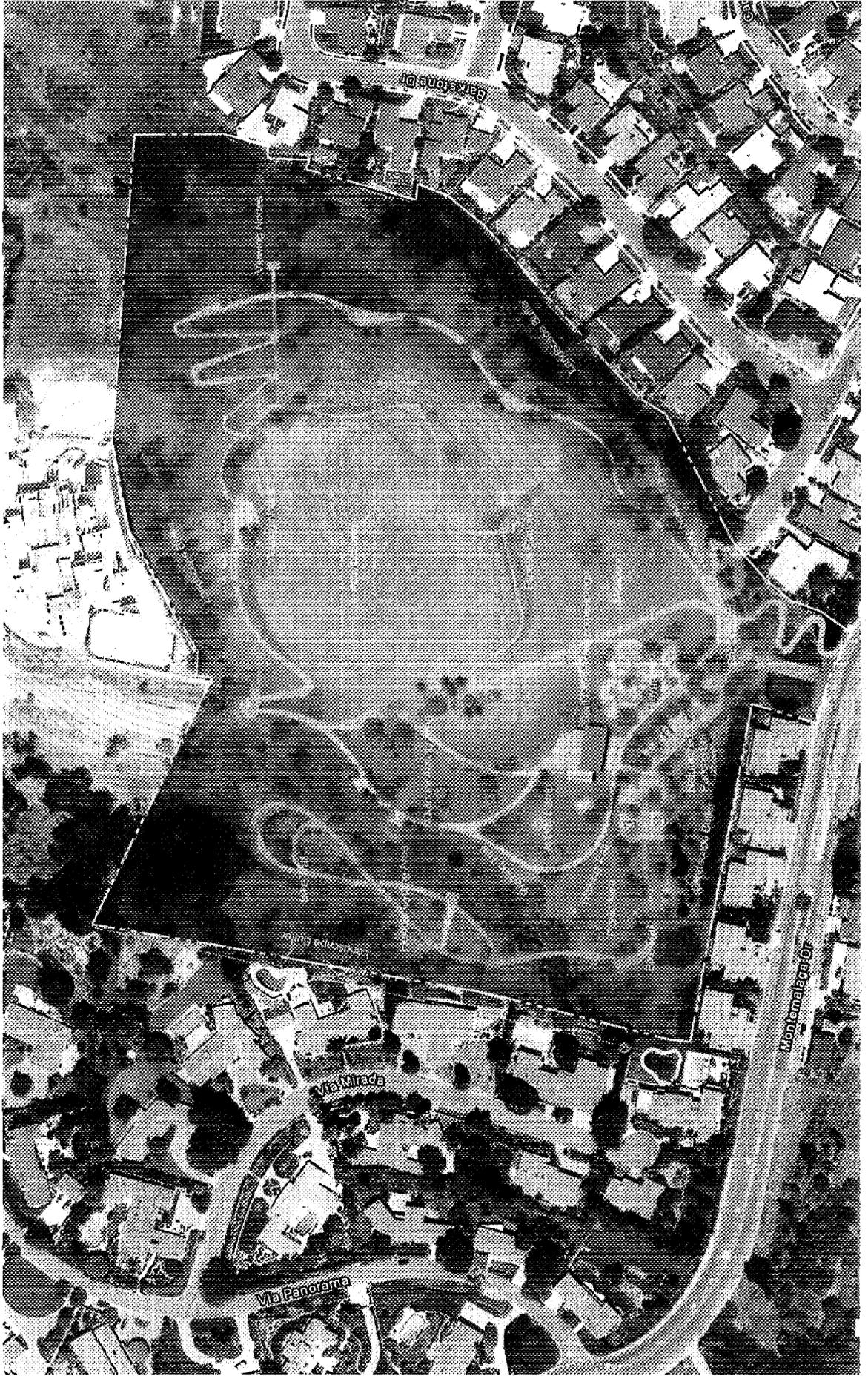
The Council adopted FY10-11 budget includes \$2,004,095 for the Lower Hesse and Grandview Park Improvement Projects. The projects are funded with General Fund money. However, the engineer's estimate at this conceptual stage shows costs for Lower Hesse Park to range from \$2.4-\$2.5 Million and costs for Grandview Park at \$2.5 Million. Both of these cost estimates have a 25% budget contingency. Generally budget contingencies at the conceptual stage of construction projects are chosen at a higher rate and are expected to decline as the project moves to the design and finally to the bidding stage. Based on the current draft configurations, ongoing maintenance costs for Grandview Park are estimated at \$33,000 annually.

Depending on the direction provided by City Council regarding the preferred park design and the subsequent review of the selected project through the CEQA process, staff will quantify the anticipated fiscal impact. The fiscal impact will include whether additional project funding may be necessary, and more specific information on potential ongoing maintenance costs. As part of the approval of the final plan, the City Council will have the opportunity to consider the funding mechanisms available for both Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park at that time and make any adjustments to the design, priority, and phasing of both projects.

Attachments:           Conceptual Designs and Matrices  
                              Community Workshop Notes  
                              Public Correspondence

# GRANDVIEW PARK - Oak Plan

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA  
MINI LEWIS + ASSOCIATES



# GRANDVIEW PARK - Sycamore Plan

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA  
RHL LEHRER + ASSOCIATES



# RANCHO PALOS VERDES - GRANDVIEW PARK

ACTIVITIES	YOUTH	FAMILY	ADULTS	SENIORS
<b>FACILITY BASED PROGRAMS</b>				
1 Activity Lawn	■	■	■	■
2 Bike Trail - Flexible Cycling Area	■		■	
3 Day Camp	■			
4 Discovery Area ( Sycamore Concept only)	■	■	■	■
5 Outdoor Activity Area	■	■		
6 Fitness Station			■	■
7 Picnic Area	■	■	■	■
8 Playground	■	■	■	■
9 Perimeter and Interior Trails	■	■	■	■
<b>DROP-IN USE</b>				
10 Arts and Crafts	■	■	■	■
11 Cross Country Running Course	■		■	
12 Chess Tables		■	■	■
13 Geo-caching	■	■	■	■
14 Horseshoe Pitches	■		■	■
15 Walking / Jogging	■	■	■	■
16 Lawn Yoga			■	■
17 Ping Pong	■	■		
18 Activities in Lawn areas				
<i>Badminton</i>	■	■	■	
<i>Croquet</i>				■
<i>Field Games</i>	■	■	■	
<i>Free Play</i>				■
<i>Volleyball</i>	■	■	■	
<i>Tai Chi</i>				
<i>Bocce</i>	■	■	■	■
<i>Frisbee</i>	■	■	■	
<i>Kite Flying</i>				■
<i>Lawn Bowling</i>	■	■	■	■
<i>Yoga</i>	■	■	■	■

## AMENITIES

- Staff Office / Restroom / Storage
- Shade Structures
- Parking Furniture
- Parking Lot
- Driveway Gates
- Landscape and Irrigation
- Drinking Fountains
- Mutt Mitts
- Trash Cans
- Park Signage
- Landscape Buffers

## **Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park Improvements Community Workshop #1**

May 15, 2010

Hesse Park Community Center

Present: **City staff** – Deputy City Manager, Carolynn Petru; Interim Director of Recreation and Parks, Tom Odom; Recreation Program Supervisor, Nancie Silver; and Administrative Analyst, Katie Howe. **Mia Lehrer & Associates** – Principal, Mia Lehrer; Project Manager, Michelle Sullivan.

Michelle Sullivan and Mia Lehrer introduced themselves and shared that they had been selected by the City Council to create alternative concept plans of the two sites, and that this was the first of three workshops to hear from the community and share design concepts. Michelle emphasized that the purpose of this first site analysis community workshop was for the consultant and staff to listen to the community and receive their input and desires related to these two parks and to share with them a site analysis for each park. An informal poll of attendees was taken, and it was determined by number of hands, that of the approximately 50 attendees, 48 live right next to either of the two park sites. After a presentation and open forum for discussion, the consultant led attendees on site tours of both parks. Below represents what was covered during the meeting, including the feedback from attendees on the desired improvement and concerns expressed.

### **Site Analysis for Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks**

- Circulation
- View Corridors
- Adjacencies
- Landscape Typologies
- General Grading / Drainage
- Current Amenities
- Opportunities and Considerations
- Panoramic Views of each site

### **Improvements Desired at Both Parks**

- Neighborhood compatibility
- Increase overall accessibility to parks
- Native plantings
- Remove invasive plants and grasses
- Improve landscaping
- Consider making parks nature preserves
- Water conservation/ responsible use of water
- Improve trails (including trail borders, erosion control, and ADA accessibility)
- Continue to have the trails open for hiking
- Interpretive and park signage

- Places to observe and enjoy nature; keep natural character of parks
- Dog parks

#### **Improvements Desired Specific to Lower Hesse Park**

- Remove sand volleyball court
- Improve existing bench areas – remove surrounding weeds
- Shade for picnic areas
- Arboretum area
- Separate trails so slow and fast walkers do not collide
- Park site (maps/signs) showing visitors where to find amenities
- Dog poop bags
- Consideration of the inclusion of a skate park with the amount of acreage available

#### **Improvements Desired Specific to Grandview Park**

- Chemical toilet
- Solar powered restrooms
- Security cameras at restrooms
- Improve runoff and erosion control conditions
- Access off of Montemalaga – not Ironwood
- Potential for community garden
- Trails around the perimeter; the current trail travels up and over the park; you must exit the park on the same trail that brings you in.

### **Concerns – Both Parks**

- Noise resulting from development
- Traffic resulting from development
- That the group at Community Workshop #1 is not representative of the community at large
- Maintenance costs
- Liability and danger of placing a dog park in a residential area
- An irrigated grass area will be costly to maintain and an irresponsible use of water
- That the City is not listening to neighboring residents' concerns
- Maintain neighbors' privacy
- Fire safety
- Parking
- Has the City adequately surveyed the community to assess needs
- Disturbance of animals currently in parks
- Prefer open spaces to development
- That the park will lose its natural open space character
- Whether the City can financially afford to make these improvements
- Outsiders coming to the park
- Par courses are not desired

### **Concerns Specific to Lower Hesse Park**

- Traffic concerns related to
  - Grade on Locklenna Drive
  - Current low visibility of the existing parking lot
  - Speed at which cars travel on streets adjacent to park
  - Parking on residential streets
- Leave existing bridge as is, and bridges are not necessary
- Preserve neighbor privacy – special concern on western border
- Maintain views into the park from the northern residential properties, while not allowing park visitors to see into the residential homes
- Picnic areas are so isolated that they are not commonly used
- Question why additional court sports are needed in Lower Hesse Park

### **Concerns Specific to Grandview Park**

- Maintaining buffer between Chopra residence and the park
- Not planting tall trees that would obstruct RPV resident views as a result of developing the park
- Clarifying property line between PVE residential lots and the city owned park property
- Parking lot not desired; adequate street parking exists
- The steepness and accessibility of the existing access points into the park site
- Seating areas could invite teenagers and illegal activity after dark; this activity took place at Grandview in the past
- Do not put concrete in; it is unattractive
- Keep the improvements simple
- Water fountains get vandalized
- Stagnant water collects in the water ditch; mosquito concern
- Erosion
- Adequate police patrol of the park and vehicular access to ensure police patrol within the park

## Rancho Palos Verdes

# Lower Hesse and Grandview Park – Concept Plans

## Workshop #2 (July 17, 2010) Summary

### Overview:

Workshop #2 was held on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fred Hesse Jr. Community Center. The Workshop was broken into two sessions; a morning session to review design process on Lower Hesse Park, and an afternoon session to review design process on Grandview Park. In attendance were approximately 60 Rancho Palos Verdes residents, Park Design Consultant staff including Project Manager Michelle Sullivan, Councilman Brian Campbell, and city staff: City Manager Carolyn Lehr, Deputy City Manager Carolynn Petru, Recreation and Parks Director/Public Works Deputy Director Tom Odom, Maintenance Superintendent Emilio Blanco, Senior Engineer Nicole Jules, Administrative Analyst Katie Howe, and Recreation Program Supervisor Nancie Silver. Each park workshop began with the design consultant and city staff sharing information and history on the two park sites. Councilman Campbell, Project Manager Sullivan, City Manger Lehr, and Recreation and Parks Director Odom gave an introduction emphasizing the importance of public input in the design process, creating opportunities for recreation for the residents, and the achievement of a balance of recreational opportunities for Rancho Palos Verdes residents.

Following the presentation, the participants were broken into three subgroups that rotated between presentations on park programs, park circulation, and park character. The following is a summary of what was presented and attendee comments received. For each workshop, approximately thirty participants were in attendance, most of whom were residents from the neighborhoods directly adjacent to the parks. Valuable input was received.

## LOWER HESSE

### PROGRAMS

Each group session reviewed the following:

- The program outreach performed by city staff
- A summary of what was heard at Workshop #1
- The programs included in current conceptual plans
  - Tennis Courts (3)
  - Basketball Court (1)
  - Restroom / Storage
  - Parking (30 cars)
  - Flexible Lawn Area
  - Dog Park
  - Additional Picnic Areas
  - Additional Trails
  - Viewing Nodes
  - Exercise Circuit

- Program Imagery
- Two program space diagrams showing relationships of programs to each other
- Two options with program layouts on the site
- Site line studies from Upper Hesse to Lower Hesse and from the adjacent neighbors into the park
- Precedent study on dog parks

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Most workshop attendees live in neighborhoods directly adjacent to the park and stated that they do not want a dog park program in Lower Hesse. At the suggestion to set aside dog park discussions from the park plans, there was greater attendee participation. If it is necessary to include active recreation programs (tennis and basketball courts), attendees would prefer them to be integrated into the site in the least impactful and least visible way possible. There were also comments regarding the inclusion of the additional softball field overlay at the multipurpose field located at Upper Hesse currently under study by city staff; workshop participants would like to retain the existing walking path that rings the current field. Some commented regarding the outreach by the city staff and the concern that it did not reach enough of the population to reflect the wants and needs of the community.

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

### **General**

- The neighboring park users are concerned about development of the park and prefer the activities to be more passive
- Lower Hesse is not a park in its current state
- Lower Hesse is enjoyed by people who walk in it
- Some active uses and other elements might be fine but need to be controlled
- Preference for park not to include additional active uses
- Parks need to consider recreation for the future and for children. Recreational activities are important.
- Is there an option for residents to design the park?
- Site lines are important to the adjacent residents
- Will there be a park tax?
- City staff/consultant should establish programming before determining traffic or character elements of park
- Program was preplanned. I was in attendance at Workshop #1; they are not listening to our input.
- Like that sand volleyball program was removed and could be substituted by putting volleyball nets up on the flex lawn
- Want to ensure that people using the park cannot see into neighboring homes, while these same residents are able to see into the park and/or the ocean.

### **Program Selection**

- Q: Why can't city rely on school district for active recreation rather than placing it in Lower Hesse? An: The school district supports the entire Peninsula, and school activities take priority. For this reason, the facilities are often not available to the general public. Adding active recreation to Lower Hesse will create more recreational opportunities for youth and Rancho Palos Verdes residents.
- Q: Is the design consultant's program at the direction of city staff? An: Yes
- Program outreach performed by city staff is invalid; residents were not asked what they DID NOT want in the park.
- Provide a bigger outreach program, such as a mailer to each resident
- Supportive of youth recreation, with a focus on skate parks; with the 18 acres at Lower Hesse, one acre could be devoted to a skate park.
- Participants were supportive of the inclusion of a discovery garden program

### **Other programs to be considered**

- Activities for seniors, like Bocce Ball
- A new and different kind of play area, perhaps with no lawn
- Inclusion of a nature center or shuffle board court
- Sustainability "stations" to teach about sustainability

### **Park Users**

- What volume of people will use park?
- Currently, large groups come into Upper Hesse Park from other areas
- Concern with outsiders from other cities using the park. Neighboring cities have parks as well.
- Those closest to the park and who are impacted should have more weight in the design process.

### **Tennis/Basketball Courts**

- Place basketball and tennis courts adjacent to the Locklenna Lane end of the park, set back from the street, and worked into the grading to conceal them.
- Place the tennis courts into slopes to integrate them into the park and to make them less impactful to the park and neighborhood
- Place courts in the center of Lower Hesse
- Unlighted courts will get less use than will lighted courts
- Limit tennis courts to 2 courts
- Court sports are a lot of hardscape and will provide little capacity for the community
- Prefer no tennis
- Tennis courts should be lighted; otherwise they will be underutilized.

### **Flex Lawn**

- Inclusion of flexible lawn will allow additional area for unstructured play within the park, especially if the Upper Hesse field is being utilized by another group.

### **Dog Park**

- Many workshop attendees were immediate neighbors of the park, and expressed adamantly that they do not want a dog park.
- An attendee expressed a desire for the inclusion of a dog park
- One attendee mentioned that his home abuts Hesse Park, and he is concerned with the compatibility of this program in close proximity to his property. His concerns were noise, smell, worn down appearance, and the impact to his property values.
- Will placing a dog park on the former Palos Verdes Landfill site alleviate the need for a dog park at Lower Hesse?
- One attendee pledged to give \$1,000 in support of moving the dog park program to the former land fill site in lieu of having it located within Lower Hesse Park.
- Additional dog park comments as follows:
  - Next to homes is a problem – noise and smell
  - No one from Rancho Palos Verdes wants a dog park
  - Is the Annenberg site an option for dog park?
  - Dog park should be placed at City Hall
  - There is a need for dog park on the Peninsula, but not in Lower Hesse.
  - Dog park will negatively impact overall park maintenance.

### **Restrooms**

- Q: Will the restrooms be locked when the park is closed? An: Yes.

## **CIRCULATION**

For the Circulation Break-out sessions the following items were reviewed:

- Circulation Context Maps
- Localized Circulation Diagrams
- A traffic study is being generated by the city which will address many of the comments below

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

There were many questions regarding traffic management, including arrival to the park, access points, and visibility. There also were many parking related questions. Participants would like to minimize the parking, but not to the point that park visitors are parking on the street and displacing residential parking.

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

### **Traffic Generation**

- If park stays the same as it is today, there are existing traffic safety issues that need to be addressed.
- Q: How many people will the park enhancements bring in? An. Completion of traffic report will assist in answering this question.
- Intense active uses will bring in traffic. The current park uses are not generating a lot of traffic.
- Park visitors from other cities will come to the park
  - There is no need to support cars from outside the neighborhood
  - Bringing people from outside of area will increase traffic
  - Parks in other cities exist; people tend to use parks closer to them
- Palos Verdes Estates has no active parks
- Concern about intense traffic resulting from adding recreation to the park
- Concern about traffic resulting from dog park inclusion
- Dog park will create traffic problems at Locklenna and Hawthorne
- Traffic study should be done prior to finalizing concept plans

### **Intersections and Speed**

- Q: How do you determine need for stop signs vs. light? An: By preparing a traffic study
- Locklenna/Hawthorne intersection is dangerous. Can a light be added?
- Will a light at Verde Ridge and Hawthorne increase traffic on Verde Ridge to Lower Hesse?
- Can a traffic signal be added at park entrance?
- Bring traffic in at one point and out at another, rather than two way egress.
- Too many left turns necessary
- Berm @ Hawthorne hinders visibility
- Topography at Locklenna & Hawthorne hinders visibility
- Traffic on streets adjacent to park requires traffic calming measures
- Locklenna speed and visibility is a problem. Perhaps right turn only. Come around to future light at Verde Ridge.
- Blind curve at Locklenna Lane requires traffic calming
- Install speed bumps on Locklenna Lane
- Fog causes traffic problems
- People don't know how to navigate the area and get lost

### **Parking**

- Traffic backs up when parking lot does not open early
- Not adding additional parking will hurt residents and will put pressure on street parking
- Split up parking; break parking lots into 2-3 smaller areas
- Add 30 parking spaces at Upper Hesse parking lot
- Upper Hesse parking lot full on weekends
- Parking is an issue during soccer games; people park on the street.

- Distance and grade change make it difficult to see Lower Hesse parking lot
- People are not complaining about parking
- Eliminate parking along the downhill section of Locklenna, because of poor car sight lines
- Parking on cul-de-sacs a problem. Permit parking for residents is a solution.
- Street parking is currently a problem
- Free permit parking is a good idea; every house should get certain # of spaces.
- Extend permit parking east
- Prefer parking lot on the eastside of the park along Locklenna
- Do not lose vegetation when creating parking lot
- Use permeable paving in parking lot
- Do not create visual blight
- Screen neighbors from parking lot

### **Trails**

- A high school aged student mentioned that he was very supportive of the trail expansion to allow for cross country courses, and liked the trail that connects Upper Hesse to Lower Hesse Park.
- A participant stated that the park is great the way it is; don't change it.
- Retain existing trails, and add new trails.
- Create a place where kids can ride bikes, and where it's safe for kids to learn to ride bikes.
- Lower Hesse is enjoyed by people who walk in it
- Youth need places to play - active recreation areas are needed
- Require decomposed granite paths for joggers
- Q: Will some paths accommodate wheelchairs? An: Yes
- Trails currently labeled ADA accessible, are not accessible.
- Improve trails, and do not add structures.
- Q: Is there a need for switchback trail? An: It is proposed in one option to allow for better trail connectivity between Upper and Lower Hesse Park.
- Like the "wilderness" feel of existing trails at Lower Hesse
- No good solutions shown; the trails are best as they currently exist.

## **CHARACTER**

During the Character Break-out Sessions the following information was reviewed:

- Character Imagery to explain the site amenities, materials, and finishes for the park
- Park Character existing in Rancho Palos Verdes parks

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The general input is for the park to retain a natural appearance, with natural, drought resistant plantings. The neighbors want screening to mitigate the proposed sport courts. They want to improve on the fencing between the Park and Verde Ridge residences. The workshop attendees also expressed that they want park maintenance to be environmentally responsible, sustainable, and maintainable at a minimal cost. They want to retain views into Lower Hesse Park and to the ocean. Some attendees expressed that they prefer no change at all.

### **General**

- Prefer natural character
- Education and nature would be a focus for the park
- Include signage about native planting and wildlife
- Screen views of basketball and tennis courts
- Like the park to walk
- Take safety precautions at bathrooms.
- Like the idea of the staff outpost for security reasons
- Spend 2 days/week for maintenance
- Address the Rancho Palos Verdes issues of traffic, dogs, and views.
- Retain wildlife in park
- Raccoons a concern
- Enforce city ordinance regarding feeding stray cats.
- Create buffers considering fire safety, view corridors, and privacy.
- Privacy is a problem for some homes that can be viewed from outer trail.
- Clarify enhancement vs. modification

### **Site Amenities**

- Fencing between adjacent residential lots and park is falling apart.
- Build fencing that would allow residents to access park from their backyards.
- Low profile character wood fence
- Include shaded picnic areas with trees

### **Sustainable**

- Solar lighting in few key locations
- Include recycling / compost
- Wood recycling trash receptacles
- Capture the storm water / runoff
- Include permeable paving in parking area
- Responsible water use!
- Irrigation – low volume water usage
- Use of xeric (natives) plants will reduce amount of effort to maintain plantings

**Landscape**

- Keep the big trees
- Retain indigenous plantings
- Preference for natural, drought resistant plantings
- No manicured lawns
- Create a long-term strategy for gopher control
- Do not plant trees that will block views.
- Find a balance between trees and views.
- Want marsh area to be natural looking

## **GRANDVIEW PARK**

### **PROGRAMS**

Each group session reviewed the following:

- The program outreach performed by city staff
- A summary of what was heard from Workshop #1
- The programs included in the current conceptual designs
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  - Discovery Play Area
  - Additional Picnic Areas
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- Two program space diagrams – showing relationships of programs to each other
- Two options with program layouts on the site
- Site Line Studies from adjacent residential neighborhood into and beyond the park
- Precedent study on dog parks

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

A summary of the programs were reviewed with workshop attendees. The majority of the workshop attendees were from neighborhoods directly adjacent to the park and were not supportive of the dog park program for this site. At the suggestion to set aside dog park discussions from the park plans, there was greater attendee participation. The neighbors expressed that they like this site to walk their dogs, walk the trails, and that they enjoy the view. It seemed that many were not against the inclusion of a day camp, and that some liked the inclusion of the discovery play area. Retaining views beyond the park was important. Many wanted the park to be more accessible, but were also concerned about safety and security with the proposed development. Most do not like the inclusion of the Cycling Circuit program. They are also concerned about the landscape character and preferred natural, drought tolerant plantings.

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

#### **General**

- Concerns on spending/paying for construction
- Keep uses as passive as possible

- Lock restrooms at night
- Security is important
  - Secure park from vehicles and pedestrians at night
  - Solar panels for security lighting
  - Provide fencing in some areas for security
- Drainage problems on east side
- Do not want construction in open space; will create a hazard zone
- Q: What is the phasing for implementation and can it be phased? An: Needs to still be determined
- Identify development hazards on plan
- There is no community demand for this park
- Utility connections need to be reviewed and verified, such as sewer from the restrooms, and electrical line on east canyon
- Preserve site lines
- Determine programs prior to circulation development
- Concern that consultant is limited to program in Request for Proposal
- The buffer zone between the park site and Rancho Palos Verdes residents' homes needs to be studied further to provide buffering and to retain the view out to the ocean
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the neighborhood likes to watch fireworks from this location
- If dog park and cycling programs are removed, there would be support for the rest of the park concepts presented
- Attendees would still like to be able to walk their dogs

#### **Dog Park**

- Do not want dog park
- Signed a petition for a dog park, but does not feel a dog park belongs at this location, since location is isolated and difficult to find, and the topography is challenging.
- Expressed that ½ -1 acre for a dog park is too small
- Small and large dogs must be separated
- People need to pick up after their dogs

#### **Day Camp**

- Q: How will the day camp be operated? An: It will be similar to a summer program, where children are dropped off for several hours, and there will be a variety of crafts, games, and recreation.

#### **Discovery Play Area**

- Attendees liked concept of a discovery play area
- Place discovery play area on west end of park

#### **Flexible Cycling Area**

- Do not like the inclusion of the cycle zone for mountain bikes; there are already a lot of trails on the Peninsula.

- Cycling area too active of a use for this park
- Locate cycling on east side to provide connection with open space bike trail

### **Restroom/Storage**

- Prefer that facilities are down the slope closer to Montemalaga, and that development on the flexible lawn area does not impede existing views
- Q: Will restroom be locked at night? An: Yes
- Eliminate restroom

### **Parking**

- Want to understand the program capacity and its relationship to the parking count
- Concern about size of parking lot
- Prefer to have parking further from Ironwood Street, and closer to west end of park

## **CIRCULATION**

For the Circulation Break-out Sessions the following topics were reviewed:

- Circulation Context Maps
- Localized Circulation Diagrams
- A traffic study is being generated by the City which will address many of the comments below

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

General input on circulation focused on reducing the amount of parking within the site, and removing the dog park if it would reduce the number of parking spaces required. The concept program diagrams presented did not allow vehicular access from Ironwood Street, and inclusion of permit parking for the residents would help prevent visitors from parking on Ironwood. The workshop attendees from the neighborhood supported this solution. The residents, however, want pedestrian access to the park from Ironwood. Some still supported only parking on Montemalaga; it was explained that this option would be less safe than would parking within the park site.

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

#### **General**

- Will circulation change if elements are removed?

#### **Vehicular**

- Are there estimates of how much traffic will be generated by dog park?
- What are the concerns with cars parked on the adjacent street?
- Make sure grade at vehicular access/egress provides for visibility for safety
- Concerned about making a left turn from the park onto Montemalaga
- Reduce speed to 25 MPH on Montemalaga - provide traffic calming
- Leave Montemalaga as is - no change

## **Parking**

### **Parking Count**

- Q: How were parking counts derived? An: From the park programs and usage.
- Q: Is there a legal requirement for parking lot? An: Good planning accommodates parking based on park capacity, programs, usage, and the timing of usages.
- 40 car parking lot is excessive
- Break parking lot into smaller parking lots
- Eliminate dog park to reduce parking count
- If there is to be no development of dog park and cycling, then parking lot needs will be reduced
- Parking on street (Montemalaga) is minimal except church and voting times

### **Location**

- Q: Does parking lot need to be on site? An: Yes, it will be safer for the public.
- Place parking lot at north end of park, and take vehicle road all the way through site.
- Do not add parking lot at north end of site
- Parking better on west side due to drainage
- Make parking lot inconspicuous and provide screening
- Make parking minimal
- Provide free permit parking on Ironwood for residents
- Use Grasscrete product for parking lot paving material

## **Trails**

### **General**

- Connect trails to Palos Verdes Trail System created in 2003 by Trail Task Force
- Like trail system
- Trail on north side is on private property
- No trail behind houses on south
- Separate cycling from pedestrian trails
- Provide residential pedestrian access from Ironwood Street

### **Cycling**

- Cycling will be a liability for city
- Cycling can be controlled by setting rules. Cycling is good.
- Prefer cycling on east side to connect to open space trails
- Prefer cycling location on the west side; less steep terrain
- Prefer cycling area that allows for young bicycle riders to ride with their families in a safe environment

## **CHARACTER**

For the Character Break-out Sessions the following topics were reviewed:

- Character Imagery to explain the site amenities, materials, and finishes for the park
- Park Character existing in Rancho Palos Verdes parks

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The participants of this session expressed that they would want the park to be as natural in appearance as possible, to have minimal turf areas, and to include trees that would provide shade, but not on in areas where trees might block views. It was also important that the park structures, such as restrooms, not block views. Attendees prefer a landscape of natural and drought resistant plantings. Safety and park security was also discussed. Fencing at key locations was one way to control after hour park visitation. They also want the park to be more accessible and more comfortable to visit.

The following are comments shared by Workshop attendees:

### **General**

- Views, cycling, and dog walking are enjoyed at the park in its current state.
- Parking lot should be small, natural looking, and should use Grasscrete pavement.
- No geometric shapes
- Manicured look not desired
- Fence the park - safety is a concern at night
- Make the park a place where residents can take their kids
- Reduce noise by closing park at night
- Do not like the character of a dog park in the park

### **Sustainable**

- Green/brown trash receptacles
- No asphalt for parking, make it green
- Minimize turf
- Parking – decomposed granite vs. permeable pavers.
  - Permeable pavers probably better on slope
  - Grasscrete product is another option
- Make pedestrian trails and family bicycling area sustainable

### **Site Amenities**

- Include unisex restrooms
- Q: What will the restroom building look like? An: Natural in appearance, built with appropriate materials of the area
- Have artist work with Rancho Palos Verdes stone
- Add a sun clock
- Rancho Palos Verdes stone benches

- Quickly eliminate sign vandalism that may occur
- Don't light park
- Create signage in the affirmative and not the negative, for example: It would be better to say "Pedestrian only" vs. "No bikes."
- Don't use asphalt
- Preference for permeable paving

#### **Landscape**

- Tree selection should promote sustainability, a nice habitat, and shade.
- Use natural, drought resistant plantings
- Demonstration native plant garden with labels
- Vegetable garden club

## Rancho Palos Verdes

# Grandview Park / Lower Hesse Park

## Community Workshop #3 - September 25, 2010 - Summary

### Overview:

Workshop #3 was held on September 25 at the Fred Hesse Jr. Community Center. The workshop was held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The format of the workshop was a presentation on both park projects given by both the City representatives and ML+A followed by two break out groups, one for each park site. The sessions were an open format and allowed participants to visit both rooms to review the concepts and provide their input. There were approximately 60 residents in attendance, along with Rancho Palos Verdes staff and ML+A. In attendance from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes were Mayor Stefan Wolowicz, City Manager Carolyn Lehr, Deputy City Manager Carolynn Petru, Administrative Analyst Katie Howe, and Recreation Supervisor Nancie Silver. ML+A were represented by Mia Lehrer, Project Manager Michelle Sullivan, Jan Dyer and Melissa Guerrero. An overview of City Council goals was given by Mayor Wolowicz and a presentation of the park projects and an overview of the concept design process and where we are now in that process was given by City Manager Carolyn Lehr and consultant Principal Mia Lehrer.

The following are comments shared by workshop participants:

### Lower Hesse

#### I. Traffic:

- Do not place speed bumps on Locklenna –though the traffic does need to be slowed down on that street.
- Street parking is an issue – explore issuing permit parking for residents.
- A traffic engineer needs to be involved and needs to look at the number of accidents along Locklenna.

#### II. Trails:

- The proposed connection to the baseball fields is a good improvement – creates a nice loop.
- When looking at the path connecting to the Upper Hesse Park athletic field to Lower Hesse Park, look at the value of the path versus the cost to be sure it is worth the expense.

#### III. Programs:

- Of the two plans, the Pacific Plan was the preferred option for the majority of participants.
- There had been an exercise par course in the park previously, and it was never used.
- A community swimming pool is needed.
- When looking at adding trails, be sure to maintain the existing trail system.
- Preserve the creek.
- Placing the active park uses along the edge will contribute to high traffic along Locklenna.
- More onsite parking is needed as street parking is a problem.
- The picnic area seems to be too far from parking.
- The upper park has areas for children – is there a benefit to adding more children's play areas?
- There is no breeze at the lower portion of the park so kite flying cannot occur in this area.
- There is a desire for bocce ball or croquet.

#### **IV. Dog Park**

- Some participants voiced support for a dog park. Some participants did not want a dog park.
- Concern that Dog Park might generate a lot of traffic
- Some participants felt that dog parks should not be imbedded in active parks.
- The landfill is the ideal location for the dog park as it would provide approximately five acres of space.
- There was discussion about what happens in a dog park – whether or not it is noisy. There was a concern that dogs residing in the adjacent residences will bark creating a noise problem.
- Is one acre too small for a dog park? A small area designated for the dog park will limit the number of dogs that visit.
- Can the site next to City Hall be used for the dog park?
- The city should collaborate with adjacent cities on the location of a dog park or series of dog parks.
- Residences adjacent to the park do not want a dog park.
- If you talk about several small dog parks as a strategy, this is a start.

#### **V. Tennis Courts**

- Use the terrain and move the tennis courts below the Upper Hesse Park athletic field – this will help minimize the impact of the tennis courts and protect views.
- There is a need and desire for tennis courts.
- Concern that the tennis court fencing will block the views of the ocean – how high is the tennis court fencing?
- A third alternate design should be looked at without tennis courts and without the dog park.
- The tennis courts and related lighting will be invasive visually and noisy.
- Do not let the tennis court fences block the views.
- Perhaps the tennis courts can be dropped a few feet to protect views.
- The tennis courts serve only 2-4 people at a time. Perhaps that area could be used by more people if alternative uses were explored.
- It needs to be remembered that the tennis court usage is based on 2 to 4 people per hour per tennis court.

#### **VI. Amenities:**

- There is a desire to have plant material identified by signage. This is an educational opportunity.
- The question was asked what size building is planned and what will it be used for? The city explained that the building is very small and activities will happen outdoors. The building would be for storage, a maintenance office, and restrooms.
- There was a recommendation made to have an outside phone at the building which will connect directly to the community center for security and communication purposes.
- If planning solar, keep in mind that there is a lot of fog here and not a lot of sunny days.
- There was a suggestion for small BBQ areas in or near the picnic areas.

#### **VII. Maintenance:**

- The current watering of plants in the park creates a lot of runoff. Be sure that any planted areas are properly irrigated and do not contribute to runoff.
- There is a desire for durability in materials for site furnishings.

## **GRANDVIEW PARK**

### **I. Dog Park:**

- Concerned that dog park not included in either of the two schemes presented.
- People use preserve as a dog park, which is harmful to habitat, so there is a need for a designated dog park where people are allowed to bring their dogs; and there is a need for a dog park in several locations.
- It was expressed that the potential for a dog park to be located on the County Landfill Site dog park is on hold until June 2012.
- Grandview Park lends itself to a dog park because it is secluded. A flat area should be graded into the topography.
- 800 signatures were collected in support of having a dog park in Rancho Palos Verdes.
- A Dog Park should not be located in Grandview. Participants were concerned about who will clean up after dogs, and how to manage misbehaved dogs. A fence is necessary in the planning of a dog park.
- The topography of the Grandview site does not lend itself for inclusion of the dog park program to be located in this park.
- Dog Park adds substantially to the parking count.

### **II. Site Character:**

- If topography is graded, the character of the site will be lost.
- Leave the site alone
- Want to retain natural character
- Like the natural character, supportive of the balanced approach to the programs and their integration on the site.

### **III. View Area:**

- Review of View Node early in work session it was discussed that it was not at the correct location and that there should be one for the mountain view and one for the ocean view. In further review of the concept plan, people agreed that view area is at the correct spot.
- People go to Grandview Park to view fireworks.
- The planting that buffers between Chopra's house and the viewing area should be the height of Chopra's house and no more.

### **IV. North Edge (At Via La Cuesta Dead End)**

- There is a private property lot at the top of the site, which is why access cannot occur at Via La Cuesta.
- Could an easement be put there?
- There are already footpaths there, indicating pedestrian use.

### **V. Eastern Edge of Park**

- Path along the eastern edge of the site should respect the privacy of the homes. You don't want people looking into your home.
- The lower this path is in the topography, which is better for privacy.

### **VI. Other Comments**

- Put picnic area where there are views.

- Put something in the western canyon
- There is a request for a model or a 3d view for the City Council meeting so the community can understand the site and design better.
- A lot of noise will be created during the construction period while re-grading the topography.
- Restroom building is too tall.
- Traffic concerns exist regarding entering the park site. Suggestions include a stop sign and left turn lane.
- An individual expressed not wanting parking in the park.
- Others do want parking in the park.
- Site activities will bring noise.
- There should be native plantings to educate homeowners on which plants to use.
- Can there be access from Ironwood?
- Can you clarify pedestrian access into the park?
- Why do we have to have a Mountain Bike flex area?
- The Oak Plan was the clear favorite because the bike paths were in the western canyon.
- Participants like the gate at the park entrance.
- Ironwood entry will be a problem.
- There was a fire in '88. The mustard plants get dry in the summer and create a lot of fire fuel.
- The attendees expressed that the designs are addressing the community's concerns, with the programs that were to be included in the park.
- Montemalaga has a natural drainage ditch that terminates on the Barkstone Drive.
- Clarification of day camp needed.
- The community likes simplicity and openness.
- An individual expressed that there were too many amenities crammed into this park and wants less activity, more natural and more open space.
- Can the plan be phased depending on demand?
- Should talk to the other city about putting an entrance at the top of the site.
- Ironwood Parking – need permit parking there.
- Why is there no active recreation here?
- This area is being overdeveloped. The city is putting too much here.

**December 1, 2010**

**Memo**

**To: Tom Odom, Recreation and Parks Interim Director/Deputy Public Works Director**

**From: Katie Howe, Administrative Analyst -Recreation and Parks Dept.**

Deepak Chopra stopped by today and asked for a return call and that the following be relayed:

His home is directly adjacent to the park. He is leaving the country and will not make the December 7, 2010 Council Meeting. He explained that the City required him to grade his property 6 feet, and he currently has a 6-foot wall at the grading point for privacy and security. If Grandview Park is developed, park visitors will see into his property. He is requesting the size of the buffer the city is proposing (distance from his home and height). He is requesting that the city build a wall between the park and his property for security and privacy. He shared that if the city does not build the wall, he will plant tall trees for privacy. He also shared that there is a lot directly beside his home that will have similar privacy/security issues.

## Jae Hee Yoon

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Sara & Ara

My step son was one of the scouts present at last night's meeting.

When I saw that the Grandview park project was one of the agenda items I made him stay through the presentation as I own a house on Ironwood about 2 blocks from the park. It looks like you have done a lot of work so far and I think you are on the right track. My initial concerns about traffic access, parking, trash, and safety were all addressed. I look forward to seeing what comes out of the detailed design phase.

Just wanted to let you know I think you are doing a good job.

Peter Chang

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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Thank you,

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**Subject:** Grandview Park - proposed improvements

Dear Mayor Clark and Council Members,

This is to respectfully point out that there are significant problems related to accessing the proposed Grandview Park parking lot from Montemalaga Drive as indicated on the conceptual plan currently being considered.

In this regard, please consider that Montemalaga Drive is a well traveled primary east/west artery to and from the PV Estates area to the west. It has one lane in each direction divided by a nicely landscaped median strip.

One significant problem is that the median strip will prevent left turns into and out of the proposed parking lot driveway. Park users coming from the west and wishing to enter the park will be forced to drive past the park entrance and either make an unsafe U-turn at the first break in the median strip about 100 yards east of the park driveway ("unsafe" because the single lanes don't provide enough room for U-turns in one pass), or drive about 300 yards east of the park driveway to Grayslake Road where they could make a slightly safer U-turn, or drive about a half mile east of the park driveway to Basswood Ave, which is a 4-way arterial stop intersection where they could make a far safer U-turn.

And for users exiting the park who live or wish go east, the median strip will only allow them to turn right and go west, which will force them to either make an unsafe U-turn at the first break in the median strip about 75 yards west of the park driveway (unsafe for the same single lane reason as above), or travel about a half mile into PVE to Via Del Monte, which is a 3-way arterial intersection where a marginally safe U-turn could be made.

The above problems could possibly be solved by creating a new break in the median strip that would be large enough and properly designed to allow for left turns into and out of the park driveway. But a possible problem with this is that such a median strip break would be occurring right where Montemalaga Dr makes a slight southwardly turn. (Can breaks in median strips be made in the middle of turns in the road?)

Another significant problem with accessing the proposed Grandview Park parking lot from Montemalaga Dr is that, while the speed limit on Montemalaga is 35 mph, traffic routinely travels in excess of 45 mph and sometimes even 50 mph in the stretch where the parking lot access is conceptually shown.

Additionally, based only on visual observations, it appears that the slope of a driveway from Montemalaga Dr down to a parking lot in the field below would need to be excessively steep. And considering that a flat area at the top would surely be required - where vehicles coming up the grade from the park could wait for breaks in the traffic - the slope would be even steeper.

The bottom line here is, regardless of whatever fixes would be implemented, one can only imagine the traffic congestion and unsafe traffic conditions that would result on days when there is any significant usage of the park.

So the question that arises is that, even though there are probably less than desirable fixes for each these

problems, would the inconvenience that such fixes would cause to the entire neighborhood plus to the daily out of the neighborhood traffic on Montemalaga be worth whatever additional park usage that the fixes might allow?

Hopefully these observations will be helpful in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

As President of the Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners Association, I am contacting you regarding the proposed modifications to the Grandview Park area adjacent to our tract known as Grandview Country Club Estates. First,

let me establish that I am an Architect and have planned park settings into many projects completed over a 34 year career. I am not someone that you might think is merely upset over the proposed changes to Grandview Park. On the contrary, I welcome some of the changes to Grandview Park.

Please understand that, Grandview Park already exists. There are trails already established that provide a wonderful pastoral setting for the residents that encircle it. These paths provide much of the amenities that the Parks and Recreation staff intended. The City's proposal to groom and augment those paths would be welcome. However, there is a misunderstanding that a park must be "built" and groomed with watered lawns to be "park like". The homeowners in our tract and we at the Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners Association feel that the City's proposal is too much for the park. Too many activities have been considered that will take away from the current relaxed nature of the park.

We suggest that the more active and thus more noisy activities such as the Cycling Trails, Dog Park and the Day Camp be eliminated. Also, introducing a path for vehicles into the area by means of the parking lot is an opening for other motorized vehicles such as ATV and motorcycles/dirt bikes to take to the trails in off hours when the park is supposed to be closed. While you may scoff at this idea, I have personally observed a 4-wheel drive vehicle pioneer a trail up the side of the hill just off Montemalaga where vehicles are not allowed. If a opening is given, less conscientious people will misuse the facility.

Grandview Park has natural drainage on both the east and west sides of the site. The current plan has a dog park on the edge of the western drain flow which will, over time, allow the pet urine and feces to enter the drainage from the site and contaminate the land down stream. I doubt that there will be attendants to clean up the waste the entire time the park is open and to rely on the dog Owners to clean up is nonsense. Those of us that live on lower Grayslake regularly get dog mess "gifts" from people that are our neighbors. Who knows how people from the outside who are not from the neighborhood and thus do not need to be "neighborly" will treat this park. Dog parks are not well thought of by Veterinarians because of the possibilities of spreading illness either by contact or by the waste introduced. Pet Owners do not always know when their animal is ill and will take them to the dog park anyway. In actuality, dog parks are more for the Owners to meet than exercising the dog. That can occur by a simple walk around the block. Introduction of the dog park, with the higher concentration of dogs, will push away the wild life that currently inhabits the park. Currently, the wild life accepts the periodic dog that is walked there. Losing that wild life will be a shame.

During the presentation made to the Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners Association last week, the Parks and Recreation staff could not provide a definition of the area noted as Day Camp. If you can't define it, how can you design it? We at the Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners Association suggest that the Day Camp be eliminated and the playground activity be centered in the area currently shown occupied by both the Day Camp and Playground. It is a mystery why the Parks and Recreation staff felt the need for a playground here when there is a play area less than a mile away at Silver Spur Elementary School that is under utilized on weekends and non-school times. Also, there is no understanding of who will maintain the playground equipment nor what type. Will this playground be in a sand box? That leads to the next concern.

The normal prevailing wind blows across the site from the Palo Verdes Estates boundary on the west, toward the Grandview Country Club Estates tract. Anyone from this neighborhood area will attest to the fact that those winds are not always a gentle breeze. It's that wind that will blow the noise from the more active aspects of the plan right into the homes along Barkstone. If the playground is in a sand box, that sand will be blown down the eastern slope of the park and possibly into the yards of those same homes along Barkstone. The smell from the dog park, and there will be a smell, will also be directed into our tract.

Gentlemen, the homeowners in our tract and the Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners Association welcome the more passive aspects of the plan put forth by the Parks and Recreation planners, with a request for more thought into what makes a park. The term used by the famous Architect, Mies Van der Rohe is very appropriate to consider. "Less Is More". I have offered my time to Larry Clark in the past to help with the planning of this area and I again extend that offer as a neighbor and a resident of the City. We all look forward to a thoughtfully planned park that will be appropriate for the residents that encircle as the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 9:08 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park  
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**Sara Singer**

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**From:** Sara Singer [mailto:saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2009 10:29 AM  
**To:** 'ROSE JENSEN'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park

Ms. Jensen,

Thank you for submitting your comments. I will be sure that these are included with our report to the City Council. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

**Sara Singer**

City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Senior Administrative Analyst  
(310)544-5204  
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**From:** ROSE JENSEN [mailto:ropa27@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2009 7:50 AM  
**To:** saras@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park

Good Morning!

I like the park the way it is. I've lived here since 1960. I feel selfish in a way as we don't have everyday traffic having only one entrance. With the new design of the park we will get traffic and noise. (Years ago we used the park to go and fly kites with our girls). I'm a walker so I have walked that hill and enjoyed the view as is. I would think just a walking trail and maybe benches for viewing would be enough—no moving of earth. Also, the PVE residents around the outer perimeter, may not like the dog park and bike area. The neighbors on Barkstone/Wildbriar had meeting with PVE about the height of their new homes. That issue should be looked into.

Thank you. Rose

## Jae Hee Yoon

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 9:09 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park

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Sara Singer

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**From:** Sara Singer [mailto:saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** 'hunt linda'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park

Ms. Hunt,

Thank you for submitting your comments. I will be sure that these are included with our report to the City Council. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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**From:** hunt linda [mailto:lixal@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 5:34 PM  
**To:** saras@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park

Dear RPV City Council:

After attending the Grandview neighborhood meeting last Tuesday evening, I continue to be concerned about the following issues regarding the development of Grandview Park:

- 1) Noise is my primary concern. Putting in a playground and parking lot will create noise. Although I live on the east side to Barkstone Dr., I am concerned not only for the noise I will hear, but also for my neighbors across the street.
- 2) I am a HUGE proponent of dog parks and would love to see them up here. However, having one so close to residential properties worries me. I was under the impression that dog parks had to be a certain distance away from homes. If you do put one in, I would use it, but I do hope that you put in more than one up here, otherwise this one, with the number of dogs living up here, will be packed.
- 3) As many residents of this neighborhood have indicated to city council in the past, we still prefer to leave Grandview Park as is. It is used a lot the way it is.
- 4) If you must do some sort of development, how about trails and some grassy areas,

possibly some benches as these are all relatively quiet activities. I see many parks up here on the hill that are just grassy areas with trails and no parking lots, restrooms or playground equipment (eg. the park on the corner of Montemalaga and Via Fernandez).  
5) Most parks are not pieces of land completely surrounded by homes as Grandview Park is. I don't think any of you would want this development if your house backed up to or faced Grandview Park. Most of us moved up here to enjoy the open space, peace and quiet, and serenity up here. This neighborhood is extremely quiet. Developing this area into a park will greatly impact the peace and quiet of this neighborhood.

I implore you to consider our neighborhood and our peace and quiet when making decisions regarding this development. Can't we designate it as open space?

Thank you,  
Linda Hunt  
26302 Barkstone Drive

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park improvement plans  
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**Sara Singer**

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**From:** Sara Singer [mailto:saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 1:19 PM  
**To:** 'RON M RETO'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park improvement plans

Dear Mr. Reto,

Thank you for submitting your comments. They will be included in our report to the City Council at tonight's meeting. Should you have any other questions, please contact me at the number listed below.

Best regards,

**Sara Singer**

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**From:** RON M RETO [mailto:ronreto@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 12:11 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com; saras@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park improvement plans

(Also attached as MS-Word 2003 file

November 17 2009  
To: Rancho Palos Verdes City Council  
Cc: Sara Singer, Senior Administrative Analyst

From: Ron Reto  
5763 Capeswood Dr

Re: Grandview Park improvement plans

I hereby submit my statement in opposition to the current development plans for Grandview Park.

I have been a 23 year resident of RPV at my current address with full view from my backyard of Grandview Park including coastline and city views. The "hill" has always held a special place in our hearts because of its natural beauty and its rustic wilderness. Since the day they became young enough to walk, they would beg me to take them to the hill. They loved walking with me and/or mom on the natural trails because they felt a sense adventure, wondering if we would see a wild animal such as a raccoon, possum, peacock, or squirrel. Once we saw a red fox, a rare occurrence never seen again but always wondered if we would. The hill has always been a special place to go that still brings a sense of excitement that would be lost if it were developed into a park.

I am opposed to development of this park from passive to active use for the following reasons:

1. Increased noise levels if indeed the park ends up attracting out of area users
2. Increased traffic on Montemalaga and within our neighborhood from users trying to find additional parking (if indeed the park succeeds in serving the entire RPV community)
3. Safety and crime issues and increased policing requirement on the Police Department
4. Unintended consequences such as mitigation actions from Palos Verdes Estates residents bordering the park which may include planting of trees and vegetation to buffer the park noise and provide additional privacy shielding. This would severely affect our views with no recourse for RPV residents.
5. Last, but not least, I object to expenditure of my taxpayer dollars on a project that does not serve any pressing need of the RPV community or the local neighborhood. Any available funding for this project is just a testament of bad financial planning on the part of city officials that required additional taxation to resolve much more pressing infrastructure maintenance and repair needs (such as the sewers) before exhausting all other funding sources such as the one that allows consideration for this project.

Sincerely  
Ron Reto

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park Development Comments

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Sara Singer

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sara Singer [mailto:saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 1:19 PM  
**To:** 'mmoschos@cox.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park Development Comments

Dear Mr. Moschos,

Thank you for submitting your comments. They will be included in our report to the City Council at tonight's meeting. Should you have any other questions, please contact me at the number listed below.

Best regards,

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**From:** mmoschos@cox.net [mailto:mmoschos@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** saras@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park Development Comments

November 17 2009  
**To:** Rancho Palos Verdes City Council  
**Cc:** Sara Singer, Senior Administrative Analyst

**From:** Michael Moschos  
5757 Capeswood Dr

**Re:** Grandview Park improvement plans

I hereby submit my statement in opposition to the current development plans for Grandview Park.

I have been a 16 year resident of RPV at my current address with full view from my backyard of Grandview Park including coastline and city views. During this time, my family has thoroughly enjoyed not just the views but full use of the park. My now teenage son has enjoyed exploring the "hill" in all its natural rough beauty

together with our pet golden retriever. I have also enjoyed the tranquility that this passive use park now provides by taking walks and enjoying even the now reduced views that resulted when the Chorpa residence was built.

I am opposed to development of this park from passive to active use for the following reasons:

1. Increased noise levels if indeed the park ends up attracting out of area users
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Sincerely  
Michael Moschos

## Jae Hee Yoon

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010 1:16 PM  
**To:** 'eyost4@cox.net'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good Afternoon Mr. Yost,

Thank you for your email expressing your concerns. Staff is working hard to create avenues of communication so that the Rancho Palos Verdes community's wishes and concerns are heard and addressed. The City is currently in the process of choosing a firm to create conceptual designs of both Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks and to engage the community in public workshops and outreach.

I would encourage you to join the listserve we've created for these conceptual projects. You can do so by using the link below. The listserve will send you updated information on this issue, as well as information on how to participate in the public outreach and workshops once they have been established.

<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/listserver/index.cfm>

Thank you again for contacting the City with your concerns.

Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Dept.  
City of RPV  
310-544-5267

-----Original Message-----

**From:** eyost4@cox.net [mailto:eyost4@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2010 12:25 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** mfneilson@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Grandview Park

City Council members,

My family walked through the undeveloped Grandview park this weekend. On the dried reeds were some colorful birds and I'm sure within the grass is an entire eco system of animals and reptiles. Do you really want to destroy this by developing Grandview? You must not! Why do you agree with developers who only want to see the open spaces of the peninsula destroyed?

Developing Grandview will destroy habitats, create parking problems and crime. The city will be burdened with having to enforce the law at a great cost to us tax payer.

We urge you to not develop Grandview. Leave the few open raw spaces we have left.

Edward Yost

26207 Grayslake Rd.

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carla Morreale [carlam@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2010 12:17 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'; 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

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**From:** Ivan G. [mailto:catch20two@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2010 12:11 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park

Dear City Council,

Please don't let your friends build anything on Grandview Park. If you do I will be forced to investigate you and secure indictments. I kid you not.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Goldman  
5769 Capeswood Dr.  
RPV

Novelist Ivan G. Goldman's political satire *Exit Blue* (Black Heron; 2010) is now available. Link to information at <http://www.redroom.com/publishedwork/exit-blue>

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 1:10 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Katie,  
 We are forwarding all comments to Michelle, right? Tom

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 8:35 AM  
**To:** bernierpv@cox.net  
**Cc:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park

Thank you for your comments regarding Grandview Park. I wanted to make sure you knew of our listserve and all of the Community Workshops that will be taking place over the next few months.

Participants who join the City's listserve for this specific project are emailed the latest updates so they may stay informed as the project progresses. To join, please click the following link –the listserve you would look for is Lower Hesse/Grandview Park, and it is under the Recreation heading.

<http://pvalert.com/>

Listed below are the dates of all of the Community Workshops hosted by the design architect and City staff. At these workshops community input on park amenities will be solicited, and conceptual designs will be shared and discussed.

**Community Workshop #1**

Saturday, May 15, 2010

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, Multipurpose Room

**Community Workshop #2**

Saturday, July 17, 2010

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lower Hesse Park

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grandview Park

**Community Workshop #3**

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, Multipurpose Room

Thank You,  
 Katie Howe  
 Administrative Analyst  
 Recreation and Parks Department  
 City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
 310-544-5267

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 7:50 AM

**To:** Tom Long

**Cc:** Ginger Clark; Sara Singer; ROBERT BUSH; tew138@verizon.net; Candy Fletcher; Bernie Slotnick; Susie Mizuno; RAFAEL GUTIERREZ; Miki Otskua; Lee Norwood; Lawrence Ha; Larry Connelly; Ken Beck; Karin Caro; John Letcher; Jess Yuste; Helen Connelly; Gina Carino; David Aikens; Dan Burns; Claudia Kirchner; Bob Bush; Barbara Swift; Barbara Freia; Alice Beirne; Jean Kojima

**Subject:** Grandview Park

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Rancho Palos Verdes is laying teachers off, does Rancho Palos Verdes have the money to cover the maintaining of the Park?

I will attend the meetings this week, can this be addressed at the meeting.

Bernie Slotnick  
310-375-9340  
[bernierpv@cox.net](mailto:bernierpv@cox.net)

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 7:52 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Complaint - Tom Long Response  
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**Attachments:** S35C-110051307420267.pdf

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 7:52 AM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'; 'Michelle Sullivan'  
**Subject:** Grandview Complaint - Tom Long Response

Good Morning,

Here is the email response from Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Long. No need to respond – just fyi. I scanned this email since we had a hard time forwarding via email.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**Tom Odom**

**From:** Tom Long [tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:28 PM  
**To:** bernie slotnick; Tom Long; clehr@rpv.com; tomo@rpv.com; kendyda@verizon.net  
**Cc:** Ginger Clark; Sara Singer; ROBERT BUSH; tew138@verizon.net; Candy Fletcher; Bernie Slotnick; Susie Mizuno; RAFAEL GUTIERREZ; Miki Otskua; Lee Norwood; Lawrence Ha; Larry Connelly; Ken Beck; Karin Caro; John Letcher; Jess Yuste; Helen Connelly; Gina Carino; David Aikens; Dan Burns; Claudia Kirchner; Bob Bush; Barbara Swift; Barbara Freia; Alice Beirne; Jean Kojima  
**Subject:** Re: Grandview Park

Dear Mr. Slotnick, Thank you for sharing your views. I encourage you to follow the process and stay involved. There is no plan for a motor bike park being considered. A mountain bike area is being considered. A dog park is also being considered. I would like to think we can find ways to make that workable. The neighbors of Hesse Park understand that Hesse (like Grandview) is a community park that needs to be accessible to all city residents and are working with the city staff to formulate ways of making the park available to all but also addressing neighborhood concerns. I would encourage you and your neighbors to do the same. This park is the closest city park to my home and yet now it is largely unusable to me because there is no place I can sit when I get tired (I don't know about you but depending on my knees and ankle sitting on the ground instead of a bench is not a good idea) and no place I can go to the bathroom now that my kidneys and bladder are weaker than they used to be. Grandview has always been designated a community park for all city residents, not the personal park of those who live very close by. Thus I think improvements like parking and restrooms are needed but I want it to be done in a way that is mindful of the neighbors. We are below average in terms of park opportunities as opposed to open space. We need more parks and properly developed ones that people from throughout the city can use. As for the financial concerns, now is the time to do improvements since we will likely get better prices. We also do our part (however small) to restart the economy. I, for one, don't think the cure to the current economic situation is cutting jobs and spending when we don't need to. I would like to think that memories of Hoovervilles would help persuade people that cutting employment and spending does not help end a recession. (Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it.) Unlike all other governmental entities the revenue the city relies on is largely not sales tax or income tax and hence is not down. Indeed the city's revenues are continuing to go up (albeit more slowly than otherwise). And we have a balanced operating budget without even taking into account hotel tax (TOT) revenues from the new resort at Terranea which are running at about \$1.8 million per year. Just as we will find the revenue to pay for the improvements I think we will also find the revenue for maintenance. As it currently exists "Grandview Park" is a field of weeds. (It really isn't useful habitat and it isn't near any city open space and it isn't part of the Preserve or the NCCP and the Land Conservancy doesn't think it should be and neither do I.) It is a waste of a public asset to have it as nothing more than the glorified backyards of nearby neighbors. If we refuse to use the land properly then perhaps we should sell it to someone who will use it properly. I am not really advocating that and there are deed restrictions on the land requiring it be kept for public use. But again, it was intended to make it a park. It really isn't one now. Indeed it isn't its intended "public" use now--it is just the backyard of some immediate neighbors. Children need a good place to play and the rest of us need more good real park space too. we are neglecting public land--wasting it--we can and should do better. Tom Long

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**From:** "Bernie Slotnick"  
**Sent:** 5/11/2010 7:49:59 AM  
**To:** "Tom Long"  
**Cc:** "Ginger Clark" , "Sara Singer" , "ROBERT BUSH" , tew138@verizon.net, "Candy Fletcher" ,

"Bernie Slotnick" , "Susie Mizuno" , "RAFAEL GUTIERREZ" , "Miki Otskua" , "Lee Norwood" ,  
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## Tell the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council No More Development of Open Land!

The Mayor & City Council is without your approval developing open land in the Grandview Park and Lower Hesse Park. They are now designated as passive parks. Meaning that they are natural un-spoiled parks that the entire Peninsula can enjoy. If you agree that you love the open areas of the Peninsula and do not want bulldozers changing the topography, sewers installed, concrete laid, the paving of a parking lot, destruction of dry but beautiful natural plants in favor of non-native plants and the habitat destruction please tell the City of RPV Mayor & Council **NO MORE DEVELOPMENT!** E-mail: [CC@rpv.com](mailto:CC@rpv.com)

Money has been spent on the hiring of a project manager. Money has been spent on the hiring of an architect firm. They are proceeding without you, the residences of the Peninsula's approval.

Please take the time to speak up. Send an e-mail to each and every member of RPV City Council saying you do not want development of either Grandview or Lower Hesse. Leave the natural beauty the way it is. If you can not send an e-mail pick up the telephone and let your voice be heard, I am a resident of the Peninsula and I do not want more development!

I do not want more crime, invasion of privacy, traffic or litter.

**Thomas D. Long -Mayor Pro Tem**

E-mail: [tom.long@rpv.com](mailto:tom.long@rpv.com) Home: (310) 544-2978 Bus: (213) 612-7871 Fax: (213) 612-7801

**Stefan Wolowicz -- Mayor**

E-mail: [steve\\_w@rpv.com](mailto:steve_w@rpv.com) Home: (310) 377-7249 Office: (310) 378-9911 Fax: (310) 378-3591

**Douglas W. Stern --Councilmember**

E-mail: [Douglas.Stern@rpv.com](mailto:Douglas.Stern@rpv.com) Home: (310) 519 0553

**Brian Campbell --Councilmember**

Email: [Brian.Campbell@rpv.com](mailto:Brian.Campbell@rpv.com) Business Phone: (310) 544-7400 Cell Phone: (310) 702-8009

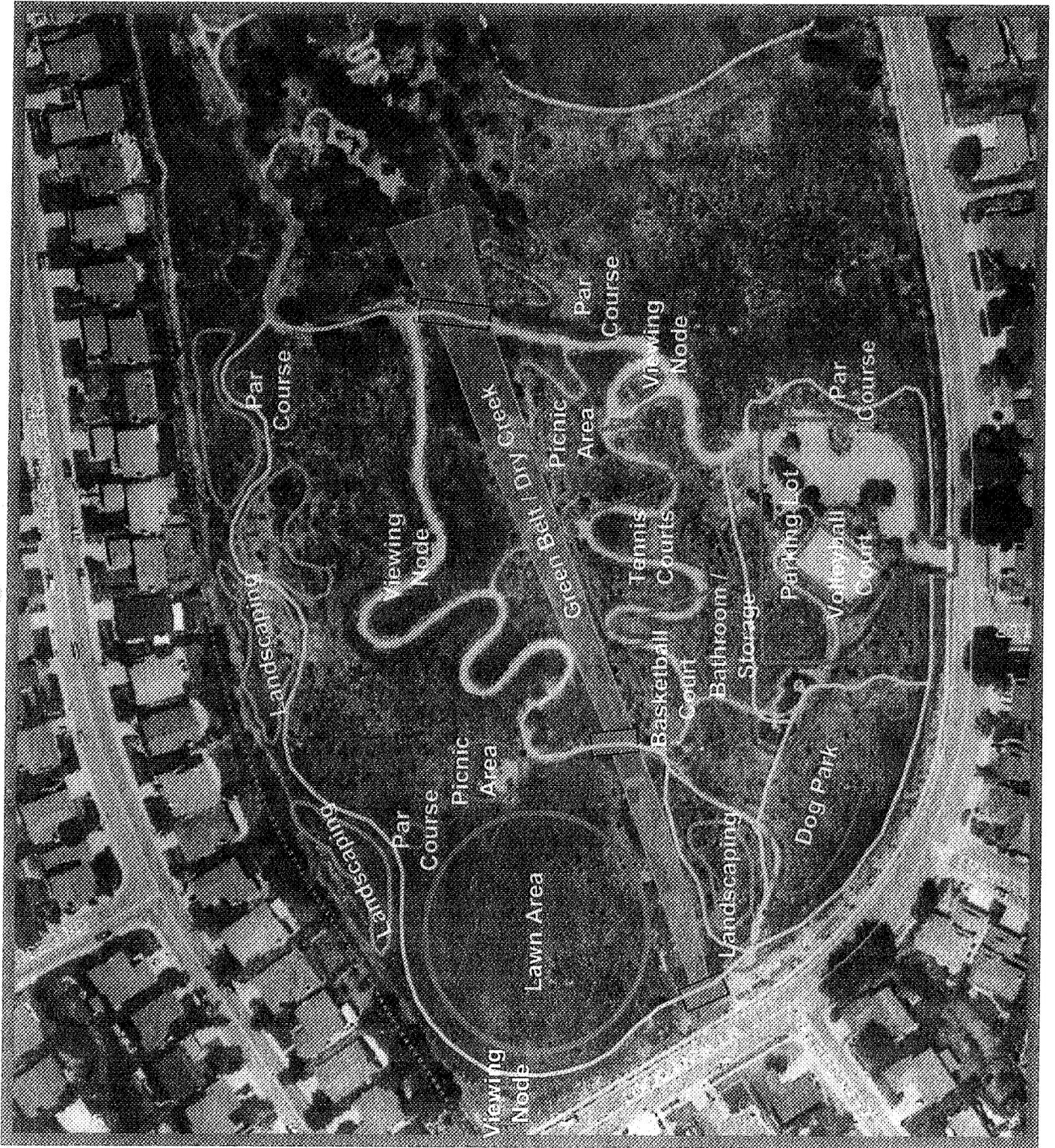
**Anthony M. Missetich -Councilmember**

Email: [Anthony.Missetich@rpv.com](mailto:Anthony.Missetich@rpv.com) Phone: (310) 489-6061

RPV City Hall 310-377-0360 Parks & Rec. 310-544-5260 email: [parks@rpv.com](mailto:parks@rpv.com)

**FLOOD CITY HALL WITH E-MAILS & TELEPHONE CALLS- NO DEVELOPEMENT**

Lower Hesse



cc: Council  
Tom O.  
Katie

July 19, 2010

JUL 22 2010

Honorable Anthony M. Misetich  
Rancho Palos Verdes Councilman

- I have recently visited dog parks in Redondo Beach, Laguna Beach, El Segundo and Palm Desert.
- All the parks were fenced in dirt areas with very little grass. They also had a very bad urine smell.
- None of the above dog parks I visited are embedded in an active park area or are located near single family housing. They are primarily stand-alone facilities in non single family areas and/or located in areas isolated from other single use areas.
- The second sentence in the opening paragraph of the Recreation & Parks LOWER HESSE PARK AND GANDVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS reads as follows: "The park improvement plans are essentially intended to improve accessibility to all user groups and to enhance the esthetic condition of both parks."
- The proposed dog park will not enhance the esthetic condition of lower Hesse Park.
- Additionally it will create significant traffic, parking and safety issues on a very steep road.
- The dog park being proposed at lower Hesse park is not compatible with it's proximity to the single family residential housing surrounding the park.
- I attended the Lower Hesse park workshop on 7/20/2010 and did not see or hear anything that alleviated my concerns regarding the proposed dog park "amenity".

I respectfully request that the dog park be removed from the proposed amenities to lower Hesse park.

Thank you,

*Norbert Nastanski and Geraldine Nastanski*  
Norbert Nastanski  
29512 Baycrest Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
310 541-7615  
e-mail: [nastano@yahoo.com](mailto:nastano@yahoo.com)

Ps: The following website makes for interesting reading (written by users) regarding conditions relating to the Silverlake dog park which, during the work shop, the cities park consultant indicated they helped design.

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/silver-lake-dog-park-los-angeles>

cc: Council  
Tom O.  
Dennis  
Ray

JUL 22 2010

July 20, 2010

Dear Councilman Campbell:

I live in the neighborhood next to Grandview Park and am writing because I would like for the park to be left as is. I am mostly concerned for my neighbors who border the park. I am certain, that if your home bordered the park, you would also want to preserve the beauty and serene environment of the parkland.

Secondly, I was amazed to see in last week's Peninsula News that the city will be raising our property tax in order to have money to complete the sewer project, yet, council members seem so eager to spend millions of dollars to develop parkland that surrounding neighborhoods want left alone. In these tough economic times, how can you even consider raising taxes, and then turn around and spend millions on an unnecessary project? I feel city council needs to get their priorities straight, find the money to pay for sewers without raising property taxes, and stop planning on spending money on unnecessary projects.

Sincerely,

*Linda Hunt*

Linda Hunt  
26302 Barkstone Drive  
RPV

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park  
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**From:** Ginger Clark [mailto:ginger.garnett@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** Tom Long  
**Cc:** bernie slotnick; clehr@rpv.com; tomo@rpv.com; kendyda@verizon.net; Sara Singer; ROBERT BUSH; tew138@verizon.net; Candy Fletcher; Susie Mizuno; RAFAEL GUTIERREZ; Miki Otskua; Lee Norwood; Lawrence Ha; Larry Connelly; Ken Beck; Karin Caro; John Letcher; Jess Yuste; Helen Connelly; Gina Carino; David Aikens; Dan Burns; Claudia Kirchner; Bob Bush; Barbara Swift; Barbara Freia; Alice Beirne; Jean Kojima  
**Subject:** Re: Grandview Park

Dear Mr. Long,

Dear Ginger, Of course you are free to share your views. I am sorry that we don't agree.

Yes, I am too.

I don't think a park that has no parking and no restrooms is useful to most of the city. The neighborhoods near some of our city parks do complain and some seem to share your views. The don't want parking, restrooms, playgrounds equipment, benches or anything else that will let others use the park.

You think people don't use the park without those facilities because you don't? I use it, the Sierra Club uses it, the people who want contemplative time use it, the kids who want to fly their kites or ride their bikes use it. The foxes and coyotes use it. Lots of people and critters use it. Just not you.

You portray my desire to have the parks as "jealousy." Jealousy of what? Your desire to keep the parks as your own private fiefdom? I guess so.

I didn't portray your desire to have the parks as 'jealousy.' I portrayed your 'fiefdom' argument as setting up an artificial jealousy between neighbors near the park and the rest of the people on the hill--as though we're hoarding it. That's silly. They're our neighbors, too. As I said before, build us a Grandview Park sign so we can invite them.

It would be more fair I think to label you as selfish.

It is the responsibility of the city and its councilmembers to act in the best interests of the city as a whole. While I think many of the concerns of neighbors can be well addressed, I don't see anyway to fully

accommodate you without being very unfair to others. Perhaps you should reflect on that.

Of course I'm selfish. I selfishly like the kind of people who think and contemplate--the quiet people who years ago moved to PV because they weren't happy with concrete and the kind of parks those concrete-generators created. I do think that you've misunderstood the desires of the people who voted you in. I think it's time to hear from the rest of the hill since the people who are most impacted by your actions are the people you most consider to be ignorable.

I am not the only person who wants restrooms, benches and useable trails in parks I am sure.

.....and dog parks and mountain bike areas and so on and so on. No, probably not. And I am not the only person who does not want those things.

Take a little time to learn a bit more about the proposed improvements and perhaps you will understand them a bit better.

I have, indeed. And I do, indeed.

And as for the ad hominem attacks on me--feel free to continue them. It comes with the territory. After all I am just a childless old white man so I must be evil, right?

I am really terribly sorry that you felt that was an ad hominem attack. Please accept my apology. I didn't mean that as an attack at all. Perfectly reasonable people choose not to have children. I mentioned that because if you had children you could more easily observe what helps them grow. (And your skin color is your business, not mine. Some of my best friends are white people, most are old and some are men).

Just ask Paula Petrotta of Medeterranea who is unhappy that we would allow a college to build a library. You sound a lot like her. And neither of you do much to make a good case for yourself if your objective is to get my vote. But do as you please. Tom Long Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Palos Verdes

And of course since her life will be most affected by your decision, she should have no say at all in the decision. Very odd to my way of thinking.

My objective was not to get your vote. You are philosophically very foreign to me (and I think to many on the hill who voted for you without understanding that) so I don't think there's a way to discuss this rationally with you.

Thank you for your reply,

Ginger G Clark

On May 13, 2010, at 4:47 PM, Tom Long wrote:

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Ginger Clark"

Sent 5/13/2010 9:01:24 AM

To: "Tom Long"

Cc: "bernie slotnick" , [clehr@rpv.com](mailto:clehr@rpv.com), [tomo@rpv.com](mailto:tomo@rpv.com), [kendyda@verizon.net](mailto:kendyda@verizon.net), "Sara Singer" , "ROBERT BUSH" , [tew138@verizon.net](mailto:tew138@verizon.net), "Candy Fletcher" , "Susie Mizuno" , "RAFAEL GUTIERREZ" , "Miki Otskua" , "Lee Norwood" , "Lawrence Ha" , "Larry Connelly" , "Ken Beck" , "Karin Caro" , "John Letcher" , "Jess Yuste" , "Helen Connelly" , "Gina Carino" , "David Aikens" , "Dan Burns" , "Claudia Kirchner" , "Bob Bush" , "Barbara Swift" , "Barbara Freia" , "Alice Beirne" , "Jean Kojima"

Subject: Re: Grandview Park

Dear Mr. Long,

Your original note was a reply to Bernie Slotnick, but since I'm on the 'cc' list, I trust that the rest of us can reply to some of your points without being out of line:

1. "The neighbors of Hesse Park understand that Hesse (like Grandview) is a community park that needs to be accessible to all city residents and are working with the city staff to formulate ways of making the park available to all but also addressing neighborhood conerns. I would encourage you and your neighbors to do the same."

On the contrary, we had a nice discussion with "The neighbors of Hesse Park" when this all began and they pretty much said that because the city had already messed with half the land, they didn't think they could fight the city messing with the other half. Far from "working with the city staff, etc., etc." they are operating from pure despair at keeping the city from screwing up more of the land.

2. This park is the closest city park to my home and yet now it is largely unusable to me because there is no place I can sit when I get tired (I don't know about you but depending on my knees and ankle sitting on the ground instead of a bench is not a good idea) and no place I can go to the bathroom now that my kidneys and bladder are weaker than they used to be.

We've heard you say this before and I have to say that this is incredibly presumptuous of you. That anyone should take into account your knees and your bladder, as though you were the king of Palos

Verdes; well, I'm embarrassed for you. I am older than dirt, have an ankle that doesn't work well, iffy knees, and a bladder that works like most older women's bladders. I would be mortified to ask people to live lesser lives in order to accommodate my frailties. Why in heaven's name would you ask people to adjust to your weaknesses? By the way, the British have this really cool folding seat they carry out on walks. I'll give you mine if you'll leave that land alone.

Grandview has always been designated a community park for all city residents, not the personal park of those who live very close by.

I can't imagine where you got the idea that Grandview Park was only used by the people who live nearby. That's simply not true. As a small example the Sierra Club walks through the hill quite often. If getting people to use the park is truly a concern to you, why don't you give us one of those really neat city signs identifying this lovely hill as Grandview Park?

We are below average in terms of park opportunities as opposed to open space. We need more parks and properly developed ones that people from throughout the city can use.

Now, why is 'managed land' better than just plain dirt? I spent my early childhood playing on unmanaged land. On that land, I was the Lone Ranger, or Tarzan or cowboys and Indians or I just sat and stared at the weeds and thought about life. Managed land, with dog parks and landscaped areas and screamingly-fast mountain bikes, isn't conducive to either imagination or thinking. You, who I understand have no children, may not remember your own childhood but then maybe if you dig back into your past you might recall the imagining times and the quiet thinking times that helped you grow and become an adult. Those times weren't managed times.

As for the financial concerns, now is the time to do improvements since we will likely get better prices.

Ah, the spend now or it'll be too expensive argument. As though that's a justification for spending in the first place. Can't think of anything to say about that because it's silly--sort of like let's buy Persian carpets now, dear, because they'll get more expensive if we wait. But do we want them? Well, no, but later they'll be more expensive, dear.

We also do our part (however small) to restart the economy. I, for one, don't think the cure to the current economic situation is cutting jobs and spending when we don't need to.

I can't imagine what jobs you'd be cutting by not building this park unless it's the artificial jobs you created to get the park built. As for cutting spending, it might be smart for the city council to join the rest of us and be a little careful with our money instead of spending it on unwanted projects like your concrete parks.

Unlike all other governmental entities the revenue the city relies on is largely not sales tax or income tax and hence is not down. Indeed the city's revenues are continuing to go up (albeit more slowly than otherwise). And we have a balanced operating budget without even taking into account hotel tax (TOT) revenues from the new resort at Terranea which are running at about \$1.8 million per year. Just as we will find the revenue to pay for the improvements I think we will also find the revenue for maintenance.

Now that's interesting. Does that mean we didn't need to tax ourselves for the sewer system? And how about the continual maintenance of the road through the slide area which last I heard costs the city \$200,000 a year (and is probably more now)? This is very interesting. If you're feeling flush, I think this is a piece of information that we citizens should take a good look at. Thank you so much for letting us know! By the way, "improvements" is an evaluative term. What you're planning for Grandview Park won't improve it at all.

As it currently exists "Grandview Park" is a field of weeds. (It really isn't useful habitat and it isn't near any city open space and it isn't part of the Preserve or the NCCP and the Land Conservancy doesn't think it should be and neither do I.)

A field of weeds! Isn't that wonderful! An untouched, unmanaged piece of dirt, useful to the spiders and moles and skunks and possums and coyotes and who knows what else. That's precisely what the city of RPV was created to preserve. Weren't you around when the city was born? Did you forget the battle cry? No Bulldozers! Leave the land alone! I don't think they meant no bulldozers except city bulldozers.

It is a waste of a public asset to have it as nothing more than the glorified backyards of nearby neighbors.

There you go with the jealousy bit again. We welcome all visitors--the kind of people who love open space and want to come and just connect with the land. We're not at war with our neighbors. We'd love to share our lovely hill. They are welcomed. It's you folks who haven't made us a sign saying 'Grandview Park' to help us share. It's about time we made one ourselves.

If we refuse to use the land properly then perhaps we should sell it to someone who will use it properly. I am not really advocating that and there are deed restrictions on the land requiring it be kept for public use.

Of course you're not advocating it. But you're trying to use that to threaten us. You did that at the neighborhood meeting, too. You said that maybe it would be sold to private owners and they'll build on it. You tried to frighten us. And of course your reasoning is that it's better if you (the city) builds on it, then if they (the developers) do. That's wrong. It's better if no one builds on it.

But again, it was intended to make it a park. It really isn't one now.

Of course it's a park. It's just not managed to suit your knees and your bladder.

Indeed it isn't its intended "public" use now--it is just the backyard of some immediate neighbors.

Jealousy jealousy jealousy. This is emotional stuff, not reasonable stuff. And it's not true.

Children need a good place to play and the rest of us need more good real park space too. we are neglecting public land--wasting it--we can and should do better. Tom Long

Yes, Mr Long, children need a good place to play. But if they need to be entertained, they can use the nearby grade school facilities, the nearby high school facilities, the par course down the hill from us in PVE, and the various playing fields all over the city. But on this side of the hill, they don't have any good place to play that gives them the chance to run free with the dog, poke at spiders, see wildlife, use their imaginations and eat dirt. I supposed they could hop the fences and play in the canyons but Grandview park seems safer.

This piece of land is the last, final piece of raw land in RPV on this side of the hill. It's the last, final place for our kids and grandkids to walk and sit, to contemplate and imagine, and to roll and play in the dirt of history.

Your plan, if you're able to bulldoze it past the citizens of RPV, will destroy the last of our heritage of unmanaged land, and destroy a beautiful piece of well-loved dirt.

No Bulldozers, Mr Long! Save Grandview Park!  
Ginger G Clark

Dear Mr. Slotnick, Thank you for sharing your views. I encourage you to follow the process and stay involved. There is no plan for a motor bike park being considered. A mountain bike area is being considered. A dog park is also being considered. I would like to think we can find ways to make that workable. The neighbors of Hesse Park understand that Hesse (like Grandview) is a community park that needs to be accessible to all city residents and are working with the city staff to formulate ways of making the park available to all but also addressing neighborhood concerns. I would encourage you and your neighbors to do the same. This park is the closest city park to my home and yet now it is largely unusable to me because there is no place I can sit when I get tired (I don't know about you but depending on my knees and ankle sitting on the ground instead of a bench is not a good idea) and no place I can go to the bathroom now that my kidneys and bladder are weaker than they used to be. Grandview has always been designated a community park for all city residents, not the personal park of those who live very close by. Thus I think improvements like parking and restrooms are needed but I want it to be done in a way that is mindful of the neighbors. We are below average in terms of park opportunities as opposed to open space. We need more parks and properly developed ones that people from throughout the city can use. As for the financial concerns, now is the time to do improvements since we will likely get better prices. We also do our part (however small) to restart the economy. I, for one, don't think the cure to the current economic situation is cutting jobs and spending when we don't need to. I would like to think that memories of Hoovervilles would help persuade people that cutting employment and spending does not help end a recession. (Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it.) Unlike all other governmental entities the revenue the city relies on is largely not sales tax or income tax and hence is not down. Indeed the city's revenues are continuing to go up (albeit more slowly than otherwise). And we have a balanced operating budget without even taking into account hotel tax (TOT) revenues from the new resort at Terranea which are running at about \$1.8 million per year. Just as we will find the revenue to pay for the improvements I think we will also find the revenue for maintenance. As it currently exists "Grandview Park" is a field of weeds. (It really isn't useful habitat and it isn't near any city open space and it isn't part of the Preserve or the NCCP and the Land Conservancy doesn't think it should be and neither do I.) It is a waste of a public asset to have it as nothing more than the glorified backyards of nearby neighbors. If we refuse to use the land properly then perhaps we should sell it to someone who will use it properly. I am not really advocating that and there are deed restrictions on the land requiring it be kept for public use. But again, it was intended to

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From: "Bernie Slotnick"

Sent 5/11/2010 7:49:59 AM

To: "Tom Long"

Cc: "Ginger Clark" , "Sara Singer" , "ROBERT BUSH" , [tew138@verizon.net](mailto:tew138@verizon.net), "Candy Fletcher" , "Bernie Slotnick" , "Susie Mizuno" , "RAFAEL GUTIERREZ" , "Miki Otskua" , "Lee Norwood" , "Lawrence Ha" , "Larry Connelly" , "Ken Beck" , "Karin Caro" , "John Letcher" , "Jess Yuste" , "Helen Connelly" , "Gina Carino" , "David Aikens" , "Dan Burns" , "Claudia Kirchner" , "Bob Bush" , "Barbara Swift" , "Barbara Freia" , "Alice Beirne" , "Jean Kojima"

Subject: Grandview Park

Mr. Long

My house backs on Grandview Park. I do not agree with plans to put a Dog area, a motor bike area and a parking lot.

The Dog area will be used mostly by people outside of Rancho Palos Verdes, The current park is used by our local people.

With the current financial environment this effort is even of more concerning.

I understand that the City Council is planning on grants to pay for this effort but what is going to funding the maintenance of the finished Park?

Rancho Palos Verdes is laying teachers off, does Rancho Palos Verdes have the money to cover the maintaining of the Park?

I will attend the meetings this week, can this be addressed at the meeting.

Bernie Slotnick

310-375-9340

[bernierpv@cox.net](mailto:bernierpv@cox.net)

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 7:42 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Throne comment on Grandview  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Ms. Throne left voicemail on x267 May 14 voicing disapproval of developing Grandview. (Saved) She has lived on Grayslake for 46 years.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**Jae Hee Yoon**


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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park Development  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Just FYI. Do we need to forward these responses to Council or CL, since they originally were sent to Council? – thanks.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** 'shariblag@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park Development

Good Afternoon Ms. Blagojevic,

Thank you for your inquiry. There are no plans in place to extend Ironwood Drive. Any park access proposed will be off of Montemalaga Drive.

I want to make sure you have the following information to help stay abreast of the improvement process. Participants who join the City's listserve for this specific project are emailed the latest updates so they may stay informed as the project progresses. To join, please click the following link –the listserve you would look for is Lower Hesse/Grandview Park, and it is under the Recreation heading:

<http://pvalert.com/>

I also want to let you know of the following community workshops, where City staff and the City's landscape architect designer will solicit community input and share design concepts and ideas:

**Community Workshop #1**  
~~Saturday, May 15, 2010~~  
~~9 a.m. – 12 p.m.~~  
~~Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, Multipurpose Room~~

**Community Workshop #2**  
 Saturday, July 17, 2010  
 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lower Hesse Park  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grandview Park

**Community Workshop #3**  
 Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010  
 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, Multipurpose Room

Thank You,  
 Katie Howe  
 Administrative Analyst  
 Recreation and Parks Department  
 City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
 310-544-5267

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**From:** Sarolta Blagojevic [mailto:shariblag@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** CC@rpv.com  
**Cc:** tom.long@rpv.com; steveuw@rpv.com; Douglas.Stern@rpv.com; Brian.Campbell@rpv.com; Anthony.Misetich@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park Development

Dear City Council Members:

I am a homeowner in the "Grandview Estates" neighborhood. I have not objected to the concept of "passive development" of Grandview Park for two reasons: 1. In its current state, the Grandview field is not always easy to navigate (step downhill access, major weeds at certain times of year, major gopher holes) and 2. the ongoing risk of brush fires.

However, some neighbors tell me that there is a possibility that the park could be accessed BY CAR from within our Grandview neighborhood (by extending Ironwood Dr.) in order to relieve traffic on Montemalaga Drive. I thought that this was clearly NOT EVER going to happen, per the presentation that was made at Pacific Unitarian Church by City Planners. I even remember mention of "concrete" barriers on Ironwood. Please assure me that this possibility is only an unfounded rumor. If it is not, then I will strongly object to such a move. Our neighborhood is a "closed" neighborhood with only one entrance that only residents and their visitors would have a reason to use. This was a big factor in our decision to buy our house 18 years ago, when we had small children and were concerned with traffic and safety. This would clearly have a negative impact on property values.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Shari Blagojevic 5740 Wildbriar Drive, RPV

## Jae Hee Yoon

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW:  
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## Sara Singer

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 11:56 AM  
**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient;  
**Subject:**

City Council members

I attend Community Workshop #1, finance questions could not be answered.

I did provide input to the plan for Grandview Park, as requested by your e-mail.

My concern about to the availability of fund for the maintenance of the park, is it in the plan?

The cost to pay for the improvements, since the city does not have funds for non-profit symphony or teachers.

There is parking along Montemalaga Drive behind the 18 home that back on Montemalaga Dr. with block wall fence.

There is room for 50 cars, presently used by the church when needed. No need for a parking lot

The entrance to the park could have a switch back trail for the handicapped and a stairway for the mobile visitors.

The bathroom should have a chemical process the eliminate odor powered by solar.

There should be security camera powered by solar to record access the restroom to the identify vandals.

No dog park. The old garbage dump on Hawthorne Blvd might be a site for the dog park.

Drainage needs to be addressed

Walk paths could be improved.

Any plants should be native,drought free, identified for education, and limited in height.

The city should not spend money the city does not have.

Any addressee, if you have input to my e-mail, please send input to me. Plan to address City Council next meeting

Bernie Slotnick  
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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Ken Dyda [kendyda@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park Proposal  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Katie Howe,

According to the county assessor, the city has 17.38 acres of land for Grandview Park. Also, the assessor shows the city has 21.38 acres in Del Cerro Park.

Del Cerro Park has been a successful Passive Park for many years. It has no restroom facility, limited parking, no dog park and no active mountain bike area. It has been available and used not only by our residents but people from other cities as well who enjoy the view and the quiet contemplation it offers.. The city along with the neighbors in the area hosted a "thank you party" after the last fire in our city. I believe it is a model of a passive park and has the support of the surrounding neighbors.

I would see the same model used for Grandview Park. It was always meant to be a passive park. Dog parks and mountain bike uses are not passive. Just as Del Cerro, restrooms are not necessary.

Grandview Park has been used by many of the residents including Sierra Club trail walks. Some limited parking would help eliminate parking in front of the homes facing Montemalaga. Improving the trails would add safety. Preparing the top knoll, much like Del Cerro, would also provide a better place to enjoy the view . The restroom has its maintenance and security problems. The Dog Park would be better located on the county landfill where it would be large enough and away from all neighbors. Further, it is more centrally located. Policing the bike riders would be an added cost not counting the potential liability which the city does not need. Just because it does not have these activities does not keep it from being an asset and available to the entire community. Grandview Park does not need tender loving care to be overdone. Natural is better than manicured.

Ken Dyda

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carol W. Lynch [CLynch@rwglaw.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 11:40 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Subject:** RE: Grandivew Questions  
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Good job.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 11:37 AM  
**To:** Carol W. Lynch; 'Carolynn Petru'  
**Cc:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** RE: Grandivew Questions

I answered the questions after reading the confidential memo dated Feb. 9, 2007.

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Carol W. Lynch [mailto:CLynch@rwglaw.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 11:35 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe; Carolynn Petru  
**Cc:** Tom Odom  
**Subject:** RE: Grandivew Questions

I agree with the answers, although I cannot tell who answered the questions.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 10:06 AM  
**To:** Carol W. Lynch; 'Carolynn Petru'  
**Cc:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** Grandivew Questions

Good Morning Carolynn and Carol,

Would you please review the responses below? Bernie Slotnick asked that I call him back with the answers.

Thanks,  
Katie

Are there deed restrictions for Grandview Park?

No, there are no covenants included in the deed requiring the City to use the land as parkland. However, because the City dedicated the land as parkland in July 1976, the public trust doctrine requires that it be used as a park for public enjoyment. In addition, CCR's exist in the title report that restrict the type of improvements that may be developed. The CCR's permit use of the land for single-family homes, churches, schools, parkland, and non-commercial community centers.

Can the City sell Grandview Park to a developer?

The City is able to sell the land to a developer if it abandons and discontinues the designation of park use by after going through the necessary steps, which include a public hearing, conducting an election, and obtaining majority City voter approval.

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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 11:08 AM  
**To:** 'bernierpv@cox.net'  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks Improvements  
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Thank you, Mr. Slotnick, for submitting your input. We encourage you to remain engaged in the conceptual plan process by monitoring the City's website for updates, joining the project listserv using the link below, and attending future community workshops. We look forward to continuing the process of gathering community input and presenting ideas to the community at the July 17 workshop. Please contact me if I can provide additional information.

<http://rpvalert.com/>

Thank You,  
 Katie Howe  
 Administrative Analyst  
 Recreation and Parks Department  
 City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
 310-544-5267

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 11:56 AM  
**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient;  
**Subject:**

City Council members

I attend Community Workshop #1, finance questions could not be answered.

I did provide input to the plan for Grandview Park, as requested by your e-mail.

My concern about to the availability of fund for the maintenance of the park, is it in the plan?

The cost to pay for the improvements, since the city does not have funds for non-profit symphony or teachers.

There is parking along Montemalaga Drive behind the 18 home that back on Montemalaga Dr. with block wall fence.

There is room for 50 cars, presently used by the church when needed. No need for a parking lot

The entrance to the park could have a switch back trail for the handicapped and a stairway for the mobile visitors.

The bathroom should have a chemical process the eliminate odor powered by solar.

There should be security camera powered by solar to record access the restroom to the identify vandals.

No dog park. The old garbage dump on Hawthorne Blvd might be a site for the dog park.

Drainage needs to be addressed

Walk paths could be improved.

Any plants should be native, drought free, identified for education, and limited in height.

The city should not spend money the city does not have.

Any addressee, if you have input to my e-mail, please send input to me. Plan to address City Council next meeting

Bernie Slotnick  
310-375-9340  
[bernierpv@cox.net](mailto:bernierpv@cox.net)

**Jae Hee Yoon**

**From:** Osamu Imai [isiomyomy@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:17 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Re: Added maintenance costs for Grandview Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

At the suggestion of Mayor Tom Long (see Tom Long to me, 5/25/10), I am asking a question of the Grand View park development team. For clarification, please see the short trail of e-mails between myself and Mayor Long:

- (1) response from TL to me, 05/25/10
- (2) follow-up question from me to TL, 05/25/10
- (3) response from TL to me, 05/22/10
- (4) original comments/question from me to TL, 05/20/10

I trust your response will be as rapid as the responses I've been receiving from Mayor Long.

Imai

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 --- On Tue, 5/25/10, Tom Long <tomlong@palosverdes.com> wrote:

From: Tom Long <tomlong@palosverdes.com>  
 Subject: Re: Added maintenance costs for Grandview Park  
 To: "Osamu Imai" <isiomyomy@verizon.net>  
 Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6:15 PM

Instead of making such an assumption, why not ask staff where the data is at right now? You can ask them too you know.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Osamu Imai"  
 Sent 5/25/2010 3:29:47 PM  
 To: "Tom Long"  
 Cc: "Brian Campbell" , "Thomas Long" , "Anthony Misetich" , "Douglas Stern" , "Stefan Wolowicz"  
 Subject: Re: Added maintenance costs for Grandview Park

I must say I'm very disheartened to learn this project has gone this far without some very early-on development of preliminary cost estimates. What else has fallen between the cracks?

Imai

--- On Sat, 5/22/10, Tom Long wrote:

| From: Tom Long

Subject: Re: Added maintenance costs for Grandview Park  
To: "Osamu Imai"  
Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010, 2:15 PM

Staff will be developing a maintenance cost. Only a portion of the park will be landscaped, much of it with drought resistant materials.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Osamu Imai"  
Sent 5/20/2010 5:37:16 PM  
To: "Brian Campbell" , "Thomas Long" , "Anthony Missetich" , "Douglas Stern" ,  
"Stefan Wolowicz"  
Subject: Added maintenance costs for Grandview Park

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Imai

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 5:09 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Subject:** Re: I would like to get a question answered.  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Katie

Thank you for the prompt response.

Bernie

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Katie Howe  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: I would like to get a question answered.

Good Afternoon Mr. Slotnick,

Thank you for your inquiry. Mia Lehrer & Associates will submit a maintenance plan detailing cost and procedures. At the point that the City Council has selected a preferred design concept, a set of construction plans will be developed and advertised for competitive bid.

The Council has not yet determined the source of funds for building and maintaining the park sites, but may use the General Fund, grants, or other revenue sources.

Thank you for participating in the Community Workshops. I hope this answers your questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or comments.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 30, 2010 1:35 PM  
**To:** Undisclosed-Recipient:;  
**Subject:** I would like to get a question answered.

City Council members:

This is a question on the design on of Grandview Park.

In the \$ 40,000.00 design project, has the city asked for a projected cost, to build and maintain the Park when the design project is completed?

Will we have funds to build the designed Parks?

I look forward to an answer to this question. I will ask it again at the July workshop on the 17th,

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[bernierpv@cox.net](mailto:bernierpv@cox.net)

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:20 AM  
**To:** 'cc@rpv.com'  
**Cc:** 'Carolyn Lehr'; 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Suggestion from Mayor Tom Long and your response  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Good Morning Mayor and Council members,

Staff has provided the response below to Mr. Imai's questions.

PLEASE DO NOT "REPLY TO ALL" – to assure compliance with the Brown Act.

Thank you,  
 Katie Howe  
 Recreation and Parks Dept.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:17 AM  
**To:** 'isiomyomy@verizon.net'  
**Subject:** FW: Suggestion from Mayor Tom Long and your response

Good Morning Mr. Imai,

Thank you for you inquiries. I apologize for the delayed response. The City is currently in the conceptual design phase of developing proposed improvements to Grandview and Lower Hesse parks. As part of this preliminary stage of the projects, Mia Lehrer & Associates (the City's design consultant) will provide maintenance plans for proposed improvements, including costs. Both the City's request for proposals, and statements made at our first community workshop on May 15, express the need and desire for drought tolerant plants, and environmentally friendly practices. This is intended to be incorporated into the conceptual designs produced.

Staff appreciates your inquiries, and would like to encourage you to attend our next community workshop on July 17 at Hesse Park. Please find links below which will take you to the workshop flier, the project webpage – which has a great history on the project, and to the City's listserve webpage where you can join the project listserve. If you choose to join the listserve, you'll be emailed the latest news on the park improvement process.

<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/Community-workshops.pdf>

<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/>

<http://rpvalert.com/>

I hope this answered your questions, and please feel free to call or contact the Recreation and Parks Dept. if we can provide additional information.

Thank You,  
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Sent 5/20/2010 5:37:16 PM

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**From:** Osamu Imai [mailto:isiomyomy@verizon.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:16 PM**To:** parks@rpv.com**Cc:** Brian Campbell; Thomas Long; Anthony Misetich; Douglas Stern; Stefan Wolowicz**Subject:** Suggestion from Mayor Tom Long and your response

At the suggestion of Mayor Pro Tem Tom Long, to wit (in his last e-mail to me): "...why not ask staff where the data is at right now? You can ask them too you know.", I forwarded a question to you on 26 May re maintenance costs for Grandview Park. What Mayor Long neglected to tell me was I probably won't receive a response from you.

Nevertheless, I'm going to take my chances and bring up another subject. Namely, have you made a cell phone survey of the Grandview site? Do you realize there are dead zones on the site. Cell phones are completely useless in those areas or at best very, very intermittent. Now, consider an admittedly over-the-top, hypothetical situation:

A toddler is bitten by a rattlesnake in a cell phone dead area. Her grandmother whips out her cell phone to make a 911 call and gets --- nothing. She doesn't know where the park attendant is. Other human help is nowhere to be found. You get the picture.

How do you plan to cope with such eventualities?

- (1) Ask the servers to install repeaters such that every square foot of the park is cell-phone usable?, or
- (2) Install a string of emergency land line phones (a la the freeway emergency phones) throughout the park?, or
- (3) Build an enormous contingency fund to handle any lawsuits that may be filed by park users who suffered because they could not reach timely 911 help?

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11/18/2010

Good luck.

Imai

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 5:31 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park - Proposed development  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Katie,  
I guess I was wrong. Perhaps we do need to respond regarding her questions concerning the next meeting and the purpose. Please draft something brief about the workshop type meeting with various tracts on July 17<sup>th</sup> and general purpose. Tom

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**From:** Carolyn Lehr [mailto:clehr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 5:19 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Sounds like she needs some info.

Thank you,

*Carolyn Lehr*  
**City Manager**

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**From:** Criswell, Leslie [mailto:Leslie.Criswell@tuckerellis.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 3:31 PM  
**To:** Tom Long  
**Cc:** clehr@rpv.com; Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Thanks for the quick response.

I do think the next "meeting" is on 7-17-10, but I really would urge you to post signs re that, around the neighborhood, and keep to you set, so folks don't gather in the wrong place and wait w/o knowing when or if someone will appear.

Who will be at this next "meeting" from the City ? What is the purpose of the next "meeting" ?  
Thx.

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**From:** Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 3:17 PM  
**To:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Cc:** clehr@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Re: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Dear Leslie, There will be 2 more workshops and months more for public comment, so there should be time to address your concerns. Grandview is not among a small amount of open space habitat preserve. The city has 2 square miles of such land, about 15% of its land area. What Grandview really is is one of our few parks--particularly on that side of the city. I hope you will focus on comments to make it a good and sueful park all residents of the city can use. It really is not much of a nature preserve and has not been made part of the preserve or the NCCP. Tom Long

-----Original Message-----

From: "Criswell, Leslie"  
Sent 6/8/2010 2:17:36 PM  
To: tom.long@rpv.com, stevew@rpv.com, Douglas.Stern@rpv.com, Brian.Campbell@rpv.com, Anthony.Misetich@rpv.com  
Cc: "Criswell, Leslie"  
Subject: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Ruth and Wallace Criswell and I would like to lodge our thoughts re the proposed development of what must surely be one of the very few open space/natural habitat parklands left in RPV. We would urge that the scope of this project, including whether it should go forward at all, be kept open for public comment for a sufficient amount of time so that all interested parties can have the opportunity to air their concerns. In pulling info off of your web site recently, it is clear that there has already been much activity, and an award of at least one contract, but apparently w/out adequate input from the residents who live adjacent to this proposed park.

Case in point : there was supposed to be a "meeting" a week or so ago at the park, at a set time. There were several neighbors milling around at the end of Grayslake, not even certain that this was the spot for the "meeting", w/o any appearance by anyone from the City. Unlike a recreation centre or other permanent structure where a meeting can be held at a set location, this one seems to have been arranged w/o any set spot to congregate, and those who set the "meeting" were so late that there were a number of our neighbors who finally had to leave - my 91 year old mother being one of them. If you are going to set meetings, they should all be set for a specific location and you need to be on time - or send someone to indicate how long the delay will be.

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The remaining plan seems to still contain too many activities for that relatively small piece of property. The dog park is not really large enough to do anything but exercise a very small dog, and unless there is a park service person assigned to come by daily and make sure the dog "deposits" are cleaned up, the amount of droppings likely to be left in the only dog park for miles is likely to create a health hazard and a public nuisance, attract clouds of flies and send bad smells to all of the adjacent homes. There really isn't adequate room for a dog park here - especially as it would be the only one on the hill, thereby certain to attract too many dogs.

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Dogs will also chase off any of the area's resident wildlife who are not already long gone because of the development. These animals who now live quite comfortably on that hill, and who are able to be observed by hikers and others, will end up in the neighbors' yards/garages/homes, or be killed on the adjacent Montemalaga, which carries cars often traveling at 60 mph and above.

We assume there will be no nighttime lighting, as that would surely disrupt the adjacent homes, and attract after hours use.

BBQ pits should not be included - again the very real probability of trash, flies and rodents will adversely affect the neighbors.

Your plan appears to indicate a path of some sort from the side of the park up to Grayslake, but in order to ensure that there will not be an inordinate amount of traffic in that neighborhood, we urge you to post "no parking/stopping" signs all along the streets approaching the path, and give the residents parking passes, so the neighborhood is not overrun w/ cars.

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Thank you.

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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Criswell, Leslie [Leslie.Criswell@tuckerellis.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 1:58 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park - Proposed development  
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I would still suggest you at least post flyers in the adjacent neighborhood. There are many in the neighborhood who are not computer savvy. Unfortunately, I cannot pass them out, as I am at work (downtown) daily and do not have the time to knock on doors to hand out over the weekend.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 1:52 PM  
**To:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Good Morning Ms. Criswell,

Thank you for your suggestion. Staff has sent the flier to the Council of Homeowner Associations, who has in turn circulated the information to Rancho Palos Verdes HOAs. We also have the information on the City website and it goes out through the project listserve. Staff has also posted fliers at various businesses and shopping centers and facilities on the Peninsula. We will also have banners placed in the City. Unfortunately, we are not able to do a mass mailing, although we did look into the pricing. We do have fliers available at park sites, and if you have access to many homeowners, we can mail fliers to you? We'd love the help getting the word out! Again, thank you for your suggestions; we appreciate ideas on getting the word out about these park improvement projects!

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
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310-544-5267

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**From:** Criswell, Leslie [mailto:Leslie.Criswell@tuckerellis.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 9:45 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Could I get a response please ?  
Thx !

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**From:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 4:36 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Cc:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** RE: Grandview Park - Proposed development

Will you post this around the neighborhood, or mail it to everyone ? There are many there who do not use computers, so having access to this (and the rest of the material on the web site) is not easy for them. Where exactly will the meeting on July 17 be ? There are a couple of places where it could be, but the last time no one knew.  
I believe I am already on the Alert system, but will check.  
Thx.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 3:55 PM  
**To:** Criswell, Leslie  
**Subject:** Grandview Park - Proposed development

Good Afternoon Ms. Criswell,

I wanted to confirm that there are two additional community workshops. I have attached a flier with the workshop information. Both City staff and the City's design consultant, Mia Lehrer & Associates, will attend the next workshop. The purpose of the workshop will be to gather input and share ideas on park improvements. The consultant will have created some concepts incorporating comments from the last community workshop, for participants to view and comment on. I apologize for the confusion of the dual workshop locations on May 15. Workshop #2 will take place entirely at Hesse Park.

A good way to keep informed as the project progresses is to join the project listserv using the link below. Listserv users are emailed project updates.

<http://rpvalert.com/>

I hope this answers your questions. Please feel free to contact the Recreation and Parks Department if you have any additional questions or comments.

Thank You,  
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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Martin Dodell [mdodell@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 13, 2010 11:34 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com; parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Comments for the Parks Input Meeting Regarding Grandview Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue  
**Attachments:** GrandvwPrk.doc

Sirs,

I attach a note with my comments regarding the initially proposed layout offered by City Staff at the Pacific Unitarian Church meeting as well as input for the City's landscape design firm. I am unable to attend the meeting on the 17th but hope my comments and observations will be included in the record.

Thank you,  
Marty Dodell

310-375-5038 (home)  
310-619-4526 (cell)

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**Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**  
**310-375-5038 -- [mdodell@verizon.net](mailto:mdodell@verizon.net)**

July 13, 2010

To: [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com), [parks@rpv.com](mailto:parks@rpv.com)

Having been unable to attend the first public meeting on parkland input and not being available for the second, I submit my comments in response to the survey results published on yesterday's listserv.

These comments are in descending order of the preferences cited in the survey and relate specifically to the GRANDVIEW site:

**WALKING TRAILS:** Trails already exist on the site as shown by staff pictures of RPV personnel walking the hill. The particular trails problem relating to the eastern side of the site is that the trails proposed directly overlook the back yards and homes of thirteen residences along upper Barkstone Drive and invade their privacy. This is a direct violation of one of the basic principles of the View Restoration ordinances. Your design must remove those trails which overlook homes and preserve the privacy and comfort of these homeowners.

**RESTROOMS:** Clearly the most expensive feature of the plan in having to bring in water and pipe out (removing sewage) waste. The funds for these costs should be saved and not spent on a "make work" feature of this project.

**PICKNIC AREA & BENCHES:** This is a passive feature that has been requested by the community going back to when the City first acquired the site and wanted to sell it off to developers. Again the design problem laid out in the City's sketch places the view outlooks directly next to the \$25 million estate of the PVE neighbor. Look at the City photos of the outlook and you see right into the neighbor's tennis court. This incredibly bad design and layout and will have terrible unintended consequences when that neighbor decides to plant a wall of trees to protect his home and privacy. It is madness to place anything but DEEP THICK BUSHES up against the City boundary and not expect the PVE homeowner to retaliate.

**GRASS AREA:** Grass (natural) already exists all over the park site. All the grasses are annually plowed under to prevent the possibility of brush fires. Your ideas and pictures of other projects completed show nothing but manicured lawns, all of which require endless watering, mowing, fertilizing and eternal maintenance. This is another make work project and a thoughtless waste of money. The saved funding should be spent on civic infrastructure, police and fire protection and real municipal responsibilities.

**NATIVE PLANTS:** Native plants already exist on the site -- see above.

**BIKE TRAILS:** The least thought-out projected use! Looking at the topographical map of the site, the western canyon is so steep that in some areas, the slope is nearly vertical. Are you proposing a KAMIKAZE trail for bike riders? The photo offered by City staff clearly shows a

40-ft power pole in the base of the canyon and it's very top appears about 20 feet *below* the spot from where the picture was taken. The liability for the City will be unimaginable.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: This is a useless duplication of the equipment that already exists at Silver Spur Elementary School located 3 to 4 blocks down Montemalaga Drive. Instead of spending tens of thousands dollars on playground equipment, leave the areas as open space as is demanded by the entire neighborhood, including residents of PVE.

DOG PARK: The proposal for a dog park is a throwback to past Mayor Larry Clark and I offer the web address noted below written by the spouse of the petition gatherer, Mr. Megowan. The web site clearly states the park site for a dog run is far too small per design standards.

<http://activerain.com/blogsvieview/1344349/progress-for-palos-verdes-peninsula-dog-park-made-at-rancho-palos-verdes-council-meeting>

The dog park should be located at the County Landfill and everyone's efforts on the Hill should be to establish the dog park there and not within the midst of a bedroom community.

IMPROVED LANDSCAPE; PAR COURSE; SIGNAGE: I group these together as they are minor in nature and are more *MAKE WORK* features. The survey "gift list" that City Staff offered to the community was little less than a come-on to choose from a goody bag of activities and only listed the NO DEVELOPMENT option as last. I feel that the placement of the no work option last was deliberate and intended to get minimum support.

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Dean Soteropulos [dsoterop@iastate.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 8:17 PM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Important Grandview/Hess Park Improvement Idea  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed  
**Attachments:** DeanSoteropulosParkProposal.docx

Please Allow Katy Howe to Read:

Attached is my proposal, I would like to come in and talk to someone personally about it at some point this week if you are free.

Thank You for your time

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Dean Soteropulos  
Iowa State University  
Art and Design  
Business Management

Hello

My name is Dean Soteropulos and I am currently a sophomore at Iowa State University pursuing a degree in Art and Design. I am currently at home for the summer living with my parents in Palos Verdes. Recently I noticed that you are looking for ideas as how to improve Grandview and Hess Park. Being a student in the Midwest I have been immersed into an entirely different culture, from the humidity to the snow. Most of which I do not miss! But the one reason I am EXTREMELY excited to go back to school in August is because of a game called Disc Golf. Disc Golf is an enormously popular game throughout the Midwest and is rapidly gaining popularity throughout the nation. The first course was built in La Canada California and today Disc Golf is played at more than 3000 courses in the United States and over 3000 international courses. In fact, due to it's popularity, Disc Golf is now governed by the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) !!

What is disc golf? You may be asking yourself. It's origins are from the early Frisbee's, however today discs are made especially for the disc golf sport and can emulate the game of golf but on a new and fun scale. The object is similar to golf in that the player tees off with a disc and attempts to get the disc into the "hole" which is an above ground metal basket. Today players can play with only one disc or can have a bag of discs for every shot similar to the game of golf.

In short and summing it up in a California kids words: Disc golf is a game very similar to golf, but played with Frisbee-like discs....and its FREE!!!

See wiki page for more detailed information on the sport

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disc\\_golf](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disc_golf)

### **Why would a disc golf course be perfect in Grandview park?**

- Grandview park is currently an underutilized prime piece of parkland property in a neighborhood setting.
- Disc golf course has an extremely low start up cost (about \$6000 total for basic course)
- No need to add grass or other landscaping, Disc Golf has virtually no maintenance only an occasional emptying of trash cans! (unless you would like to improve park even further with grass, it would not hurt the disc golfers experience)
- Ample amounts of street parking already exist.
- A disc golf course does not carry the sole purpose of playing disc golf, many courses double as parks already possessing walking trails similar to Pollywog Park in Manhattan Beach. The average length of a disc golf hole can be

anywhere from 100-300 feet. Which would allow room for a 9 hole course to fit easily.

-Disc golf is inexpensive and simple to play. One only needs a disc or two to get started which can cost as little as \$10.

-Disc golf is physically accessible for all ages and athletic ranges and therefore attracts a diverse range of players

-The closest disc golf course in our vicinity now is located in either Wilmington or Manhattan Beach, both at least a 30 minute drive.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:**

Disc Golf provides an activity for all the school age children in the area, keeping them healthy and active during their off school hours!

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carolyn Lehr [clehr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:27 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'; 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Grandview Park, Rancho Palos Verdes  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

To be incorporated into public comments and forward to consultants.

Thank you,

*Carolyn Lehr*  
**City Manager**

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City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
 clehr@rpv.com - (310) 544-5202

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**From:** BOB BUSH [mailto:bob.bush@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:23 AM  
**To:** carolyn@rpv.com; citymanager@rpv.com; office@la.green.com  
**Subject:** Grandview Park, Rancho Palos Verdes

Carolyn:

It was good to meet you Saturday at the workshop for Grandview Park.

Here are the suggestions I outlined in the various sessions:

- 1) **Parking.** A 40-space lot is too large and would have a critical impact on my neighbors north of Montemalaga Drive. If parking can't be accommodated on Montemalaga Drive, then a small lot should be built based on eliminating the dog park and mountain biking uses which are unacceptable to all residents of the community. Also, many houses south of Montemalga also look down on the proposed parking lot sites. A grass-substance surface should be required to minimize the look of a parking lot when cars aren't present. The parking lot should be on the east side as outlined in one of your options.
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- to obstruct any view. Playground equipment, if installed, also should be placed outside of view corridors— certainly not on top of the park hill as it appears on one of the proposals. Also, playground equipment is available nearby at Silver Spur School.
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Best regards.

Bob Bush  
 6030 Montemalaga Drive  
 310-375-7060  
 Bob.bush@verizon.net

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 3:22 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** Re: Grandview Workshops  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Katie

Thank you.

I'll work on the input we talked about.

Bernie

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Katie Howe  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 3:10 PM  
**Subject:** Grandview Workshops

Hello Mr. Slotnick,

Thank you for stopping by today. Below is the link we discussed – it will take you to the project website and notes from the first community workshop.

<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/>

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 2:56 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe; Stefan Wolowic; Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** My input on the plans for Grandview Park design  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Katie Howe](#)  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 12:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: My input on the plans for Grandview Park design

Thank you for your input. This will be included with other public input and attached to our staff report to Council.

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 11:08 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** My input on the plans for Grandview Park design

Katie

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my input.

With the Sate of California closing parks because the do not have the money to maintain them, why is Rancho Palos Verdes planning a park? Will the city be able to maintain the park when it is build?

The initial design for the park includes all the items the city council wanted. The council requested input from the community as to what they want and didn't want. Many people responded to the request but so far there have been no changes to the original plan. At the meetings I have attended people do not want a park for dogs and dirt bikes and I have not heard anyone say they do want these things. The city council seem to be disregarding the input they are asking for. The big sign on Montemalaga Dr.says we want input. You have our input. No dirt bikes or dog park, regular bike paths, a nice quiet park with walkways, playground, picnic area, native plants, grassy play area this is what we want.

If the request for quote is the rule of law, don't waste time and ask the public for input.

The public does have ideas and we look forward to see how many of ideas will be considered.

The city asked for ideas at the Faire and that input was summarized for the July 17th Workshop.

These ideas should be considered and implemented on a priority basis

I was pleased to hear about the hiring of Emilo Blanco, please put him to work on the park now.

The buffer between the houses and the park paths should be at least 30 feet, like at Hess Park.

The designers should consider the street parking rather than a parking lot in the Park.

Mr. Deepak Chopra said that if there is development near his property, he will be free to grow tall trees to block out noise and people peering into his yard. The trees probably will be just in front of the viewing area overlooking his tennis courts and pool.

The Dog Park on Hawthorne Blvd, should be a good replacement for the Dog Park planned for Grandview Park.

The security needs to be in place and fenced.

Consider solar powered lighting for the park.

The stair exercise will be a drawing for many people at all hours. I lived across the street from Sand Dune Park in Manhattan Beach. The park was used at all hours, it was a drug drop for many years.

The entrance and exit to Montemalaga Dr. from the lot into the street is dangerous, the speed limit is 35 mph on Montemalaga Dr. The speed needs to be reduced if the lot idea is followed.

Bob Bush provided with a list of suggestions that need to be considered in your plans.

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Please call if I can answer any questions.  
310-375-9340

Bernie Slotnick

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2010 7:34 AM  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Subject:** RE: Parking on Montemalaga Dr.  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Thank you, Mr. Slotnick. I have passed this information on to our traffic engineer and landscape architect.

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 09, 2010 3:54 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** Parking on Montemalaga Dr.

Katie

The traffic people said that parking on Montemalaga Dr. could not be possible because of the bike lane.

There is parking for the Church, it is done with the bike lane and the parking lane.

There is a parking lane and a separate bike lane on Montemalaga Dr..

Bernie

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Karen [mitchellkf@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 4:16 PM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Listserve  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

Hi,  
I am interested in receiving updates on Grandview Park.  
I am in favor of it remaining fairly close to it's current  
state.  
Thank you,  
Karen Mitchell  
Grandview resident

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 4:27 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Subject:** Re: 25 mile on Montemalaga  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Yellow

Katie

Thank you.

Bernie

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Katie Howe  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 10:38 AM  
**Subject:** 25 mile on Montemalaga

Good Morning Mr. Slotnick,

Thank you for your question. Montemalaga Drive is classified as a collector road and speed limits on collector roads are established by the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed as determined by an Engineering and Traffic Survey by a licensed Engineer. The current speed limit is 35 miles per hour. To justify a reduction in speed, a traffic survey must conclude that 85% of the traffic is travelling at 25 miles per hour. The speed survey allows the Sheriff's Department to legally enforce the speed using radar, laser, etc.

The preliminary traffic study will analyze the feasibility of traffic calming measures to ensure safety while accessing and exiting the park. Lowering the speed limit is not a traffic calming tool. It is unlikely that the traffic study/analysis being conducted for Grandview Park will entertain lowering the speed limit on a collector road.

I hope this helps.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 31, 2010 4:12 PM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Ken Dyda; ROBERT BUSH; Larry Connelly; Candy Fletcher; Sara Singer; Ginger Clark; Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** 25 mile on Montemalaga

Katie

Is the Transportation Department considering 25 mile speed limit on Montemalaga Dr.

Bernie Slotnick  
310-375-9340

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2010 8:54 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** Re: Grandview Agenda Item  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Thanks

Bernie

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Katie Howe  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2010 8:38 AM  
**Subject:** Grandview Agenda Item

Good Morning Bernie,

The Grandview Park agenda item is scheduled for December 7 at Hesse Park at 7pm. The city just recently mailed out notices to all residents within 500 foot radiuses of the park with this information as well. Please let me know if I can provide more information.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**Jae Hee Yoon**

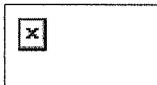
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**From:** Jeff Goldstein [jgoldstein@Landsberg.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 1:28 PM  
**To:** Jeff Goldstein  
**Subject:** Dog Park - In Palos Verdes  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I am writing to voice my support for the creation of a dog park to be located at the former Palos Verdes landfill site between Hawthorne Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd., north of Palos Verdes Drive North. As I understand it, the County of Los Angeles gains control of the landfill from the Regional Sanitation District in 2010. As such, the County is currently soliciting ideas from the public as to potential uses for this site. A petition in favor of the dog park idea has been forwarded to Don Knabe, our local County Supervisor, as well as to Mike Gin, Field Deputy for Supervisor.

As a 13 year Palos Verdes Estates resident, father of four girls (ages 8 to 11) and owner of two dogs, I am an advocate of this idea. This could have a positive affect on community interaction and it provides a healthy environment for the many dogs in the area. Additionally, there could be a positive fiscal impact through this city offering to prospective families.

Thank you for listening!



Jeff Goldstein  
3800 Via Palomino  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
310-272-1242

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Sandy\_Coffey@ahm.honda.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 6:53 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com; citymanager@rpv.com; parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RPV dog park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

As a member of the RPV community, a parent of school age children, a professional in the community and the proud owner of 2 dogs, I am writing this email to encourage you to support the effort to establish a dog park in the RPV area. It would be put to great use.

sandy

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bruce Megowan [bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 27, 2009 1:30 PM  
**To:** clehr@rpv.com; clark@rpv.com; cc@rpv.com; parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

The South Bay Daily Breeze today had a prominent article on Page 3 about our efforts to get a dog park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. See the article at [http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/ci\\_13876315](http://www.dailybreeze.com/latestnews/ci_13876315) . We appreciate the efforts of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in establishing a dog park on the Peninsula and our supporters are strongly in favor of the proposed dog parks at Grandview Park and Lower Hesse Park.

Thank you for your efforts ,

Bruce Megowan  
 310-541-2980 / cell 310-259-7125

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**From:** Bruce Megowan [mailto:bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2009 10:41 AM  
**To:** 'clehr@rpv.com'; 'clark@rpv.com'; 'cc@rpv.com'; 'parks@rpv.com'  
**Cc:** 'Melanie Streitfeld'; 'donna.littlejohn@dailybreeze.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park

Dear Ms. Lehr,

Melanie Streitfeld has forwarded me a copy of your email below regarding a dog park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. My wife Maureen and I have been leading a petition drive to have the County of Los Angeles use a portion of the previous Palos Verdes Landfill in Rolling Hills Estates as a dog park. There is a tremendous unmet need for an off-leash dog park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The nearest dog park is at least a 20 minute drive away in Redondo Beach off of 190<sup>th</sup> Street, or at a temporary dog park in San Pedro which is scheduled to close in the next few years as it is on Port of Los Angeles land.

I have attached a summary of the petition signatures I have received over the last several months in support of a dog park at the Palos Verdes landfill site., and also have attached pdf files of the petitions themselves. I have collected 814 signatures on these petitions which I believe shows the overwhelming support for this proposal.

Although this site has received a lot of publicity from those concerned about it's safety, Joan Davidson who has been a leader in the movement to ensure the safety of this site, has indicated to me support for a dog park on this site. This is a great land use as it will not disturb the ground cap on this site or lead to possible release of toxins. Your email below says that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes may still be considering dedicating some land within your city for use as a dog park. That would be wonderful as working with the County to use a portion of their land at the former Palos Verdes Landfill may be problematic due to their concerns for the safety of the site.

I believe that funding for a dog park could be obtained whether through government grants or through a private fund raising effort. I would hope that the Annenberg Foundation might consider a contribution as this use would be enjoyed by far more animal lovers than the millions of dollars that they plan to spend on their project promoting education about animal life on the Peninsula at Point Vicente.

I would appreciate any political support your city could provide by working with the other City Managers of the other cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula to promote the construction of a dog park somewhere on the Palos

Verdes Peninsula, whether it be on the County land of the former Palos Verdes Landfill or elsewhere on the Peninsula. I know that Mr. Clark had previously expressed support for the idea of a dog park on the Peninsula as he said the same thing to my husband Bruce when he spoke to the RPV City Council on this issue several months past. We appreciate his support.

It would appreciate an update on the efforts you refer to in your email below to establish a dog park on the Peninsula as my husband and I would like to coordinate our efforts with yours.

Thank you,

Bruce and Maureen Megowan  
310-541-2980 / 310-259-7125 cell

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**From:** Melanie Streitfeld [mailto:Streitfeld@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2009 4:00 PM  
**To:** Maureen Megowan  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park

----- Forwarded Message

**From:** Carolyn Lehr <clehr@rpv.com>  
**Date:** Wed, 9 Sep 2009 14:34:14 -0700  
**To:** Melanie STREITFELD <streitfeld@cox.net>  
**Cc:** <clark@rpv.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Dog Park

Dear Ms. Streitfeld,

The City is actively considering potential dog park sites in the area. The landfill you mentioned is in Rolling Hills Estates and therefore not in our immediate control.

I will tell you that this afternoon, several folks are taking a field visit to a potential site owned by the City. We are exploring the possibility of private grant funding sponsorship. Keep your fingers crossed for us.

By the way, Mayor Larry Clark is a particular champion of this cause and is himself actively engaged in the effort!

Thank you,

*Carolyn Lehr*  
**City Manager**

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**From:** Melanie Streitfeld [<mailto:Streitfeld@cox.net>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2009 9:01 PM

**To:** [citymanager@rpv.com](mailto:citymanager@rpv.com)

**Subject:** Dog Park

I was told that you are reviewing public input for the PV Landfill. We desperately need a dog park in Palos Verdes. The closest dog park is about a 30 minute drive to the one in north Redondo Beach. The landfill is perfect because a dog park would remain open space and it's super cheap to build and maintain. It would only take up a small portion of the landfill as well. I hope you will consider that option. It's embarrassing to say I live in Palos Verdes and that we don't have a dog park with all the open space up here.

Melanie Streitfeld  
Rancho Palos Verdes

----- End of Forwarded Message

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2010 11:50 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: RPV Update By Councilmembers Long and Campbell  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hey Katie,  
Please put this comment in our file for Lower Hesse and Grandview Park. Tom

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**From:** Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 27, 2010 6:08 PM  
**To:** jmwerner@cox.net  
**Cc:** aram@rpv.com; tomo@rpv.com; clehr@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Re: RPV Update By Councilmembers Long and Campbell

Dear Jonathan, The play area proposed for the Grandview park improvements is probably close to what you are thinking of. In any event I am sending your comments on to staff. Tom Long Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Palos Verdes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Jonathan Werner"  
**Sent:** 2/27/2010 5:46:40 PM  
**To:** tomlong@palosverdes.com  
**Subject:** Re: RPV Update By Councilmembers Long and Campbell

When you guys get to the issue of improvements to the parks in the city, can you consider building or converting an existing park (or portion thereof) into a fenced-in "tot lot" like they have in Manhattan Beach? We've got a lot of young families (like mine) moving back to RPV, and I think this would be a real benefit to the community.

Thanks!

On Sat, Feb 27, 2010 at 9:52 AM, <tomlong@palosverdes.com> wrote:

**From:** [tomlong@palosverdes.com](mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com)

**Subject:** RPV Update By Councilmembers Long and Campbell

**Message:**

Dear RPV Residents,

The two of us are submitting this joint newsletter to our respective e-mail lists to discuss the council's work during the first few months since the November 2009 election and seating of our new members.

The most notable item was the council's adoption of its tactical goals for the next year. Several new goals were added. At Councilmember Missetich's suggestion we added a goal to revitalize the commercial zones along the Western Ave corridor within the city. At Mayor Pro Tem Long's suggestion we added a goal to consider adopting a city charter. We also added subgoals of improving city parks and building a new city hall, subject to planning for these improvements and identifying funding for them.. All of the goals were adopted unanimously except the goal of considering a new city charter. The council's goals can be reviewed on Mayor Pro Tem Long's webpage at [http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/pdfs/2010\\_02-16-Adopted\\_2010\\_Tactical\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/pdfs/2010_02-16-Adopted_2010_Tactical_Plan.pdf)

Improving the city's parks will allow for more active recreation facilities and better access to the city's parks for all residents. Building a new city hall will replace the current 1950s army barracks that may fail in an earthquake and does not provide an adequate or safe facility for city staff to conduct their work for the residents or for residents who find themselves at city hall for various reasons. A city charter operates as the city's constitution. General law cities, like RPV, essentially have a charter written by the state legislature. Writing our own charter may provide us with some advantages. Revitalizing our commercial zones could involve using tax incentives to attract businesses the public wants while increasing city revenues and sharing some of those revenue increases to incentivize businesses to locate in the city.

The new year has brought a new city ordinance on oversize vehicle parking. See <http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/pdfs/oversized-parking.pdf> for more information. We will also soon have a new waste hauler, EDCO (except for a small area that has Universal.). You have received mailers on this and should return your cart selections via the enclosed pre paid card to them soon.

Several Community meetings/workshops have been planned to help you learn more about EDCO's services, rates, discounts, and cart sizes. Listed below are meetings scheduled for the months of February and March 2010:

- 1) Saturday, February 27th, Miraleste Intermediate School (by TAB Bldg.), from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- 2) Saturday, March 13th, Hesse Park, Multi-Purpose Room, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 3) Wednesday, March 31st Hesse Park, Multi-Purpose Room, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Additionally, please check the new EDCO website, [www.rpvrecycles.com](http://www.rpvrecycles.com), specifically designed for RPV customers. You may also contact EDCO's customer service at (310) 540-2977.

The city has completed the purchase of land to be contributed to the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. The last area acquired was the Upper Filiorum property. A ribbon cutting was held earlier this month. You can read the Mayor Pro Tem's comments at the ribbon cutting at [http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/pdfs/2010\\_02-13\\_PVNaturePreserve.pdf](http://www.palosverdes.com/tomlong/pdfs/2010_02-13_PVNaturePreserve.pdf)

Our council meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 PM and are broadcast live on Channel 35. You can sign up to receive agendas of the council meetings and e-mails on issues of interest to you on the city website at <http://www.palosverdes.com/RPV/listserver/index.cfm> And you can send your comments to the entire city council at once by e-mailing to [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com) We invite your comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Long  
Councilmember Brian Campbell

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 7:38 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park - Rancho Palos Verdes  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed  
**Attachments:** Dog Park Memo - RPV.doc; Dog Park Petition RPV.csv

Please forward to Michelle. Thanks. Tom

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**From:** Bruce Megowan [mailto:bmegowan@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 5:10 PM  
**To:** astrid@mlagreen.com; michelles@mlagreen.com  
**Cc:** tomo@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park - Rancho Palos Verdes

It was a pleasure speaking with you today at the Community Forum to discuss the design elements of Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Attached is a proposal for the construction of a dog park which includes a lot of research on design elements for state of the art dog parks as well as construction cost estimates. We have received over 800 signatures on petitions to establish a dog park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. I have also included a list of names of 359 Rancho Palos Verdes citizens who have signed the petitions

I hope this proves useful to you in looking at incorporating a dog park in one or both of the proposed locations.

I do have one recommendation, and that is that any dog park must have a separation of the park into two areas for large dogs and small dogs, with the large dog area about twice the size of the small dog area. Optimum size of a dog park is about 1.5 acres. Because of this, I think that it may make sense to design a larger dog park for the Grandview Park, as there seems to be more room there for this use, and forego a dog park at Lower Hesse Park because of the number of other proposed uses there.

I appreciate your efforts in this.

Bruce Megowan  
Investment Services Group  
310-541-2980 / cell 310-259-7125

# DOG PARK PROPOSAL- PALOS VERDES LANDFILL SITE – ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

## Community Benefits

- 1) **Allows dogs to exercise and socialize safely.** Puppies and adult dogs need room to run, and enclosed play areas permit them to do so while preventing them from endangering themselves and others (for example, by running into the path of an oncoming vehicle). In addition, dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.
- 2) **Promotes responsible dog ownership.** Dog parks prevent off-leash animals from infringing on the rights of other community residents and park users such as joggers, small children, and those who may be fearful of dogs. Parks also make it easier for a city to enforce its leash laws, as resident dog owners with park access have no reason to allow their canine companions off-leash when outside of the park.
- 3) **Provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize.** Dog parks are a great place for owners to meet other people with common interests. The love people share for their dogs reaches beyond economic and social barriers and helps to foster a sense of community. Park users also benefit from the opportunity to ask questions of other owners and find solutions to problems they might be having with their pet.
- 4) **Dog owners are a substantial group of park users.** The U.S. Humane Society states that thirty-nine percent of U.S. households own at least one dog. On average, owners have almost two dogs (1.7). The overwhelming numbers of dogs and dog owners would seem to warrant specific consideration for them as well. The demand for a dog park was demonstrated by our group collecting over 800 signatures on a petition to build a dog park on the former Palos Verdes Landfill site, which has been submitted to Andy Clark of the Parks Department.
- 5) **Make for a better community by promoting public health and safety.** Well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively and destroy property. Their presence in the park, along with their owners, also helps to deter crime.
- 6) **Provide a legal area to off-leash dogs.** A balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space may achieve higher levels of compliance by dog owners with relevant leash laws. Currently there is no place on the Palos Verdes Peninsula where dog owners may legally run and exercise their dogs off-leash. If dog owners perceive laws to be unfair it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response from dog owners - they may ignore the laws in protest. If, on the other hand, laws are perceived to be fair people will be more likely to voluntarily comply.
- 7) **Provides elderly and disabled owners with an accessible place to exercise their companions.** Dogs provide companionship to many single or widowed elderly people, and a dog park provides an excellent place for them to take their dogs and enjoy the outdoors.
- 8) **Many other communities have established dog parks.** Dog parks are not a brand new phenomenon. Many other communities have developed dog parks recognizing the strong demand. Some of the many places that have off-leash areas for dogs in California are: San Diego, Laguna Beach, Costa Mesa, Los Angeles, Venice, Napa, Sonoma, Berkeley, Santa Monica, St. Helena, Huntington Beach, Davis, Laguna Niguel, Claremont, Redondo Beach, Redwood City, Danville, San Jose, Santa Clara, Foster City, and San Francisco. See <http://www.ecoanimal.com/dogfun/ca/south.html#la> for a list of other dog parks in Los Angeles County.

## Dog Park Design Elements

The Ideal Dog Park is designed to Include:

**1) Two acres or more surrounded by a 5' to 6' fence.** The dog areas should not be squared off or have 90 degree corners but should be rounded off so that dogs cannot be trapped by other dogs.

**2) Separate areas for large dogs and small dogs** (i.e. 1 to 1.5 acres for large dogs and .5 to .75 acres for small dogs)

**3) Shade and water.** Shade is needed for both the dogs after they exercise to cool off but also for people, particularly the elderly. Hopefully, the dog park design will incorporate existing on-site trees for shade and benches would be positioned in these areas. If not, shade structures can provide shade over benches ( see below) Specialized water fountains with permanent bowls to water the dogs as well as water fountain for people.



Combination people and dog drinking fountain with slow draining dog dish

4) **Adequate drainage.** This is particularly important around the dog watering station. Below is an example of permeable pavers that are used to prevent muddy areas from forming around the dog watering station. The pavers should be surrounded by a border of 1-2 inch pebbles.



For more information on LID design concepts featuring Permapave NW pavers, please see [www.permapavenw.com](http://www.permapavenw.com) or email [pavers@permapavenw.com](mailto:pavers@permapavenw.com).

5) **Parking close to site.**

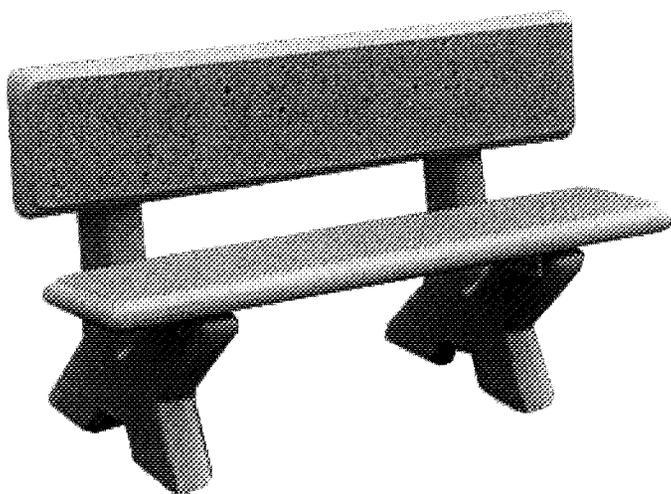
6) **Surface materials:** Higher use areas should have a material like decomposed granite or eucalyptus wood chips. The San Pedro dog park gets eucalyptus wood chips donated by local tree trimming and removal firms. This surface also provides a cushiony feel to it and can also help prevent injuries for elderly people who might fall. Fleas also hate the scent of eucalyptus, and will be quickly driven away from any area that smells of eucalyptus... Grass can be used in areas not right around the entry area, but is not generally used in the high traffic zones as it tends to get very thin very quickly due to dog urine and also has higher maintenance costs.



**7) Covered garbage cans with regular trash removal.**

**8) Pooper scooper stations.** Pooper Scooper for clean up: and a roll of plastic bags for fecal removal with waste bins closely spaced.

**9) Benches .** These are needed for the elderly and disabled, but should be relatively limited as dog owners should be encouraged to stand and interact with their dogs to keep them under control. Benches should be located away from the dog park entrance. Concrete benches are preferred. The surface should be incapable of allowing a dog's limb to get stuck in a narrow slot typical in the design of park benches. Benches should not have armrests or slats but should be solid. All –in – one picnic tables and shade structures are also available



10) **Wheel chair access.** Parking lots should be paved, and the entrance and areas leading to benches or tables and shade structures should be paved to provide handicap access.

11) **Regular maintenance.** Volunteer groups can be useful in helping to keep the park clean and maintained.

12) **Bulletin board** that allows users to post notices



13) **Entry - double gated.** Two entry gates to prevent dogs from congregating around the entrance to possibly intimidate new dog arrivals. If there is only one entrance and exit gate, or one entrance and one exit gate, the dogs in the park quickly learn where newcomers will enter. They then congregate at the entrance which can result in fights or dogs escaping from the park. If there are a couple of ways for dogs to come in and out, they will not target a particular gate. To prevent fights between entering dogs and dogs already in the park, the dog park entrance should be far from the main center of dog activity.

safety gate for dog run to prevent dogs entering from interacting with dogs leaving.

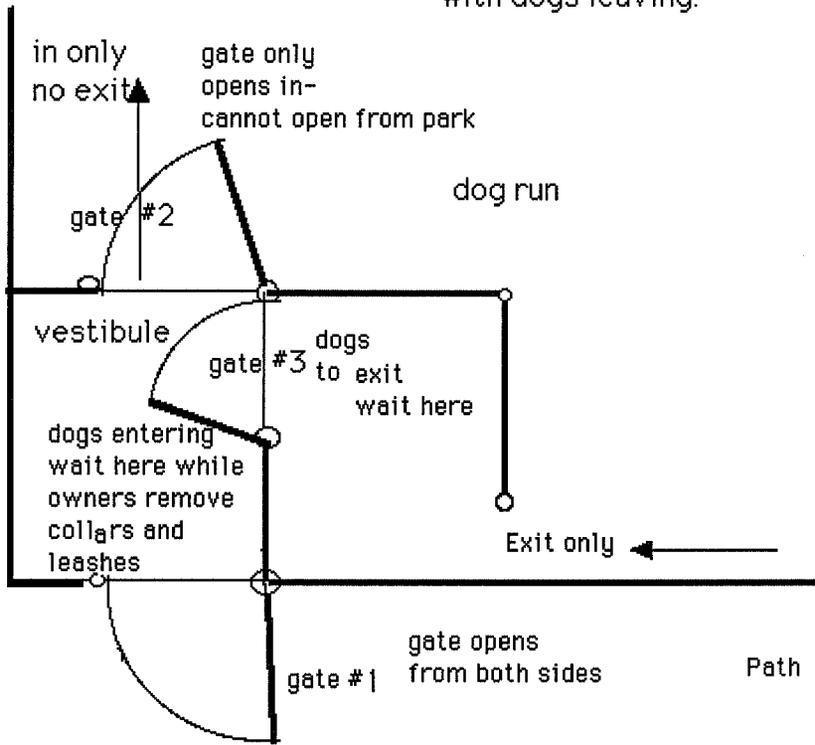


Fig. 1



## Liability Issues:

At least one reason for the lack of claims is legal: the "dangerous condition" immunity from public liability probably relieves the public agency of liability, especially for the acts of third parties using the public property (Gov't. Code section 830 et. seq.; Jones v. Czapkay (1960) 182 Cal.App.2d 192). Nevertheless, the City should take precautions to protect itself (and the taxpayers) from potential liability. There are several ways to limit liability, including:

*A. Express assumption of liability and indemnification by users of the off-leash areas* This can be accomplished by conditioning the issuance of dog licenses on an express indemnification agreement, or by a "permissive use" ordinance change. The city of Claremont chose the latter approach. Its off-leash ordinance states in part:

"The use of an off-leash area by a dog owner or other person having care, custody, or control of that shall constitute agreement by the dog owner and the person having care, custody, or control of that dog to... a waiver of liability of the city, and his or her agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city from any claim, injury, or damage arising from or in connection with such use." (City of Claremont Ordinance 11.02.125(E).)

*B. Signage:* Full and complete signage, both advising visitors that the park is an off leash area and that they use the area at their own risk, and advising dog owners of their assumption of liability and hold harmless agreement.

*C. Insurance:* I have seen several sources that state that due to the California law providing strict liability to a dog owner for any biting or damage caused by their dogs that the City is not liable for any problems created by the dog. Therefore there should be no additional insurance coverage needed and the City's current liability policy should provide coverage with no additional premium.

## Dog Park Rules:

1. Puppies and dogs must be properly inoculated, be healthy (have no contagious conditions or diseases), and be parasite-free (both internally and externally).
2. To help prevent dog fights, owners are encouraged to inquire about any dogs already in the run which are unfamiliar to them, **prior** to entering the run. Observing dogs' body language is also recommended
3. No dogs known to be aggressive towards other dogs or people (or exhibiting any threatening behavior) may enter the run.
4. No bitches in heat may enter the run at any time.
5. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
6. Owners are asked to **closely supervise** their dogs, and at no time should an owner leave the run without their dog(s).
7. If the dog run is located near local residences, hospitals, schools or libraries, owners should discourage their dogs from barking excessively. This is especially important prior to 10AM and after 9PM.
8. Parents must refrain from bringing toddlers and small children into the run. Parents are strongly discouraged from bringing children less than 12 years of age. Children should at no time be allowed to run with or chase after dogs in the dog run.
9. Do not bring rawhide or food into the dog run as dogfights may result. Also be wary of using your dogs favorite toy which he/she may be very protective of with other dogs.
10. For safety reasons, please remove pinch (prong) and spike collars from your dog prior to entering the dog run. Many dogs and puppies have been injured by playing with another dog who was wearing a pinch collar. A basic flat buckle collar (with city license, Rabies and identification tags) is recommended.

<http://www.dogparksusa.org/manual.htm> Dog Park Manual

## Costs

### Start-up Costs

Gross Estimated Budget:

Fencing: ( 5 foot chain link fencing 2,000 liner ft. @ \$10/lf, per A-1 Steel Fencing – 323-228-8598): \$20,000

3 triple gated entrance/exits(Two for large dog park at separate sides of the park and one for small dog park): \$2,500

Water Fountains (ADA compliant people and dog combo approx. \$3,000 each – see picture above): \$6,000

Concrete work: 800 square feet of concrete patio area would cost approx. \$7,500 ( per Lindahl Concrete (310) 326-6626).

Demolition and Grading (24 hours @170/hour per R.E.R Inc. 310-901-6834): \$4,000

Grass seeding, Decomposed granite or mulch and ground prep : \$6,000

Water meter and waterline and irrigation: \$12,000

Bulletin Board: ( See picture above ): \$1,200

Signage: \$1,300

Dog Poop bag dispenser ( see picture above): 5@ 600 each : \$3,000

Benches- Concrete ( see picture above ) (3@ \$750 each ): \$2,250 (optional combination picnic bench and canopy (pictured above ) is \$3,000 each )

Trash containers: 2@ \$270 each : \$550

Total of above costs: \$66,300

General Conditions/Overhead @6%: \$4,300

Profit @ 7% : \$ 5,000

Design fees/contingency @ 5%: \$3,400

**Total Costs: \$ 79,000**

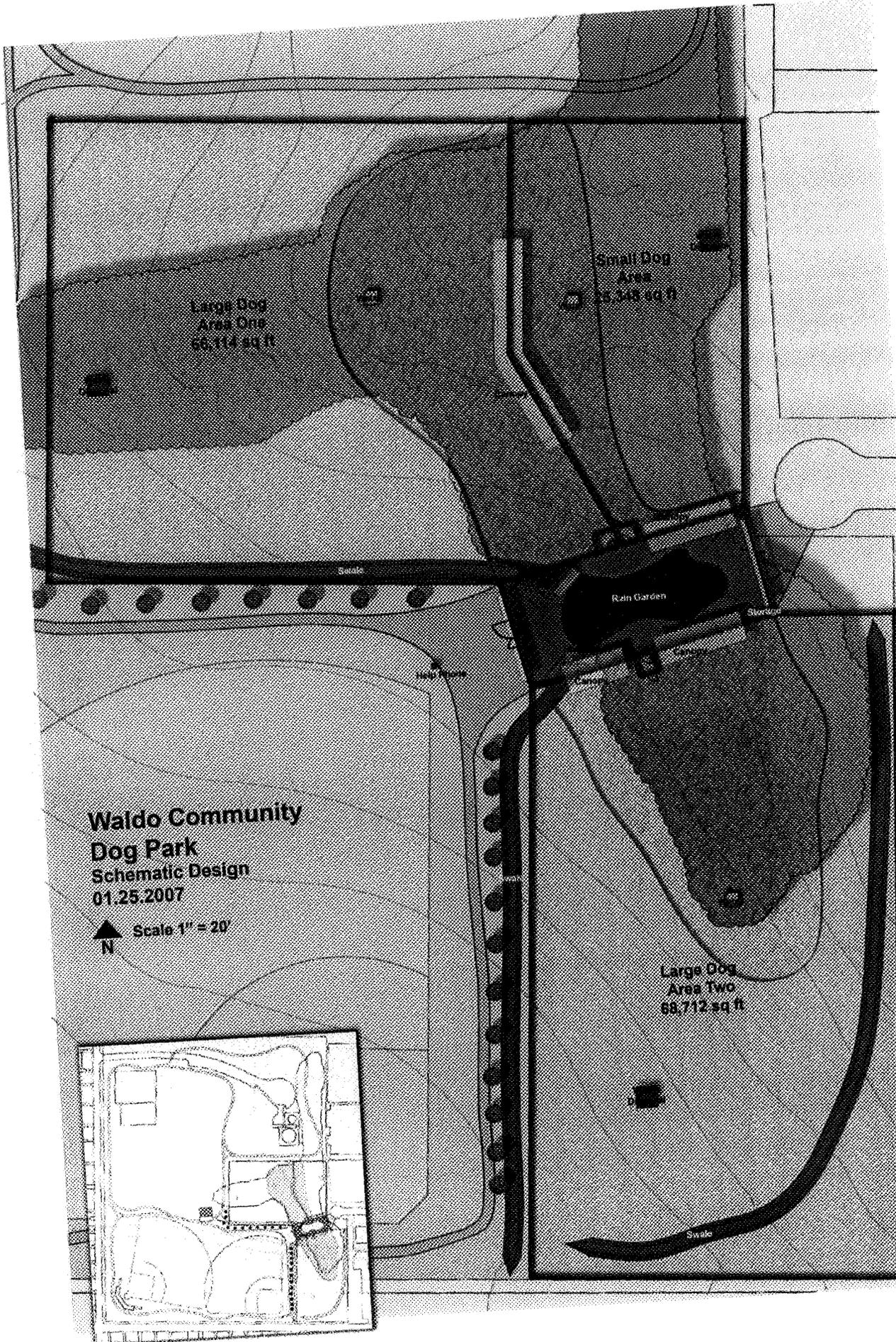
**Note:** These cost estimates do not include costs for paving the entrance road or parking area.

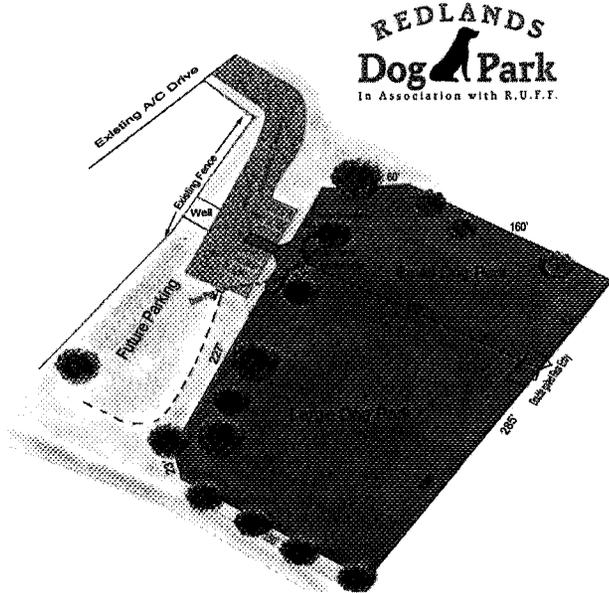
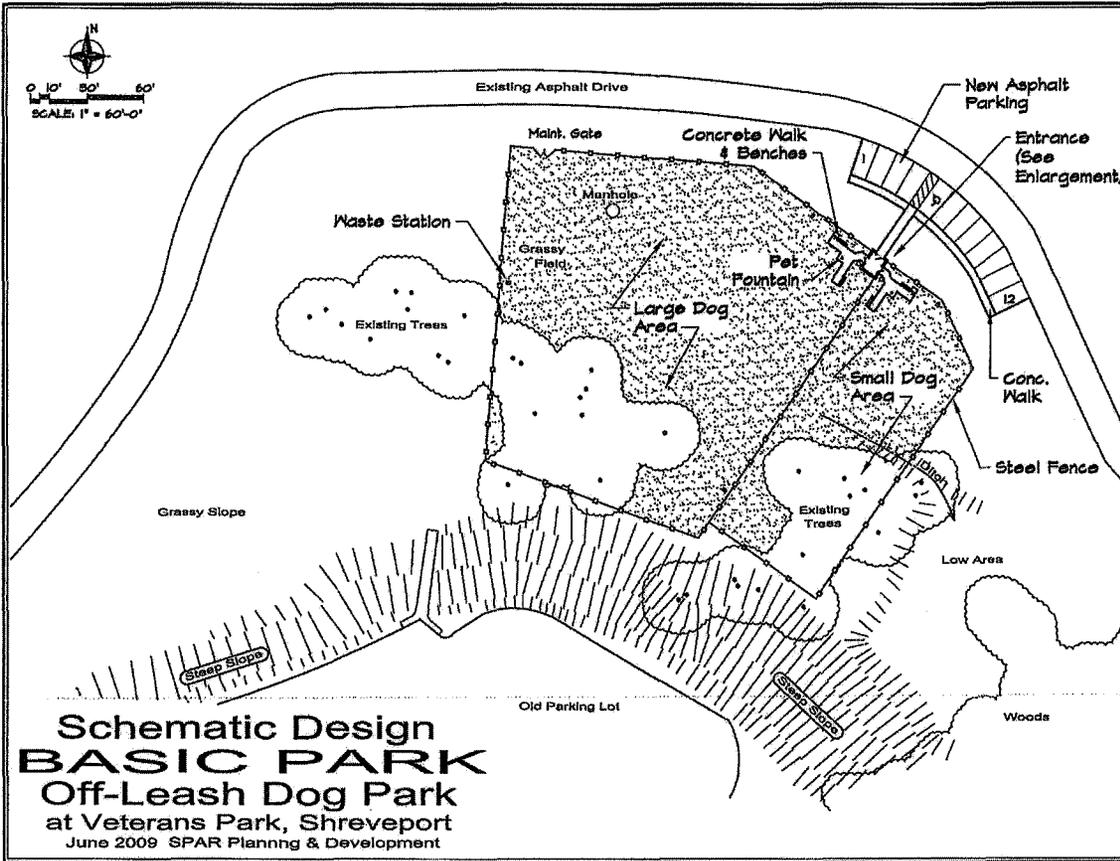
### **Maintenance Costs**

The maintenance of dog parks varies tremendously, depending on the size of the park and the surface materials used.

Trash containers should be emptied daily and waste scoops restocked when needed. While owners are typically required to clean up after their dogs, it is inevitable that some areas will be missed, especially if dogs are running free. We believe staff will be needed to clean up the area regularly. Clean-up rounds should be made weekly to make sure that the park is free from excessive waste. It is also recommended that the fencing and other equipment be hosed down frequently to prevent urine stains and odors.

Park professionals in other areas of the country estimate approximately \$8,000 in annual maintenance costs. This includes about 3 hours per week in cleaning labor, grass cutting, refilling scooper dispensers, printing costs for dog park literature, etc.





### **Requirements for Use of the Dog Park:**

All Dogs using the dog park should have a dog tag issued by the City of Rolling Hills Estates. To obtain a dog tag, the dog owner would have to show evidence of vaccinations and a valid dog license from their city of residence. To raise funds for maintenance of the dog park, the city could charge an annual fee for obtaining the dog tag.

Primary_FirstName	Primary_LastName	House Number	Dirct_Street	Street_Des	Direction	Suite No	PO_Box	City	State	Zip
Sharon	Chipman	28329	Crestridge	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Jill	Benjamin	29770	Ridgebluff					RPV	CA	90275
Grant	Waldron	6093	Scotmist	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Vince	Sirhan	27102	Grayslake	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Rachel	Eynon	32650	Nantasket	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Andrew	Hunju	5818	Sunmist	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Deidre	Manns	30612	Via Rivera					RPV	CA	90275
Mida	Reyburn	5853	Flambeau	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Amanda	Light	29030	Clevis	Road				RPV	CA	90275
James	Day	7056	Crest	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Ann	Mosich	28111	Ridgefern	Court				RPV	CA	90275
Daniel	Park	7090	Via del Mar					RPV	CA	90275
Julie	Olson	5733	Wildbriar	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Karen	Murray	42	Mela	Lane				RPV	CA	90275
Jan	Spivey	30456	Via Cambon					RPV	CA	90275
Marva	Burt	31	Sweetbay	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Kathy	Swenson	31	Packet	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Deborah	O'Hara	6112	Quennridg	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Valerie	Yardumian	53	Oceanaire	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Lori	Delane	30525	Rhone	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Fielding	Tebbs	27029	Shorewood	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Mirian	Vaya	30686	Via La Cresta					RPV	CA	90275
Natsumo	Steadly	30615	Calle de Suenos					RPV	CA	90275
Karen	Dumas	26563	Basswood	Avenue				RPV	CA	90275
Marilyn	Peschel	27911	Golden Meadow					RPV	CA	90275
Cindy	Yancey	6780	Kings Hart	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Randy	Oneal	29024	Clevis	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Bernard	Weinstein	6895	Alfa Vista	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Susan	Zerha	27989	Beachgate	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
William	Hughes	26951	Whitestone	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Daniilo	Cabal	65	Aspen	Way				RPV	CA	90275
Mark	Zlay	3417	Palos Verd	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Melanie	Mottram	30103	Via Victoria					RPV	CA	90275
Jill	Crump	27028	Whitestone	Road				RPV	CA	90275
Tracy	Moon	2	Nuvola	Court				RPV	CA	90275
Milagros	Mayesh	4	Moonmist	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Sean	Dumas	26563	Basswood	Avenue				RPV	CA	90275
Anthony	Maggio	5317	Manitowac					RPV	CA	90275
William	Petrie	4129	Exultant	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Dolores	Davis	1	Crestwind	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
George	Bender	27931	San Nichol	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Bob	Brisco	1	Flying Man	Lane				RPV	CA	90275
Livia	Varsanyi	32622	Nantasket					RPV	CA	90275
Gerogina	McGovern	5008	Elkridge	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Kathleen	Pantucci	5439	Whitefox	Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Penny	Stein	28325	Lunada Ridge					RPV	CA	90275
Greg	Royston	6338	Sattes	Drive				RPV	CA	90275

Marian	Duntley	28633	Trailrider Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Aimee	Bruening	6162	Arrowroot Lane				RPV	CA	90275
Kim	Van Biene	21	Oceanaire Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Irene	Tsai	5635	Seaside Hi Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Susan	Yuzuki	29007	Warnick Road				RPV	CA	90275
Via	Vanetek	7127	Crest Road				RPV	CA	90275
Jose	Gonzalez	5630	Ravenspur		302		RPV	CA	90275
Kimberly	Cyrus	28126	Peacock R Drive		304		RPV	CA	90275
Jules	Angelley	6032	Groveoak				RPV	CA	90275
Laura	Mueller	5956	Flambeau Road				RPV	CA	90275
Hejn	Li	28017	Ridgebluff Court				RPV	CA	90275
Jun	Jean	28111	Ridgethorp Court				RPV	CA	90275
Sheila	Kottke	28408	Quailhill Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Susan	Addleman	1988 W	General Street				RPV	CA	90275
Mary	Schneider	6	Barkentine Road				RPV	CA	90275
Alex	Schoenfeld	93	Laurel				RPV	CA	90275
Jill	Hall	27444	Halescorn Road				RPV	CA	90275
Diana	Hefferman	26636	Fond Du L Road				RPV	CA	90275
Jessica	Hey	1930	Avenida Aprenda				RPV	CA	90275
Douglas	Shaw	28752	Crestridge Road				RPV	CA	90275
Tiffany	Sin	28403	Coveridge Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Judy	Bush	6030	Montemala Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Jennifer	Fiedler	27515	Warrior Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Lori	Duston	26535	Basswood Avenue				RPV	CA	90275
Merin	Dahlerbruch	5217	Elkmont Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Beth	Mecozzi	32333	Forrestal Drive				RPV	CA	90274
Marisa	Teora	1906	Avenida Estudiante				RPV	CA	90275
Melissa	Marshall	7034	Willowtree Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Tanner	Tellenbach	26838	Indian Pea Road				RPV	CA	90275
Robert	Sorrentino	6826	Faircove Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Mary	Flynn	29034	Warnick Road				RPV	CA	90275
Judith	Hart	28019	Hazelridge				RPV	CA	90275
Debbie	Banderas	6009	Scotmist Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Joan	Kraus	6108	Monero Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Gaye	Jacobs	6973	Kings Hart Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Joy	Carter	5917	Ocean Ter Drive				RPV	CA	90275
Beth	Ryan	5333	Littlebow Road				RPV	CA	90275
Joel	Gayner	5500	Palos Verd Drive			S	RPV	CA	90275
Mia	Chung	26433	Basswood Avenue				RPV	CA	90275
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Chad	Wilson	6507	Ocean Cre Drive			116			RPV	CA	90275



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Craig	Weintraub	6740	Los Verdes Drive			7	RPV	CA	90275
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Donna	Gianelli	28907	Newstar Drive				RPV	CA	90275
David L	Ementhiser	6620	Channelvie Court				Rancho Pa	CA	90275
Donald	Gonzalez	6576	Eddinghill Drive				Rancho Pa	CA	90275
John & Vicki	Schoenfeld	94	Laurel Drive				Rancho Pa	CA	90275

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 1:21 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Lower Hesse and Grandview Park proposals  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**Draft for your consideration:**

Good Afternoon Mayor and City Council,

Recreation and Parks staff (Katie Howe, Nancie Silver and myself) as well as Carolynn Petru attended the May 15 community workshop, and I'd like to provide some feedback on the comments you received this morning in the email below from Mr. Nitz.

Staff and Mia Lehrer & Associates repeatedly emphasized at the meeting that the purpose of the first community workshop was to gather community input and that, in no way, are any plans a "done deal."

Our public outreach notifying residents of the workshops so far has consisted of

- Notices in the Daily Breeze and Peninsula newspapers
- Contacting the Council of Homeowners Associations
- Banners posted at two locations in the City
- Scrolling news on channel 33 and 35
- A general breaking news announcement
- Breaking news announcement to project listserve subscribers
- Flyers at City facilities and RPV shopping centers and businesses
- Flyers and information on project website (we will have info on the City's homepage in the near future)
- A presentation at the May 4 Council Meeting
- News Watch scroll on City's website

Our outreach process is more extensive than these steps, and is still in progress.

Our consultant did an informal "poll" of those who attended the first community workshop, and unfortunately, of the approximately 50 participants, it looked like only 2 were not immediate neighbors of the two parks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with additional information.

Thank you,  
 Tom Odom  
 Interim Director, Recreation and Parks Dept.  
 310-544-5335

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**From:** M Nitz [mailto:mmnitz@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 8:21 AM  
**To:** CC@rpv.com; tom.long@rpv.com; stevew@rpv.com; Douglas.Stern@rpv.com; Brian.Campbell@rpv.com; Anthony.Misetich@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse and Grandview Park proposals

RPV City Council:

I attended the Community Workshop at Hesse Park on Saturday, May 15, and have the following comments:

I was made aware of this Workshop and of the plans to "develop" these parks only by a very small article in the Daily Breeze. I have to think that these plans for "development" are being made without proper notification of RPV residents, in particular, those living near the parks.

I was surprised find that \$50,000 has been spent for plan proposals of "developments" which are not needed or wanted by the majority of residents who attended this Workshop.

At the Workshop, several persons asked if these development plans are in fact a "done deal". We were not able to get a straight answer from Mia Lehrer, the planning representative, on this subject. Hopefully, that is not the case.

Regarding the proposal for Lower Hesse Park:

I visit this park, its playground, and its lower nature walk, on a regular basis with my wife, our children, and our 5 grandchildren. The park currently represents a very nice combination of play equipment and exposure to nature. In my opinion, it is best kept as it is.

The Hesse Park proposal is for, among other things, a dog park. This is not a good idea. I would never bring my grandchildren into the park if it were anywhere near a dog park. Unleashed dogs and small children do not mix. It would be only a matter of time until a small child is attacked by an unleashed dog or involved in a fight between two unleashed dogs. Also, I doubt that the nearby residents would be in favor of a dog park.

Regarding the proposal for Grandview Park:

The park currently is one of the few remaining undeveloped areas in RPV. In general, it is best kept as it is.

There is no need for a parking area, as shown in the proposal. Many cars can be legally parked on Montemalaga for access to the park.

There is a proposal for a cycle area and a dog park. This is not a good idea. Unleashed dogs love to chase (and sometimes injure) cyclists. Also, I would never bring children to an area where there are unleashed dogs. I doubt that the nearby residents would be in favor of a dog park.

Although I am an avid cyclist, I know that a "cycle area" will attract mountain bikers, downhill racers, and stunt riders; and not only RPV residents. The area could become a popular meeting ground for off-road cycle groups, with the resulting noise, litter, boom box music, etc. The cyclists would likely ride on the hiking trails as well as in the cycle area. A residential neighborhood is not suitable for a "cycle area".

If the City really needs to spend money on something, we could make a few more hiking trails and compact the soil on the trails (a simple tractor job) in Grandview Park. Otherwise, I suggest that it be left as it is.

Please respond and let me know if RPV is seriously considering these proposals. I hope that is not the case.

Respectfully,

Michael Nitz  
26129 Birchfield Ave.  
RPV 90275  
310-373-2696  
mmnitz@yahoo.com

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carolyn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Cc:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Hesse Park Workshop  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:** Tom Long [mailto:tomlong@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 3:00 PM  
**To:** clehr@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Hesse Park Workshop

Can you send 200 of the leaflets and 200 of the questionnaires to Ellen November at the address below. I will pay the copying costs. Please include a note asking her to tell us if she needs more.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Ellen November"  
**Sent:** 5/15/2010 2:40:40 PM  
**To:** "Tom Long"  
**Subject:** Re: Hesse Park Workshop

Thank you Tom. My home address is 6711 Monero Dr., RPV, CA 90275  
 I'll pass them out to all those on our Skatepark PV committee who can spread the word as well.  
 If you leave a box at your house, I'll drive by and pick them up on Monday. Just let me know.  
 I was amazed at how vast the park is at 18 acres. Right now, sadly, it's serving very few.  
 My best,  
 Ellen

On Sat, May 15, 2010 at 2:34 PM, Tom Long <tomlong@palosverdes.com> wrote:  
 Dear Ellen, Well am I glad to hear from you on this issue. And I agree with every word you say. I, for one, and not going to be intimidated by a bunch of crabby elderly people who think the parks are their personal backyards. I have fliers and information sheets on two further workshops and I would love to have you and others hand them out to parents and others who want our parks to be something meaningful. Can you tell me where I can mail some to you and others or can you call me and/or come by and get some? Tom Long (310-544-2978 or 213-612-7871) and 4830 Browndeer Lane Rancho Palos Verdes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Ellen November"  
**Sent:** 5/15/2010 2:23:20 PM  
**To:** "Susan Seamans" , "Julie Turner" , "Paul Galleberg" , "Charles Crouse" , "Tom Long" , "Anthony Misetich" , "Brian Campbell" , "Katherine Gould" , "Ro Anda"  
**Subject:** Hesse Park Workshop

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010

All:

I attended the Workshop at Hesse Park to discuss usage of parks.

I did not realize that it was a three-hour workshop which included visiting both Hesse and Grandview parks.

Due to other appts. I showed up at 11 am and the group of 20 people were walking around the lower Hesse park with Michelle. The most vocal people wanted little if anything done to change the park. They want the park to stay a natural plant habitat with some working drinking fountains and erosion control. They were concerned about parking, noise, etc. They did not know who in RPV would use basketball courts or the like.

The park is 18 acres. If you stand in the middle of the property, you cannot see adjacent homes as there are mature trees surrounding the area. The leader of the workshop, a city employee, did not know the population of the city. One person offered, 40,000, another 60,000 and another, 100,000. I think that being a city employee, one would know the population of the city. Do any of you know the current population of RPV?

A senior citizen pointed out that there were not parents of young kids present, therefore, they don't care. I don't agree. How many parents of young kids have three hours to spare on a Saturday morning to walk around and chat about two parks. Concurrently there was AYSO sign-ups going on at Hesse Park. I don't have kids and yet it was tough for me to find an hour for this workshop. I only learned of the workshop from someone else. I'm not sure how they found out about it. I've lived in RPV for 26 years.

In my opinion, the only way to get any kind of accurate gauge of what the community wants is to mail a poll to every household in RPV with a questionnaire and an area for remarks. The demographics of RPV needs to be assessed. How many people live there, how many in each age group live there, etc.

There was a very negative vibe among the 20 people there and overall, it was older citizens who wanted no change. Possibly little signs that identified what the native plants are. The three hour workshop idea is not effective, in my humble opinion.

Someone mentioned that the RPV City Hall property with its acreage and distance from residences is an ideal place to have recreational outlets. As you know, there is already a tennis court area there.

As you all know, it is my intention to have a skate board park built on the Hill, so that there is a safe and welcoming place where the 3,000 kids who skateboard can practice their sport without receiving a \$90 tickets. Today, on the Hill, I can play basketball, volleyball, swim, participate in theater, hike, ride my bike, play softball, etc. but there is no place on the hill where I can skateboard without being fined.

Skateboarding is the third most popular sport among teens in the US today. People move to PV for the school district and yet, we are extremely limited in what we provide the kids for recreation.

My hope is that the city will understand the population make-up of the city and plan accordingly.

What other forums of feedback are you having in your planning efforts?

Thanks

Ellen Novemeber

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Ellen November

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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carla Morreale [carlam@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 4:50 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'; 'Tom Odom'  
**Cc:** terit@rpv.com  
**Subject:** FW: Lower Hess Park and Grandview Parks Community Workshops  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:** eahaig@netzero.com [mailto:eahaig@netzero.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 4:35 PM  
**To:** tomlong@palosverdes.com  
**Cc:** CC@rpv.com; eahaig@netzero.net  
**Subject:** Re: Lower Hess Park and Grandview Parks Community Workshops

Dear Mayor Pro Tem Long,

Since you did not attend the meeting, I don't think you can actually comment on the specific concerns that were expressed by those who spoke. I don't remember hearing leave it as "field of weeds." You left the management of the meeting to the design firm you hired. While City staff sat in the back. A design firm that still seems confused as to whether they are developing a conceptual plan or design level plans. The principal of the firm said they were hired to develop a conceptual plan for the parks. Perhaps you should clarify to them that your objective, as explained in the staff report, was to hire them to do the design level plans, because the City has already developed a conceptual plan. If the professionals you hired are not clear as to the City's objectives, how do you think your constituents feel.

Proponents of all the facilities that are being proposed have obviously been heard from, otherwise you would not be proposing them. City staff reports said that a survey was done and that City staff meet with many organizations to get their suggestions. To say that they have not been as vocal is questionable. Why would you develop something if people were not vocal in expressing the need for them. They have been heard.

I question that there is a great need for the facilities being proposed. I question the outreach that was done to get input from the people that use the park regularly and will have to live with the impacts that development will bring. The conceptual plan was developed by the City council and various organizations, then presented to the homeowners associations. It appears that it was a done deal, without input from those who use the park regularly and those who will have to live with the impacts that development will bring.

It is a matter of opinion as to whether a development of questionable need, in the middle of residential areas, that paves over open space, can be seen as something "positive." I don't believe that developing land, because it is undeveloped, is "positive." Your outlook that those who enjoy what we have now are expressing negativism is the same type of emotional argument you complain about in your email. I like the natural setting of the park, walking its developed, passive trails, crossing the developed bridge,

reading the inspirational rocks, enjoying the plants that bloom and the return of the ladybugs ever year, hardly a negative experience. I don't see that wanting to preserve this as being negative.

I would rather look at what you call weeds (your term), as apposed to parking lots, dog runs, cars, un-used concrete basketball courts, and un-used tennis courts. Especially when one sits at Upper Hesse Park to enjoy the view. Like it was mentioned at Saturday's meeting "pave over paradise, to put up a parking lot."

If there is such a great need for a dog park, it should not be in a residential area, it should be placed away from residential areas, like Upper Point Vicente. I don't understand why there are no locations other than the two parks for a dog park on the entire Peninsula. The impact of the dog park would be too much for a residential area.

No one is giving up on parks, I enjoy many of the City's parks. But, you have to show a need for the facilities, the ability to pay for them and maintain them, consider how it will impact neighborhoods and determine that there is no alternative location for the specific active recreation facilities that are being proposed.

Sincerely,

Brian Haig

CC: Rancho Palos Verdes City Council

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tom Long" <tomlong@palosverdes.com>

To: "eahaig@netzero.com" <eahaig@netzero.com>

Cc:

Subject: Re: Lower Hess Park and Grandview Parks Community Workshops

Date: Sat, 15 May 2010 21:57:29 GMT

Dear Brian, We had meetings earlier but these meetings have the purpose of getting some public input too. And there will be more. I realize that the majority of the 20 or so people at today's workshop want Grandview to remain a field of weeds. I suspect many are close neighbors of the park. Experience has taught me that this its the initial reaction of most neighbors--put it somewhere else--no change--etc. But Grandview was always intended to be a community park. This means improvements like parking spaces and restrooms, proper trails, playgrounds and other things designed to allow those other than nearby neighbors to have use of the park. We have done an assessment that compares our parks with those in other cities and we are below average. But, of course, if we don't need Grandview as a park we don't need it as city owned land at all really. We have plenty of open space that is real habitat--over 2 aquare miles--15% of the city land area. And Grandview is not really useful habitat. If we cannot use it as a

public park then we should quit wasting it and we should sell it and get some money. I don't want to do that at all and I know there are deed restrictions requiring public use. But then it really isn't open to the public right now unless you live very close by. The HOAs in the Lower Hesse park area have been in touch with the city and provided constructive suggestions about that area. There has been a lot of information about all of this for some time now. While the city does not have the ability to mail or call every resident, I think we have done a good job providing notice. We have done way more than is required. I would encourage you to work with the designers and with city staff to provide constructive suggestions. You say you live near Lower Hesse Park. Is Hesse Park a bad place now? We get few complaints about it. Can't we provide some additional facilities and still have the park be a good neighbor? It is quite an underutilized park when you compare it to most parks. True--proponents of the parks may not have been there. That's all the more reason we need to reach out to them as well. But I will say that experience teaches me that those who are opposed to change are always the most vocal. Those who favor something positive get beaten down by the negativism of others and get frustrated and walk away. I have been told that asking neighbors to put up with ANY improvements in parks is like asking them to "choose between being shot and being hung." I have been told that the smell from park restrooms will be "unbearable" and that the sound of children at play will "destroy our lives." These same people tell me it is impossible to "reason" with me because I dare to support having parks that look like parks in other cities. (I kid you not, these are real communications I have received.) What does it say about our community that the sound of children at play is an intolerable nuisance and that the thought of having a real park nearby is like a death sentence? The city's parks are not bad neighbors. And many of the alternate locations you specify will eventually be developed as real parks as well--some of them with playing fields--something that draws even stiffer opposition. (I have been told that playing fields for girl's softball are unacceptable because they will bring "crime and beer drinking" to the neighborhood. Again, I kid you not--I don't have enough imagination to make this crazy stuff up.) The city's parks are supervised and are closed (and parking lots chained) at sunset. The city is open to doing reasonable things to be a good neighbor. But simply giving up on having parks is not reasonable. Tom Long Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Palos Verdes

-----Original Message-----

From: "eahaig@netzero.com"

Sent 5/15/2010 2:30:25 PM

To: CC@rpv.com

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 6:10 PM  
**To:** 'mmnitz@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Lower Hesse and Grandview Park proposals  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thank you, Mr. Nitz for submitting your input on this process.

Some avenues to find information on the conceptual plan process for Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks include joining the project's listserv and attending future community workshops. Participants who join the City's listserv are emailed the latest updates so they may stay informed as the project progresses. To join, please click the following link –the listserv you would look for is Lower Hesse/Grandview Park, and it is under the Recreation heading.

<http://pvalert.com/>

Listed below are the dates of all of the Community Workshops hosted by the design architect and City staff. At these workshops community input on park amenities will be solicited, and conceptual designs will be shared and discussed. You can also print a flyer from the City's website:

<http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/Community-workshops.pdf>

**Community Workshop #1**  
~~Saturday, May 15, 2010~~  
~~9 a.m. - 12 p.m.~~  
 Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park, Multipurpose Room

**Community Workshop #2**  
 Saturday, July 17, 2010  
 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lower Hesse Park  
 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Grandview Park

**Community Workshop #3**  
 Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010  
 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
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**To:** CC@rpv.com; tom.long@rpv.com; stevew@rpv.com; Douglas.Stern@rpv.com; Brian.Campbell@rpv.com; Anthony.Misetich@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse and Grandview Park proposals

RPV City Council:

I attended the Community Workshop at Hesse Park on Saturday, May 15, and have the following comments:

I was made aware of this Workshop and of the plans to "develop" these parks only by a very small article in the Daily Breeze. I have to think that these plans for "development" are being made without proper notification of RPV residents, in particular, those living near the parks.

I was surprised find that \$50,000 has been spent for plan proposals of "developments" which are not needed or wanted by the majority of residents who attended this Workshop.

At the Workshop, several persons asked if these development plans are in fact a "done deal". We were not able to get a straight answer from Mia Lehrer, the planning representative, on this subject. Hopefully, that is not the case.

Regarding the proposal for Lower Hesse Park:

I visit this park, its playground, and its lower nature walk, on a regular basis with my wife, our children, and our 5 grandchildren. The park currently represents a very nice combination of play equipment and exposure to nature. In my opinion, it is best kept as it is.

The Hesse Park proposal is for, among other things, a dog park. This is not a good idea. I would never bring my grandchildren into the park if it were anywhere near a dog park. Unleashed dogs and small children do not mix. It would be only a matter of time until a small child is attacked by an unleashed dog or involved in a fight between two unleashed dogs. Also, I doubt that the nearby residents would be in favor of a dog park.

Regarding the proposal for Grandview Park:

The park currently is one of the few remaining undeveloped areas in RPV. In general, it is best kept as it is.

There is no need for a parking area, as shown in the proposal. Many cars can be legally parked on Montemalaga for access to the park.

There is a proposal for a cycle area and a dog park. This is not a good idea. Unleashed dogs love to chase (and sometimes injure) cyclists. Also, I would never bring children to an area where there are unleashed dogs. I doubt that the nearby residents would be in favor of a dog park.

Although I am an avid cyclist, I know that a "cycle area" will attract mountain bikers, downhill racers, and stunt riders; and not only RPV residents. The area could become a popular meeting ground for off-road cycle groups, with the resulting noise, litter, boom box music, etc. The cyclists would likely ride on the hiking trails as well as in the cycle area. A residential neighborhood is not suitable for a "cycle area".

If the City really needs to spend money on something, we could make a few more hiking trails and compact the soil on the trails (a simple tractor job) in Grandview Park. Otherwise, I suggest that it be left as it is.

Please respond and let me know if RPV is seriously considering these proposals. I hope that is not the case.

Respectfully,

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**From:** NOEL PARK [noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9:20 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Cc:** 'Dorothy Weeks'  
**Subject:** FW: Hesse Park: dog park poster

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Enclosed is a copy of the poster which Dorothy Weeks displayed at the meeting at Hesse Park Saturday. As she said, it is simply a printout of the Redondo Beach dog park rules. I asked that this be made part of the public record, but I thought that I would send it along in this format just in case it was overlooked.

This clearly illustrates a lot of the concerns of the local neighbors, and I don't believe that it requires any editorial comment at all. It clearly speaks for itself. Please share it with the MLA folks.

The downside for the City must be abundantly clear as well.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dorothy Weeks [mailto:weeksl dj@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 14, 2010 5:01 PM  
**Subject:** Hesse Park: dog park poster

Want you all to know I just created a poster that shows the detailed rules (and more) of the Redondo Beach Dog Park so people can see on Saturday morning what's involved in having one here at our park(s). It would be great if someone had an easel to put it up on in the Hesse Park building for the meeting tomorrow at 9AM. Please let me know if someone does and can bring it, or if I can pick it up. Or...if there's a good place to thumbtack it up in the meeting room.

The file below shows the wording of all the rules and I've made a title for the poster to go above the four pages.

Thanks in advance for any help and suggestions. Hope I'm not duplicating anyone else's work.

Dorothy Weeks

**REDONDO BEACH DOG PARK  
WAS CREATED IN 1992 FROM WHAT WAS  
FORMERLY A TRASH SITE**

**PLEASE READ THE RULES TO SEE WHAT  
IS INVOLVED IN CREATING AND  
MAINTAINING A DOG PARK**

## **Redondo Beach Dog Park Rules**

<http://www.rbdogpark.com/>

The following rules are part of Redondo Beach City ordinance #2704 and may carry penalties of \$50.00 or more. They are for your safety and the safety of the dogs. Please abide by all posted rules.

- Park is open from dawn till dusk. Sound travels in the early hours. Be considerate of sleeping neighbors.
- Dogs outside of the dog park and not within the fenced area must be on a leash at all times. This includes in the parking lot as well as traveling to and from your car. Dogs are not allowed in any Redondo Beach city park, on or off leash.
- Owners are legally required to pick-up and dispose of their dog's feces both in and out of the Dog Park.
- Children under 12 must be closely supervised at all times by an adult. (It is urged that young children not be brought to the Dog Park for their own health & safety. They must be close enough to hold your hand at all times!)
- No strollers, carriages, bicycles, children's toys, food or treats allowed in the Dog Park!
- Owners are solely liable for injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed from the Park immediately and without debate.
- Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the Dog Park.
- All dogs must be currently licensed (with tags and collar on) and vaccinated.
- No smoking, alcoholic beverages, or food allowed in the Dog Park.
- No business may be conducted in the Dog Park.

### How To Enter the Park

- Do not open outside gate if the inside gate is open. Be patient.
- Remove your dog's leash inside the double gated holding pen. Enter the Park, close the gate and move your dog away from the entrance.
- Do not leave a leash on your dog in the Park. This may put your dog at a disadvantage and may actually cause an altercation.
- If your dog must be muzzled, perhaps it shouldn't be in the Dog Park.

### Prevent a Dog Fight Before It Happens

Learn the 4P Warning Signs:

- **Posture:** A dog's body language can communicate fear, hostility or submission. Learn to read and respond to your own dog's body language, and others.
- **Packing:** More than 2 or 3 dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Break it up before it starts by leading your dog to a neutral area at least 30 feet away.
- **Possession:** Whether it's you, a ball, or a treat, most dogs will protect what is theirs. Remain aware.
- **Provoking:** If your dog is continuously annoying another dog or dogs, or provoking attention, it's time to leave the park.

### What You Can Do To Prevent a Fight

- Pay attention to your dog and be aware of where he is at and what he is doing at all times.
- Stay close enough to control or protect your dog in the face of a potential fight.
- Keep a collar on your dog at all times so you have something to grab, if needed.
- Leave the Park. Some days it's just a bad mix. Go for a walk or come back later. You and your dog will be better off.

### What You Can Do If a Fight Occurs

- Never reach your hands into the middle of a dog fight. You may get bit, and often by your own dog.
- Distract the dogs and divert their attention. A blast of water from a water bottle, a loud whistle, or a pocket air horn may work.
- If your dog is not in the fight, make sure he does not join in.
- If a fight occurs, control your dog and remove him to a neutral area.

- **Maintain a cool head. Getting upset and yelling will only add to the frenzy.**
- **When warranted, exchange contact information with the other dog owners. If you can't because you must attend to your dog, designate someone else to get information**

### **What To Do If You or Your Dog Are Injured in a Dog Fight**

**An injured dog may bite anyone near by.**

**A dog fight can be violent and is upsetting to everyone present.**

- **Attitude: Even the calmest, most pleasant, well-adjusted person may become upset, angry or belligerent, if they or their dog is injured in a fight. Emotional behavior is automatic; try to remain calm and as objective as possible.**
- **Legal Responsibility: Owners are solely liable for injuries or damage caused by their dogs. This includes injury to another dog or person, no matter how it began, who said what, or whatever.**
- **Exchange Information: All involved parties should provide pertinent information including name, address, phone numbers and vaccination records to each other.**
- **Report the Incident: Minor scuffles occur frequently. In the case of a serious fight or injury or a dog that clearly exhibits aggressive or dangerous behavior, call animal control or the Redondo Beach police department to report the incident. Also, report the event to The Friends of the RBDP so a record can be kept. You must have information on the offending person, even if it is only a license plate number.**
  - **Your Dog Is Your Personal Property. You Are Legally Responsible For Damage or Injury Caused By Your Dog!**

### **Remain In Control and In Sight of Your Dog at All Times**

- **Pay attention! Owners must clean up after their dogs. There are plastic bags in dispensers along the fences and in the green wooden boxes in each Park. Shovels can be found on the fence. Please return them after use.**
- **All dogs must have current licenses and vaccinations. While city regulations require only rabies immunization, it is strongly advised that your dog be vaccinated for Bordatella (kennel cough), DHLPP, and Corona.**
- **Your dog must be on-leash at all time outside the park. This means walking to and from the Park and the parking lot.**

- **Carry your dog's leash with you in the Dog Park. A leash is a sure way of gaining control over your dog if needed, and may act as an impromptu muzzle in an emergency.**
- **Puppies under five months of age are at risk of infection even when vaccinated. Younger dog's immune systems are not fully mature.**
- **Your dog must have a collar with proper ID and rabies tags when in the Dog Park.**

### **Correct Owner Behavior**

- **Do not bring food or dog treats into the Dog Park. Many owners do not feed treats. Some dogs may be allergic.**
- **Do not leave water bowls at the Dog Park. Community water bowls not allowed to dry out are a breeding ground for many viruses and bacteria.**
- **Do not plug the sink. If your dog will not drink from running water, bring your own bowl or cup.**
- **It is recommended that you not bring dog toys or balls to the Dog Park. Toys may provoke possessive or aggressive conduct.**
- **The small dog park is for small dogs (30 pounds) and puppies only. If you have an older or timid dog, you may only use small dog park if patrons agree.**
- **Basic obedience training is a must for safety. You must be in control of your dog at all times.**

### **The Dog Park Is Not a Place For Your Child!**

#### **The Dangers:**

- **This is a dog park. Not all dogs are child-friendly! Never allow your child to approach or pet a strange dog without the owner's presence and approval.**
- **Herding dogs may nip at children while attempting to round them up.**
- **A running, squealing or screaming child may become a target for many dogs (because the child resembles an injured animal or prey).**
- **Direct eye contact is confrontational to dogs. An interested child staring into a dog's face may provoke a dog unintentionally.**
- **Never let your child have toys or food in the Dog Park. A friendly dog might knock down your child to get at a bright ball or cookie.**
- **One adult to supervise several children or an infant and the family dog is not sufficient to ensure everyone's safety and control. Be sure you can take care of everyone you bring to the park.**
- **All dogs have the potential to bite.**

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Teri Takaoka [terit@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 4:17 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'; 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park meeting summary  
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**Cc:** 'John Freeman'  
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I attended the meeting as well, and John's summary reflects exactly what I heard. Well done John. Thank you very much.

**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 21, 2010 2:24 PM  
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Noel, FYI, see email which I sent to City Council, etc.

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**Cc:** Carolynn Petru (carolynn@rpv.com); Tom Odom (parks@rpv.com); Michelle Sullivan (michelles@mlagreen.com)  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park meeting summary

Dear Mayor Wolowicz and council members:

Last Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, was the first community meeting regarding community feedback about Grandview and Lower Hesse Park improvements. I was disappointed that a council member was not assigned to hear directly from residents at this early conceptual feedback forum. I urge you to appoint one or two council members to attend each of the subsequent meetings.

FYI, this is my personal summary of the first meeting. As a resident living within one block of Lower Hesse Park and member of the Pacific View Homeowners Association, I and others are very concerned

about any increased intensity of development in this area.

Mia Lehrer and Associates moderated and solicited feedback and suggestions from the 30-40 residents that attended. Regarding Lower Hesse Park, see attached preliminary drawing that had been previously circulated.

Note in the drawing are new Tennis Courts, a Basketball Court, Dog Park, Picnic areas, Par Course, Bathrooms, expanded Parking, etc. I'm not sure who designed that, but that's not even close to what I heard at the meeting.

I don't recall any resident wanting Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, or larger Volleyball courts. Or storage facilities or bathrooms. No one favored larger parking lots. In fact, I spoke and distributed pictures showing the safety danger of the parking lot entrance on the blind curve that currently exists on Locklenna Lane toward the Volleyball court. The volleyball court is seldom used; why do we need more development that the community doesn't want and or need?

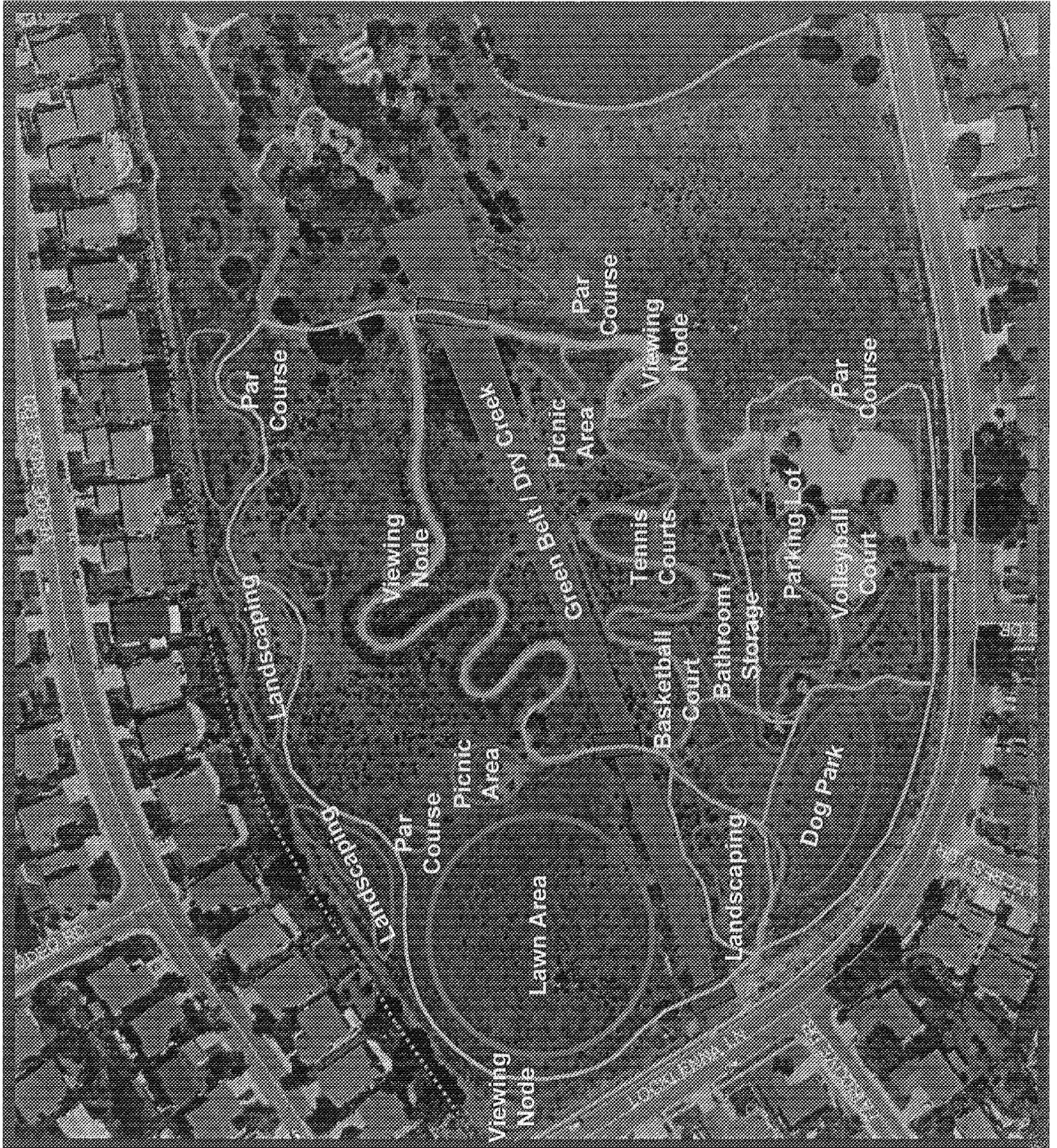
The comments I heard from residents were an emphatic emphasis on improving the quiet passive nature of the parks, suggestions for native habitat planting, landscaping and possible trail improvements.

Please assign one or two council members to attend the next community meeting so you can hear this for yourself.

Upper Hesse Park and Lower Hesse Park were designed 20+ years ago, and Lower Hesse Park was designed and designated as a passive park.

**Let's keep Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park that way.**

John Freeman  
Lower Hesse Park nearby resident  
Rancho Palos Verdes



**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 10:55 AM  
**To:** 'David Liu'  
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**Cc:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** No More Development

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please listen to the people: there should be NO MORE OPEN LAND DEVELOPMENT !! Stop the projects for Hesse Park & Grandview Park !!  
Please use the budget for other useful projects.  
Thank you.

David & Joan Liu

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:32 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: NO DEVELOPEMENT!!!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** xenia zampolli <xeniaz@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 20, 2010 9:21:57 AM PDT  
**To:** CC@rpv.com, tom.long@rpv.com, stevew@rpv.com, douglas.stern@rpv.com, brian.campbell@rpv.com, anthony.misetich@rpv.com  
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I am a resident of RPV and I don't see how the city can approve development without approval from local people who will be affected tremendously by the development of our backyards! I very much enjoy the natural unspoiled parks we have in RPV (Grandview and Lower Hesse in particular). I DO NOT WANT BULLDOZERS CHANGING THE TOPOGRAPHY, POURING CONCRETE, MAKING PARKING LOTS AND KILLING THE EXISTING NATIVE PLANTS AND HABITAT! I also do not want the view of artificial putting grounds, stairs and bathrooms from my deck!  
**I want my voice heard and documented that I protest to any development in the already existing**

**public park we have in Grandview and lower Hesse park.**

My name is Xenia Zampolli  
I live at 26177 Barkstone Drive  
RPV, CA 90275

Thank you!

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 11:23 AM  
**To:** 'George Lambros'  
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Pissed Off Resident,  
 George Lambros  
 310-375-5974

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**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 7:49 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Betty Lefritz  
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26322 Grayslake.

She called because she wanted to report she is in support of improving the park and is upset about a flyer she received in opposition to park improvements.

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**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
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Katie,  
Please make sure that Michelle is copied on this email. Tom

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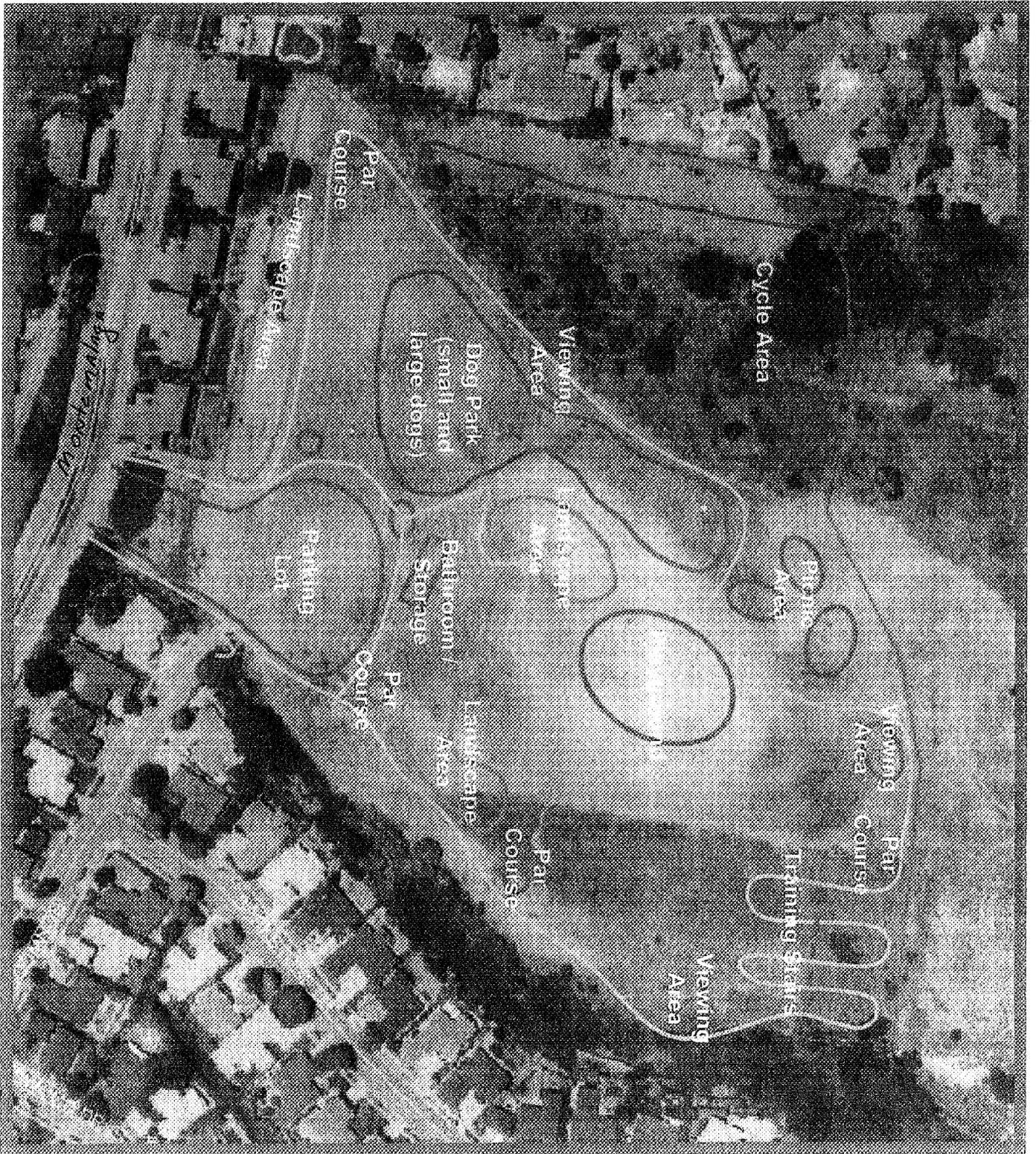
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**From:** Michelle Sullivan [MichelleS@mlagreen.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 5:38 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'; Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Mia Lehrer  
**Subject:** FW: Attached Image  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**Attachments:** 1332\_001.pdf

Tom and Katie,

FYI,  
This is the letter that we received from Noel Park.

Best regards,

Michelle Sullivan, Principal, LEED AP  
***e-mail*** [michelles@mlagreen.com](mailto:michelles@mlagreen.com)

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(310) 377-4035 (H) (562) 804-5205 (W) (562) 804-5210 Fax

Date: 5/25/10

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To: Michelle Sullivan, Principal MCA

Fax #: (213) 384-3833

I have had an interesting exchange of emails with Councilman Long re-the recent public meeting. I think that you may find them amusing.

Also, he has his emails fixed so that they do not forward, thus the paper copies.

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Note in the drawing are new Tennis Courts, a Basketball Court, Dog Park, Picnic areas, Par Course, Bathrooms, expanded Parking, etc. I'm not sure who designed that, but that's not even close to what I heard at the meeting.

I don't recall any resident wanting Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, or larger Volleyball courts. Or storage facilities or bathrooms. No one favored larger parking lots. In fact, I spoke and distributed pictures showing the safety danger of the parking lot entrance on the blind curve that currently exists on Locklenna Lane toward the Volleyball court. The volleyball court is seldom used; why do we need more development that the community doesn't want and or need?

The comments I heard from residents were an emphatic emphasis on improving the quiet passive

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nature of the parks, suggestions for native habitat planting, landscaping and possible trail improvements.

Please assign one or two council members to attend the next community meeting so you can hear this for yourself.

Upper Hesse Park and Lower Hesse Park were designed 20+ years ago, and Lower Hesse Park was designed and designated as a passive park.

**Let's keep Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park that way.**

John Freeman  
Lower Hesse Park nearby resident  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** NOEL PARK [noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:14 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Lower Hesse Park Development  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Thank you.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:46 AM  
**To:** 'NOEL PARK'  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Lower Hesse Park Development

Thank you for this information. I will pass it on to Michelle.

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**From:** NOEL PARK [mailto:noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010 5:08 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Proposed Lower Hesse Park Development

A few comments come to mind following the recent meeting at the site.

Parking is a big concern for the residents along Locklenna and the related cul-de-sacs. They are obviously worried that visitor cars may take up all of the street parking, leaving none for them or their guests. At some point in the process, someone suggested the City's neighborhood parking permit program as a possible tool for dealing with this issue. A visit to the City's website reveals that the program is currently on hold. Even so, maybe this is a good place to reinstate it. A Grandview resident pointed out that there is a lot of street parking along Montemalaga which would not unduly bother the residents, and that this might reduce or obviate the need for a parking lot. Maybe a similar idea could work at Lower Hesse by restricting the parking on the residential side of Locklenna and the cul-de-sacs and allowing public parking on the park side. This might allow us to minimize the amount of priceless park space given over to parking. It might defuse a good bit of neighborhood opposition as well.

I'm sure that MLA are well ahead of me here but, if there has to be additional parking, I really hope that it will be some permeable system, and not asphalt. The existing decomposed granite parking area seems to have held up well, although admittedly the traffic on it is pretty light. The PV Land Conservancy used some sort of a permeable system at White Point Park, so maybe their experience might be instructive.

Speaking of the PVPLC, they are seriously considering selling plants from their nursery as a fund raising tool. Needless to say, they are proper, PV appropriate plants, raised from seeds actually gathered on the Peninsula. I also believe that the prices would be extremely competitive. This would seem to be a partnership made in heaven.

There were many comments from the public that the existing volleyball court is hardly used. As a frequent park visitor, I would agree. One of my concerns has been the impact on the views of a fence or enclosure around any tennis court or courts. While walking around the upper level of the park the other day, I was struck by the way that the volleyball court is obscured by the mature trees in that particular area. I thought that possibly a tennis court could be located there, and that the trees might usefully break up the sight of the fence/enclosure. Some people suggested removing the volleyball court altogether. If the cost of it was donated by a private citizen, as someone suggested, I can see where that might be a bit problematic. Even if it had to be moved, it would clearly have a lot less visual impact than a fenced in tennis court.

Thanks for your patience and interest. I walk at the park every evening, so I have a lot of time to be concerned about its future and well being.

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** NOEL PARK [noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010 7:50 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Hesse/Grandview Parks Use Questionnaire  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Are they available at the Hesse Park public counter? All we need is one. We will be happy to do our own copying.

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 5:10 PM  
**To:** 'NOEL PARK'  
**Subject:** RE: Hesse/Grandview Parks Use Questionnaire

Good Afternoon Noel,

The questionnaire in question was the survey that was distributed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Community Workshop on May 15. Staff has been going to various locations in RPV to ask residents to complete the survey including shopping centers, community events, and the Hesse Park public counter. Instead of giving stacks of the survey to those requesting, staff has decided to be present when surveys are completed so questions may be answered and to avoid duplicate responses.

We would be happy to send staff to one of your HOA meetings or block parties, and to bring the surveys and our outreach material with us. Please let us know if you would like us to do this.

Thank you,  
Katie

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**From:** NOEL PARK [mailto:noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Cc:** 'Les Chapin'; 'Roberta Wong'; 'Linda Laconte'; 'Gregg Swartz'; 'Jon Davis'; 'Jim Real'; 'Marilyn Jabowski'; esthers123@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Hesse/Grandview Parks Use Questionnaire

We have heard about a questionnaire concerning park uses being circulated at various venues including, but not limited to, the voting station at Hesse Park during the recent election and the recent street fair at the Peninsula Center. None of our HOA board members has seen it, and we would very much like to do so. Maybe we could circulate it in the neighborhood and get you some more response. Is there a way you can email a copy? If not, please send one to my house at 6715 El Rodeo Road. Thank you.

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Tom Odom [tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 10:16 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Hesse and Grandview  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I already did. Tom

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 10:10 AM  
**To:** 'Michelle Sullivan'; 'Tom Odom'  
**Subject:** FW: Hesse and Grandview

Just FYI. No response needed. Tom – should we be forwarding Ken's emails to Carolyn?

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**From:** Ken Dyda [mailto:kendyda@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 9:58 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Hesse and Grandview

**Recreation and Parks**

Thank you for the copy of the surveys. It seems abundantly clear that the most people don't want an over developed park. Del Cerro is an example of a passive park.

Both surveys seem to indicate a strong desire for Walking Trails, Public Restrooms, Picnic Area w/Benches and Grassy Play area. This approach would be most acceptable to the surrounding neighborhood and in keeping with the concept of passive parks. I wonder how many people that said they want more would really come to the park and make the expenditure worthwhile? There is something to say for less is more.

Ken Dyda

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:24 PM  
**To:** 'sunshinerpv@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Request for Proposals - Grandview and Lower Hesse Parks  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green  
**Attachments:** RFP\_Landscape\_Architect.pdf; RFP\_Attachments.pdf

Good Afternoon Sunshine,

Attached is the RFP we discussed this morning and two attachments. Below is a link to the proposal submitted by Landscape Architect Mia Lehrer & Associates. Please let us know if we can provide additional information.

[http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/extracted-RPVCCA\\_SR\\_2010\\_04\\_20\\_03\\_Landscape\\_Design\\_Hesse\\_Grandview.pdf](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv/recreationparks/Lower-Hesse-Park-Grandview/extracted-RPVCCA_SR_2010_04_20_03_Landscape_Design_Hesse_Grandview.pdf)

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

Request for Proposal

For

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SERVICES FOR CONCEPTUAL  
DESIGN(S) OF LOWER HESSE PARK AND GRANDVIEW PARK

Issued: December 17, 2009

Pre-Bid Conference: January 12, 2010

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at

Hesse Park Fireside Room

29301 Hawthorne Boulevard

Rancho Palos Verdes, California

Proposals Due: February 8, 2010

Dear:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is requesting a statement of qualifications and a cost proposal from a landscape architect or other qualified consultant, to provide professional services for the preparation of conceptual design(s) for two city park sites, Lower Hesse and Grandview. Conceptual designs for each park site must include three (3) options or alternatives with one preferred option that is based on numerous factors including but not limited to public comments, market/demographic analysis, city documents and other applicable background, data or historical information.

General Background

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes was incorporated in 1973 and consists of a total area of about 13.6 square miles with 7.5 miles of coastline. Elevations range from sea level to 1,480 feet. The population of the City is slightly

below 43,000 and the character of the community is primarily residential with approximately 15,000 single family residences, 40 multi-family properties and 155 commercial/institutional parcels. In addition to the City's developed properties, pursuant to the Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP), the City maintains approximately 1,200 acres of open space, known as the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (Preserve). The Preserve provides protection of native habitat and wildlife, as well as provides public passive recreational trails used by hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.

The residents of the City are very involved in the land use review process; due to both projects in close proximity to adjacent neighborhoods and community-wide active participation in identifying city recreational opportunities, extensive public outreach and input is expected. As such, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is seeking a consultant with a high level of experience in all aspects of the public outreach process.

Staff prepared conceptual improvement plans for both Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park which were presented to the City Council for review (Attachment 1). The conceptual park improvement plans are intended to improve accessibility and the utility of each park site by enhancing the aesthetic appearance and recreational amenities. Additionally, the conceptual plans expand the scope and number of active recreation options available to the community while balancing the existing open areas at each site with the proposed recreational amenities. The Staff-prepared plans are conceptual schematics and the dimensions of the proposed amenities are not drawn to scale but rather depicted in "bubbles" as approximations.

**Lower Hesse Park**  
**29301 Hawthorne Boulevard**

Hesse Park opened in 1983 and its approximately 28 acres are divided into two areas commonly referred to as Upper and Lower Hesse Park. Upper Hesse Park is approximately 10-acres and is improved with a community center, parking lot, playground equipment, and a multi-use athletic field with extensive landscaping.

Lower Hesse Park is approximately 18-acres and is mostly undeveloped. The park is currently designated by the City's Zoning Map as Open Space – Active. In 1999, local residents developed conceptual plans for the site and worked with City Staff to improve the condition of Lower Hesse Park with

amenities such as a small dirt parking lot, a series of trails, a bridge over a natural drainage course, picnic facilities, and a sand volleyball court. The majority of the site is not irrigated and outside of rainy seasons, the park landscape is often dry and brown with little planted vegetation. Since the completion of the improvements in 1999, Lower Hesse Park has not been renovated or improved.

According to the attached conceptual plan, proposed improvements to Lower Hesse Park include:

- Improving, expanding and realigning the trail system. Expansion of trail access to more of the site, including the open area at the northern section of the park. The trails shall comply with the requirements of the Americans Accessibility Act Guidelines (ADAG) and California title 24.
- Updating and constructing viewing and picnic nodes with benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains with dog bowls, trash cans, BBQs, and landscaping (trees and shrubs) etc.
- Improving the existing bridge and constructing two new bridges over the proposed greenbelt/dry creek that divides the site into two areas.
- Enhancing the aesthetic condition of the existing greenbelt with the importation of rock material and new landscaping (trees and shrubs).
- Planting drought tolerant ornamental trees and shrubs selected from a colorful plant palette.
- Installing a lawn area for informal use by the public for picnics, games, etc.
- Repairing and installing irrigation for the proposed lawn area, landscape pods, and picnic areas.
- Installing post and cable fencing along the perimeter of the park adjacent to the roadway.
- Installing “mutt mitt” stations.

#### Improved Accessibility/Utility

- Installing park identification signs at the entrance off Locklenna Lane.
- Expanding and improving the existing parking lot to accommodate approximately 50 vehicles.
- Improving ingress and egress to the park by expanding the driveway entrance width and improving the parking lot circulation with a one-

way circular pattern driveway aisle around the existing sand and volleyball court.

#### Improved/Expanded Active Recreation

- Constructing a fenced dog park with separate sections for large and small dogs.
- Constructing two tennis courts (non-illuminated).
- Constructing an outdoor basketball court (non-illuminated).
- Renovating the existing sand volleyball court.
- Constructing an outdoor par course with approximately 6 stations along the outer ring trail system.

#### **Grandview Park**

##### **6000 Ironwood Street**

Grandview Park is approximately 18-acres and is located at the northwest portion of the city adjacent to the City of Palos Verdes Estates. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes purchased the park in 1980 from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. The park is currently designated by the City's Zoning Map as Open Space – Passive. The park is in the same undeveloped condition as when it was acquired by the City and is not part of the City's routine maintenance and weed abatement program for City parks. Grandview Park is currently used primarily by the neighborhood for walking, including regular dog walking on an existing unimproved footpath leading to the flat and highest portion of the site, as well as on a number of informal, undeveloped trails.

According to the attached conceptual plans, proposed improvements include:

#### Improved/Enhanced Aesthetics/Amenities

- Improving and constructing new trails for pedestrian and bicycle use (approximately 8 to 10-foot trail head). The proposed trail system is to be designed to create an outer loop around the perimeter of the park and inner loop trail around the flat portion of the park where the proposed active recreational amenities are located. The trails shall comply with the requirements of the Americans with Accessibilities Act Guidelines (ADAG) and California title 24.
- Constructing viewing nodes that will include benches and picnic tables, drinking fountains with dog bowls, trash cans, barbeques, etc.

- Planting landscape nodes with drought tolerant ornamental trees and shrubs selected from a colorful plant palette.
- Installing a landscaped buffer immediately north of homes on Montemalaga Drive.
- Installing “mutt mitt” stations

#### Improved Accessibility/Utility

- Installing a park identification sign at the entrance off Montemalaga Drive.
- Constructing a parking lot to accommodate a total of approximately 50 vehicles with a designated drop-off area.
- Repairing the existing sidewalk, parkway, and guard rail at the terminus of Ironwood Street and constructing planters at the entry point to the park.
- Constructing a switchback trail off Ironwood Street for improved neighborhood access to park.
- Constructing a restroom facility adjacent to parking lot.
- Installing on-street parking restrictions signs.

#### Improved/Expanded Active Recreation

- Constructing a fenced dog park with separate sections for large and small dogs.
- Creating a cycling trails area.
- Installing a children’s playground equipment that is situated adjacent to park benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping.
- Installing an outdoor par course exercise system with approximately 7 stations located along the outer loop trail.
- Creation of a seasonal day camp site for future use.

### **Scope of Work**

The Scope of Work shall include a conceptual design and documentation of the proposed improvements to Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Parks as described above including drawings with the following general requirements:

1. Produce three (3) conceptual design plans for review, comment and selection that include (at minimum) the above proposed improvements for Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park. A final preferred option

shall be included among the three (3) conceptual design plans that will be recommended to the City Council. The submittal for conceptual design shall include product cut sheets and color boards, as required and cost estimates for each of the conceptual plans.

2. Prepare a brief overview of both park projects and affirm through market analysis, demographics and other applicable city documents that the Staff-prepared conceptual schematics are reasonable and feasible for Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park.
3. Prepare a brief statement as to the compatibility of uses to existing amenities, facilities and/or neighborhoods.
4. Prepare a rough cost estimate in the form of a range for the proposed improvements for each conceptual design submitted to the City.
5. Prepare a recommendation for future maintenance program including projected costs. The project shall also incorporate sustainable design features into all conceptual plans and along with principles that will encourage or be environmentally friendly.

A minimum of ten (10) city staff and consultant meetings will be required to ensure that all programming and design needs are met for Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park. These meetings shall include a kick off meeting, four (4) team review meetings following the above mentioned submittals, three (3) community-wide meetings and two (2) City Council meetings. These meetings will be an integral component to coordinate with stakeholders and articulate shared design features, inspiring themes and priority park features.

### Proposal Content

The Consultant submitting a proposal on the project must provide a complete package in order to be considered. Respondents shall be licensed to practice landscape architecture in the State of California. The proposal shall include the items outlined in the sub-headings below.

### Cover Letter

A one-page cover letter, specifying the name of the lead firm, its mailing address, telephone number, website address and the name and email address of the firm's contact person for this project. The letter should also identify all sub-consultants to be used in the project.

### Qualifications and Experience

Include a maximum of five (5) past projects that highlight the team's experience in public improvement projects specifically park or public works projects. For the identified projects, please provide a project specific reference and contact information.

### Scope of Work

Present the proposed approach to achieving all aspects of the above mentioned scope of work requirements.

### Project Schedule

Provide a project schedule that outlines the required submittals and/or approvals by appropriate authorities and incorporates all meetings to ensure adequate planning for deliverables.

### Cost Proposal

Provide a statement of proposed cost that includes all work to be performed and all costs for which the Consultant expects to be paid. Provide a breakdown of the anticipated hours required, by task and personnel, with proposed billing rates.

### Key Personnel

The Consultant shall provide the names of key personnel, their respective titles, experiences, and periods of services with the firm. Please clearly identify the primary contact for the proposal.

### Availability

The Consultant shall provide a brief statement of the availability of key personnel of the firm to undertake the proposed project.

### Selection Process

Please submit ten (10) bound copies, double-sided on standard-weight paper (8.5"x11") of your full proposal at your earliest convenience, but no later than February 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. To:

Tom A. Odom, Interim Manager  
Parks, Open Space and Trails  
Public Works Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

A Selection Advisory Committee comprised of City staff will review the proposals received and select the most qualified firm based on the following criteria:

1. Ability of the Consultant to perform the specific tasks outlined in the Request for Proposal.
2. Qualifications of the specific individuals who will work on the project.
3. Experience with project of similar scope and type and identified project references.
4. The proposed project schedule and the Consultants ability to complete the project within the required time frame.
5. The overall cost of the proposal.
6. Interview

After the review of the proposals, the City will notify all consultants of their status in writing. The top candidates will be invited to participate in an

interview, possibly during the week of February 15, 2010. A consultant will be selected by February 25, 2010. Upon selection, City Staff will negotiate the final scope of work and terms of agreement prior to issuing a notice to proceed.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes reserves the right to reject any of the proposals, to select more than one consultant, and/or accept that proposal or portion of a proposal which will, in its opinion, best serve the public interest.

### Insurance Requirements

The Consultant will be required to carry insurance coverage during the performance of the contract providing the following minimum limits:

Bodily injury including accidental death	\$1,000,000 per person
Property damage and public liability	\$1,000,000 each person
(Including coverage of vehicles used by the	\$1,000,000 each accident
Consultant on or off the premises)	\$1,000,000 property damage
Worker's Compensation Insurance	as required by California statutes
"Errors and Omissions" (Malpractice)	\$1,000,000

### Pre-Bid Meeting

The City will conduct a pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Hesse Park, Fireside Room located at 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard. After reviewing the Lower Hesse Park site, a site visit at Grandview Park will be conducted. The intent of the meeting is to provide an opportunity to view the project sites and to ask questions on the proposed projects.

### Requests for Clarification

Requests for clarification of the information contained herein shall be submitted in writing prior to 5:30 on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Responses to any clarification questions will be provided to all applicants from whom proposals have been requested. Such requests for clarification should be kept to a minimum due to the short response time for proposals.

Please note that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is closed for the holidays beginning December 24 – January 3, 2010 and staff will be unavailable to respond to any inquiries during this time period.

#### Acceptance of Terms

Submission of a proposal shall constitute acknowledgement and acceptance of all terms and conditions thereafter set forth in the RFP unless otherwise expressly stated in the proposal.

#### Right of Rejection by the City

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this RFP, the City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in a proposal.

#### Financial Responsibility

The proposer understands and agrees that the City shall have no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by the proposer in responding to this RFP.

#### Interview

If successful, the proposer will be invited to participate in an interview. The interview will be a part of the final selection process.

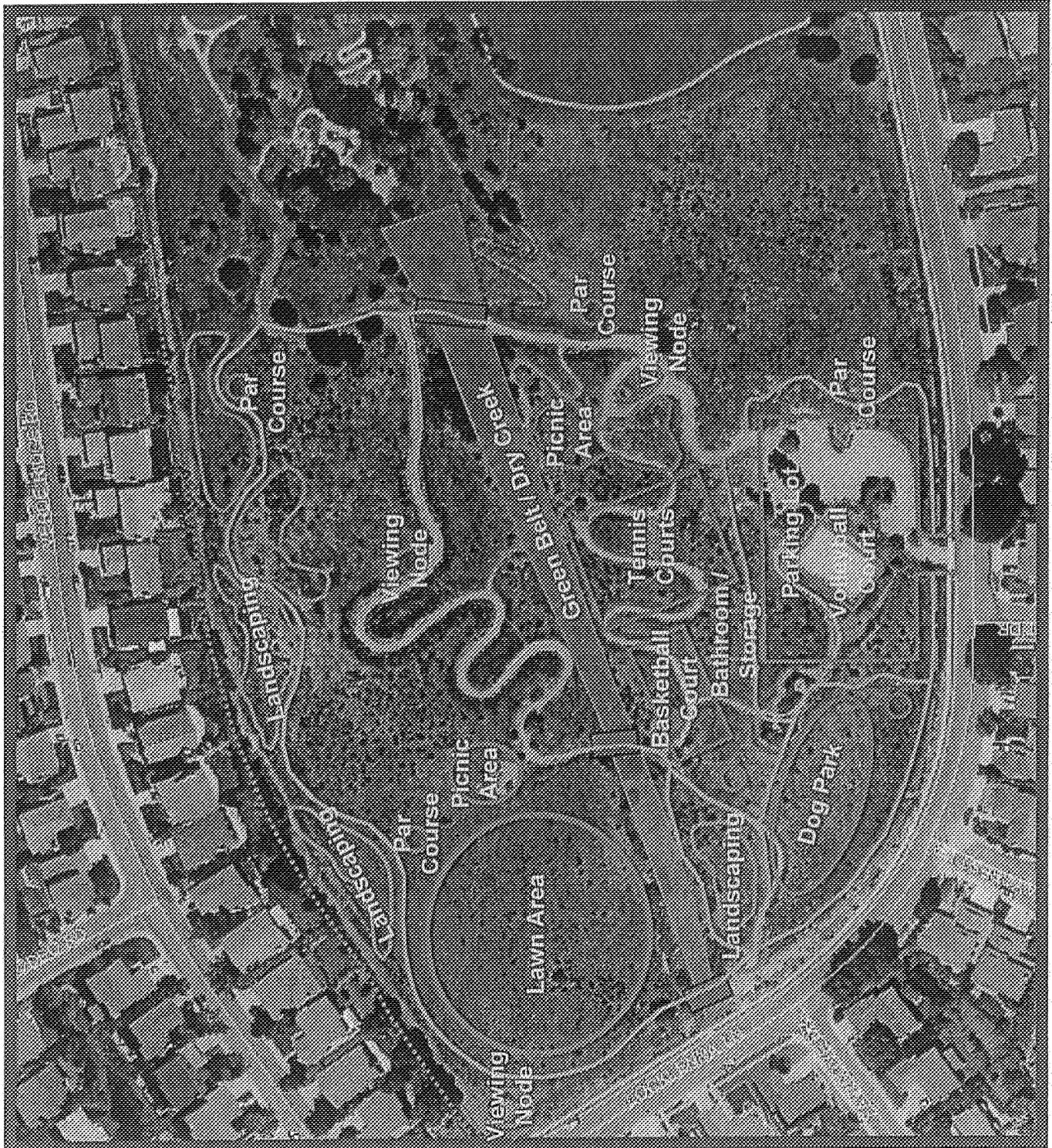
#### Attachments

Conceptual Schematics  
Aerial and Contour Maps  
Staff Report Approving Park Concepts

<b>GRANDVIEW PARK IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>COST PER UNIT</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
Parking Lot (200'x200') 40 SPACES	1	EA	\$95,000	\$95,000
Dog Park (400'x120')	1	EA	\$38,000	\$38,000
Play Ground (160'x200')	1	EA	\$100,000	\$100,000
Day Camp (160'x200')	1	EA	\$5,000	\$5,000
Cycling Area (520'x300')	1	EA	\$25,000	\$25,000
Landscaped Area	34,200	SF	\$2	\$68,400
Picnic Nodes (3 tables, 3 trash cans, 3 BBQ)	3	EA	\$4,550	\$13,650
Bathroom Structure (8'x20")	1	EA	\$15,000	\$15,000
Kiosk Storage Structure (10'x40')	1	EA	\$25,000	\$25,000
Par Course (7 stations)	1	EA	\$10,000	\$10,000
Training Steps (160' feet railroad ties)	1	EA	\$18,000	\$18,000
Viewing Nodes	2	EA	\$500	\$1,000
Perimeter Trail	3,080	LF	\$65	\$200,200
Interior Trails	1,450	LF	\$55	\$79,750
Landscaping (250'x30')	7,500	SF	\$2	\$15,000
Site Irrigation	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
Park Signs	2	EA	\$100	\$200
Mutt Mitt Stations	5	EA	\$50	\$250
Brush Clearance (on-going) per month	3	MONTHLY	\$300	\$900
Trash Bins	5	EA	\$550	\$2,750
Drinking Fountain with Dog Bowl	2	EA	\$5,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>				<b>\$743,100</b>



<b>LOWER HESSE PARK IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>COST PER UNIT</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>
Parking Lot (150'x150')	1	EA	\$80,000	\$80,000
Dog Park (180'x190')	1	EA	\$30,000	\$30,000
Basketball Court	1	EA	\$20,000	\$20,000
Volleyball Court (Rehabilitate)	5500	SF	\$2	\$11,000
TENNIS COURTS (no lighting)	2	EA	\$25,000	\$50,000
LAWN AREA (140'x300')	34,200	SF	\$2	\$68,400
Picnic Nodes (10 tables, 2 trash cans, 5 BBQ)	2	EA	\$4,550	\$9,100
Kiosk Storage Structure (10'x40")	1	EA	\$25,000	\$25,000
Paved Parkway	1360	LF	\$5	\$6,800
Par Course (6 stations)	1	EA	\$9,000	\$9,000
Viewing Nodes	3	EA	\$500	\$1,500
Bridges (new)	2	EA	\$50,000	\$100,000
Bridge (renovation)	1	EA	\$20,000	\$20,000
Post & Cable Perimeter Fencing	1,360	LF	\$50	\$68,000
Perimeter Trail	2,370	LF	\$65	\$154,050
Interior Trails	2,540	LF	\$55	\$139,700
Green Belt (800'x60')	800	LF	\$200	\$160,000
LANDSCAPING (Greenbelt, viewlew area, site & Perimeter)	1	LS	\$35,000	\$35,000
Site Irrigation	1	LS	\$20,000	\$20,000
Park Signs	2	EA	\$100	\$200
Mutt Mitt Stations	5	EA	\$50	\$250
Brush Clearance (on-going) per month	3	MONTHLY	\$200	\$600
Trash Bins	5	EA	\$550	\$2,750
Drinking Fountain with Dog Bowl	2	EA	\$5,000	\$10,000
Driveway Gate	1	EA	\$12,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>				<b>\$1,039,350</b>



**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** John Freeman [jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010 5:19 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Proposals - Grandview and Lower Hesse Parks  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Katie, thank you very much!

John Freeman

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010 4:44 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** Request for Proposals - Grandview and Lower Hesse Parks

Good Afternoon Mr. Freeman,

Thank you for your call. Please find the attached RFP and attachments. We will be placing this on the website over the next few days. And thank you for your continued participation in the park design process.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 11:14 AM  
**To:** 'xenia zampolli'  
**Subject:** RE: NO DEVELOPEMENT!!!  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Blue

Thank you, Ms. Zampolli, for submitting your concern. We encourage you to remain engaged in the conceptual plan process by monitoring the City's website for updates, joining the project listserve using the link below, and attending future community workshops. We look forward to continuing the process of gathering community input and presenting ideas to the community at the July 17 workshop. Please contact me if I can provide additional information.

<http://rpvalert.com/>

Thank You,  
 Katie Howe  
 Administrative Analyst  
 Recreation and Parks Department  
 City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
 310-544-5267

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**From:** xenia zampolli [mailto:xeniazampolli@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:32 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: NO DEVELOPEMENT!!!

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**From:** xenia zampolli <xeniaz@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 20, 2010 9:21:57 AM PDT  
**To:** [CC@rpv.com](mailto:CC@rpv.com), [tom.long@rpv.com](mailto:tom.long@rpv.com), [stevew@rpv.com](mailto:stevew@rpv.com), [douglas.stern@rpv.com](mailto:douglas.stern@rpv.com), [brian.campbell@rpv.com](mailto:brian.campbell@rpv.com), [anthony.misetich@rpv.com](mailto:anthony.misetich@rpv.com)  
**Subject:** **NO DEVELOPEMENT!!!**

I am a resident of RPV and I don't see how the city can approve development without approval from local people who will be affected tremendously by the development of our backyards! I very much enjoy the natural unspoiled parks we have in RPV (Grandview and Lower Hesse in particular). I DO NOT WANT BULLDOZERS CHANGING THE TOPOGRAPHY, POURING CONCRETE, MAKING PARKING LOTS AND KILLING THE EXISTING NATIVE PLANTS AND HABITAT! I also do not want the view of artificial putting grounds, stairs and bathrooms from my deck!  
**I want my voice heard and documented that I protest to any development in the already existing**

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Sean McKee [seanm@palosverdes.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 11:45 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'; support@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RE: Development of Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks  
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**Attachments:** Parks Letter.doc

Katie,  
Please see the attached file.

Sean

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 11:42 AM  
**To:** support@rpv.com  
**Subject:** FW: Development of Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks

Good Morning,

May we please have help opening this file?

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Tom Odom [mailto:tomo@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 11:37 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Development of Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks

Katie,  
Can you see if you or IT can open this document and forward to City Council, City Manager and myself. Tom

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**From:** sharon yarber [mailto:momofyago@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 26, 2010 10:49 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** tomo@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Development of Lower Hesse and Grandview Parks

Attached please find my letter to the Mayor and City Council. Please disseminate to the Council.

Thank you.

Sharon Yarber

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Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Re : Development of Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park

Dear Mayor Wolowicz and Members of the City Council:

I spoke last Tuesday at the Council meeting, but the time limit of three minutes precluded me from completing my comments, so I will take this opportunity to set them forth in this letter.

First, I recognize fully the difficult task, and responsibility, the Council faces in trying to do what is best for the overall community. Indeed, you will not be able to make everyone happy, so the task is challenging.

Initially, I would like to see the Council obtain more input from the community, and recommend that either a written survey be sent out to all residents or a professional polling service be engaged to perform a survey that meets such standards as are necessary to assure the statistical validity of the results, within a minimal margin of error range. I do not believe that the unscientifically performed outreach conducted thus far rises to the level of a survey that can be relied upon as the basis for any decision making in connection with these significant proposed projects. Clearly, the people from whom you will receive the most comments at any council meetings will be the residents who are most affected by the projects, and I assume those responses will largely be negative. While I believe it is important to give deference to the views of the most adversely affected residents, undue deference would result in a skewed perspective. Indeed, it is unreasonable for any person to purchase a home adjacent to undeveloped, or under developed, land and have an expectation that such land will forever remain in that state. Thus, the views of the community at large need to be obtained.

In connection with a survey or poll, the following information should be included so that the responses will truly reflect the opinions of the community:  
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1. What development, if any, would be desirable, including the option of “none”,
2. The anticipated costs associated with each of the proposed developments, with a minimum and maximum range. Such costs should include not only those associated with initial construction, but also those needed for maintenance of same for at least the next 30-40 years, and the sources of such funding should also be disclosed,
3. An inquiry as to whether the costs should be incurred or whether there are other uses for the benefit of the City to which those funds should be expended,
4. If the development encompassing the uses that the respondent would like to see completed are, in fact, put into place, how many in that household would actually make use of such facilities and the anticipated frequency of such uses,
5. Whether the desired uses might better be located on some of the other parks within the City’s park system, or other City owned land, and
6. What park(s) is closest to the respondent’s home and whether s/he would have any objection to the placement of these uses, in whole or in part, on such nearest park(s).

We all know that NIMBYism is alive and well in this community, and it is easy for a lot of people to support a controversial project, so long as it will not affect them.

The goals of the Council to foster active use of all of the parks is commendable, but I do not get the sense that a global view is being taken. It seems that the effort is to achieve all of the increased uses by utilizing only the two parks in question, Lower Hesse and Grandview. Instead of attempting to jam everything we may want onto these two sites, we need to see what other sites might be better for some or all of them.

With respect to the costs of these project, I would like to see detailed information about the source of funding. Will the funds be from grants, from earmarked/restricted funds or the general fund? If from the general fund, can we really afford to incur these costs at a time when the greatest of fiscal restraint is in order? We have sewers that require repair, and infrastructure that has ongoing expenses. I do not want to see funds used now and then later be told that the City is in fiscal difficulty necessitating the incurrence of additional voted indebtedness. Indeed, is there existing voted indebtedness that can be paid off or reduced with these funds, instead of spending them on any of the parks, perhaps such debt reduction is a better use of the funds.

We were told at the most recent outreach meeting that the Council intends to use the transient occupancy tax (“TOT”) generated by Terranea to meet the ongoing maintenance requirements of the Hesse and Granview parks, once developed. The last I heard, Terranea was in dire financial straits itself (in foreclosure on one or both of its mortgages). The resort has only been open for one year, and has been met with a lot of Mayor Wolowicz and Members of the City Council

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criticism from the local community relating to the quality of the food and services delivered. There has not been a sufficiently established track record of TOT income to start basing future, very long term needs in reliance thereon.

As I stated in my comments, I am strongly supportive of a dog park on the Peninsula, but I think a regional approach needs to be taken in conjunction with the cities of RHE and PVE whose residents will also be able to enjoy such a park. After speaking with Mr. Gin at Supervisor Knabe's office, it seems manifestly clear that, because of the severe environmental issues affecting the landfill, the likelihood of a dog park there being approved by the County is virtually non-existent. Thus we need to look at all options available.

At the input meeting of July 17th the speaker in the Uses category indicated that research discloses that the optimum size of a dog park is between 0.5 acres and 2 acres and that there *should* (emphasis added) be two parks - one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Anyone who has ever been to a dog park knows that first, you MUST have two parks, and that those dimensions are not realistic. When I inquired about the source of that information no one could or would reveal it to me. I inquired of the City of Redondo Beach about the size of its dog park located on 190<sup>th</sup> and learned that the small dog park is 0.65 acres, and the large park is 2.3 acres, for a total of 2.95 acres. Having been to the large dog park on numerous occasions with my 3 large dogs, I can assure the Council that these park sizes are appropriate and necessary, otherwise the opportunity for dog fights (and hence liability for the City) increases exponentially. PLEASE, if we put in a dog park allow sufficient space for them or abandon the whole idea. Mr. Odom was kind enough to provide me with a copy of the Memorandum dated November 17, 2009 from Ron Rosenfeld to the Council, and the Exhibits attached thereto indicate the proposed dimensions of the dogs parks at Grandview and Lower Hess are 48,000 square feet and 34,000 square feet, respectively; equivalent to just a tad more than one acre for Grandview and  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre for Lower Hesse, obviously grossly inadequate sizes.

It is my understanding that several of the strongest proponents of a dog park are from PVE, yet I understand that the City of PVE maintains it does not have any City land or City parkland available for use as a dog park. I disagree. There are two large median strips on Paseo Lunado that could be fenced for a dog park, there are two parks on the corners of PV Drive North, Via Corta and Via Almar, and there is a small park area on the corner of Via Fernandez and Granvia Altamira which is a de facto dog park now, with many local residents letting their dogs off leash there. There is also a very large parcel adjacent to the baseball field off of Via Fernandez, but I do not know whether it is owned by the City or not. If it is, it would be an appropriate location for a dog park. Admittedly, Mayor Wolowicz and Members of the City Council

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the vociferous objections that the residents adjacent to these properties will make means there is no realistic chance that the City of PVE would ever approve of these sites as dog parks. So let's turn to RPV.

I think it is safe to say that the dog park should be located where the least number of residences are in close proximity thereto. The site needs to be located where the increased noise and traffic will have the least adverse impact on homeowners. There is City owned property adjacent to City Hall. I believe that there is property in Portuguese Bend that has been the subject for some period of time of a potential equestrian center. Perhaps one of these locations would be available. I intend to view all of the existing parks to see if perhaps Forrestal, Eastview, Del Cerro or others might be more suitable than Lower Hesse, which is on a very densely populated and steep street, or on Grandview.

It would certainly be great to have more tennis courts (especially lighted ones that could be more intensely utilized if night playing were available, but I think lighted tennis courts have a snowball's chance in hell of ever getting approved by this community), but where they should be located is the question, and again all available City property, whether parkland or not, should be considered. Let's face it, once they are in there is no way they will ever be removed, so extreme caution needs to be used in selecting a place for erection of such permanent structures.

### **Grandview Park**

I concur with Councilman Long that Grandview is essentially a field of weeds and is not a very attractive site (in my view it's an eyesore), but it does provide a nice hiking and viewing area, and it provides a place for peaceful contemplation and exploration. Grandview is currently designated on the City's Zoning Map as Open Space - Passive, and passive it should remain. A family hike looking for insects, snakes and exploring vegetation, is a worthwhile "active" family activity, and this site provides those opportunities.

I would like to see a few trees planted to provide shade, and perhaps a few park benches from which to enjoy the magnificent view; however, any development over and above that is not appropriate for this site. Indeed, if such minimal "improvement" would then necessitate compliance with ADA, then I think nothing whatsoever should be done. ADA compliance will cost considerable sums of money that I do not think we can afford and which would change the character of the park immensely (you would need to do all the grading and construction of an access driveway and parking lot that the proposed projects would require). As the Memorandum dated June 29, 2004 from the City Manager to the Council concerning potential sites for a girl's softball field recites, Grandview Park's "domed topography ... would require a ***large amount of earthwork*** (emphasis added). ...there are no existing facilities or infrastructure..., everything would have to be constructed, including an access driveway and retaining walls, an off-street parking lot,

restroom/snack shack, equipment storage building and all utility connections, which in combination with the required grading, make this *the most expensive site to develop* (emphasis added) for girl's softball .”

The proposed development includes, among other things, an access driveway, parking lot for 40-50 cars, storage facilities and restrooms. The topography of the site has not changed since 2004, and the costs associated with the tremendous amount of fill or grading that will be required makes it imprudent to develop this site for other than an ongoing passive hiking/viewing park. The terrain does not lend itself to a cycling loop (although teens looking for a location for extreme riding would no doubt love it), and there are ample trails now, both in the Portuguese Reserve and elsewhere, that provide the cycling community with all the trails it needs. Clearly, the Council needs to consider other locations within the City limits for all of the active uses shown on the proposed plans for this park.

Finally, there is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Chopra will take any and all steps necessary to protect his privacy. He apparently has stated to both the woman who spoke after me and to your staff that he will plant very tall trees (thus impairing the existing views from the park) and will pursue litigation if necessary. Mr. Chopra is a very wealthy man and if this park development moves forward he will clearly have the motivation, and we know he has the financial wherewithal, to litigate the matter. The defense costs associated with what would no doubt be protracted litigation will unnecessarily deplete City's funds that could be better spent elsewhere. Indeed, in any further outreach the Council makes to the community, this threatened litigation, which is a material fact, should be disclosed.

### Lower Hesse Park

Lower Hesse is located in a densely populated area and is on a very steep street. The increased traffic that will result from a new entrance and parking lot near the bottom of the street, especially if there is a dog park at this site, will make life quite unbearable for the residents and no doubt cause increased safety concerns.

In my view, Lower Hesse should be improved, if at all, with some picnic areas and shade trees, some open grassy areas on which to play pick up games, and a couple of single use, unisex restrooms. Improving the trails and adding additional ones would not adversely affect the park, but adding uses that will dramatically increase the number of users and thus necessitate adding a lot of parking spaces should be avoided. I personally do not think tennis courts should be located at Lower Hesse, as they would totally alter the natural beauty of the park, and deprive the local residents of a lovely venue for hiking

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and enjoying nature; however, if tennis courts are located on the site they should be in the interior where the chain link fencing and windbreak material will not be seen from the surrounding streets.

The cacophony arising from dogs barking, both those within the park and those in the homes and yards of the adjacent property owners, will turn this neighborhood into a nightmare. As much as I would love to see a dog park somewhere, a dog park at Lower Hesse is NOT the place.

In conclusion, I ask the City Council to obtain much more resident input, look at all available City property, both park and non-park, in deciding which uses would be best situated where, exercise fiscal restraint, and proceed with CAUTION. I am not even sure who is pushing the Council to do anything at this time, so if the desire is coming from the Council and not the residents, then the entire matter should be tabled until such time as the residents want further development done in their community and their tax dollars spent.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON YARBER

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Bruce M Brusavich [brusavich@agnewbrusavich.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2010 10:53 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: updates on Grandview Park project  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Thanks

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2010 10:37 AM  
**To:** 'Bruce M Brusavich'  
**Subject:** RE: updates on Grandview Park project

Thank you for your interest in the project. To join the listserv and be sent automatic updates, please click the link below and scroll down near the bottom and select "Grandview/Lower Hesse Park Project" under the Recreation heading.

<http://rpvalert.com/>

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**From:** Bruce M Brusavich [mailto:brusavich@agnewbrusavich.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2010 10:26 AM  
**To:** parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** updates on Grandview Park project

Please put me on a mailing list for status reports.

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**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 12:11 PM  
**To:** 'Bernie Slotnick'  
**Subject:** RE: My input on the plans for Grandview Park design  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Thank you for your input. This will be included with other public input and attached to our staff report to Council.

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**From:** Bernie Slotnick [mailto:bernierpv@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 11:08 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** Bernie Slotnick  
**Subject:** My input on the plans for Grandview Park design

Katie

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my input.

With the Sate of California closing parks because the do not have the money to maintain them, why is Rancho Palos Verdes planning a park? Will the city be able to maintain the park when it is build?

The initial design for the park includes all the items the city council wanted. The council requested input from the community as to what they want and didn't want. Many people responded to the request but so far there have been no changes to the original plan. At the meetings I have attended people do not want a park for dogs and dirt bikes and I have not heard anyone say they do want these things. The city council seem to be disregarding the input they are asking for. The big sign on Montemalaga Dr.says we want input. You have our input. No dirt bikes or dog park, regular bike paths, a nice quiet park with walkways, playground, picnic area, native plants, grassy play area this is what we want.

If the request for quote is the rule of law, don't waste time and ask the public for input.

The public does have ideas and we look forward to see how many of ideas will be considered.

The city asked for ideas at the Faire and that input was summarized for the July 17th Workshop.

These ideas should be considered and implemented on a priority basis

I was pleased to hear about the hiring of Emilo Blanco, please put him to work on the park now.

The buffer between the houses and the park paths should be at least 30 feet, like at Hess Park.

The designers should considered the street parking rather that a parking lot in the Park.

Mr. Deepak Chopra said that if there is development near his property, he will be free to grow tall trees to block out noise and people peering into his yard. The trees probabl will be just in front of the veiwing area over look his tennis courts and pool.

The Dog Park on Hawthorne Blvd, should be a good replacement for the Dog Park planed for Grandview Park.

The security needs to be in place and fenced.

Consider solar powered lighting for the park.

The stair exercise will be a drawing for many people at all hours. I lived across the street from Sand Dune Park in Manhattan Beach. The park was used at all hours, it was a drug drop for many years.

The entrance and exit to Montemalaga Dr. from the lot into the street is dangerous, the speed limit is 35 mph on Montemalaga Dr. The speed needs to be reduced if the lot idea is followed.

Bob Bush provided with a list of suggestions that need to be considered in your plans.

- 1) Parking. A 40-space lot is too large and would have a critical impact on my neighbors north of Montemalaga Drive. If parking can't be accommodated on Montemalaga Drive, then a small lot should be built based on eliminating the dog park and mountain biking uses which are unacceptable to all residents of the community. Also, many houses south of Montemalaga also look down on the proposed parking lot sites. A grass-substance surface should be required to minimize the look of a parking lot when cars aren't present. The parking lot should be on the east side as outlined in one of your options.
- 2) Buildings. The restrooms and any other structures should be designed to blend into the hillside so as not to obstruct any view. Playground equipment, if installed, also should be placed outside of view corridors—certainly not on top of the park hill as it appears on one of the proposals. Also, playground equipment is available nearby at Silver Spur School.
- 3) Landscaping and grading. As much native species planting as possible. Minimal grading.
- 4) Dog Park. Absolutely must be eliminated. A suitable site for a dog park is off of Hawthorne Boulevard on the closed Palos Verdes Landfill, which has received the endorsements of the Rolling Hills Estates and Palos Verdes Estates City Councils. While I am a dog lover and signed a petition for dog parks, they must be placed in appropriate locations and are high maintenance. There also are issues regarding noise, safety and potential of disease to the animals.
- 5) Mountain Biking. Absolutely must be eliminated. There is a major bike path on Montemalaga Drive in both directions, which is heavily used. Our neighborhood is doing more than its share for bike riders. The noise, danger of injury and destruction to habitat speak for themselves when it comes to mountain biking on this beautiful, one-of-a-kind property.
- 6) Traffic. Consider a stop sign on Montemalaga Drive. It will be extremely difficult to turn left from the steep, up-hill drive out of the proposed parking lot without stop signs. This also would calm the traffic speeds on Montemalaga.
- 7) No exterior lighting.
- 8) No trees that could obstruct views.
- 9) Careful design of the buffer proposed on the north side so as not to block views from the park and to allow easy viewing from the park of the Los Angeles Basin and Coastline, especially during special occasions, such as 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.
- 10) Entrances. There should be review of whether to have pedestrian entrances off of Ironwood and Via Cresta. The latter is in Palos Verdes Estates and probably would require an easement across private property (an existing vacant lot). The park is next to the Ironwood and Via Cresta homes, and they might wish to have access rather than driving around the hill to the Montemalaga parking lot.
- 11) There was a discussion of there being an existing walking trail south of Montemalaga Drive. No such trail exists.

General observation: Montemalaga Drive continues to receive extensive pressure, which is making the street undesirable and lowering property values. In addition to the development of Grandview Park, we also are going to be asked to accept increased traffic from night-lighted events at the 5,000-seat Peninsula High Football Stadium. We already have speeding traffic from Palos Verdes Estates and traffic from a church and Silver Spur Elementary and Peninsula High Schools. Public utilities have shown total irresponsibility in creating a Christmas tree of a telephone pole in front of my house. I am forced to have a big tree to block my city-lights view rather than look at the telephone poles and lines. I would hope Montemalaga could be placed at the top of the priority list for underground utilities and traffic calming (the same street, with a different name, continues through Palos Verdes Estates with calm traffic and with underground utilities).

Please call if I can answer any questions.  
310-375-9340

Bernie Slotnick

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** NOEL PARK [noel@jdcorvette.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2010 8:38 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com; carolynn@rpv.com; 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Breeze Article On Dog Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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No doubt you saw "Dog park plan back on leash" in yesterday's Breeze. I would say that all of the concerns voiced by Supervisor Knabe would apply equally to any such facility at Lower Hesse or Grandview parks.

I submit that the environmental review mentioned by the Supervisor would be equally necessary at either of these two locations. I specifically reserve my rights as a citizen under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to require that any and all environmental studies required by CEQA are performed.

I have tried my best to be civil, cooperative, and forthcoming at all times during this discussion. That said, I am bound to say that I am really offended that residents of Palos Verdes Estates are somehow able to drive land use decisions in my immediate neighborhood. The City Council of Palos Verdes Estates has flatly declared that there will not be a dog park in their City. So now these people seem to think that they have some sort of God given right to come and run their dogs in my neighborhood? I don't think so!

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Katie Howe [katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 9:27 AM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park / Grandview Community Workshop notes  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello Mr. Freeman,

Thank you for your inquiry and your patience. We will be posting the notes on the project website in the very near future. If not by the end of this week, than by early next week. Thank you for your participation in the meetings and the process.

Thank You,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks Department  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

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**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2010 8:52 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse Park / Grandview Community Workshop notes

Hello Katie,

At the last public outreach meeting (July 17<sup>th</sup>) Mia Lehar and Associates said that they would be providing consolidated workshop notes from the three break-out sessions, since residents heard only one of the three sessions (depending upon which one they were assigned).

Have you received the July 17 workshop meeting notes yet from them? It's been a month now, and the next meeting is not far off in September.

Thanks,

John Freeman

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** John Freeman [jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:01 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Cc:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Subject:** RE: City Council date for Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park hearing  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Thanks Katie. I was able to read and figure out most of the small text using a magnifying glass. Not everyone in our HOA was able to attend last weekend, so we want to be able to email clearly legible design drawings to those interested residents.

Maybe you can tell me what one of the areas says: On the Pacific Plan, right about the basketball court, it says "Family Play Zone" and I think there is something written immediately below that. Can you read it? I can't.

Thanks for helping.

John Freeman  
Pacific View Homeowners Association

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:40 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Cc:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Subject:** RE: City Council date for Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park hearing

Hello Mr. Freeman,

I am looking into your questions, and report back to you shortly. I am also seeing if we can release the 11x17 plans (you mentioned the small font on the 8.5x11 was difficult to read).

Thank you,  
Katie Howe  
Administrative Analyst  
Recreation and Parks  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

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**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010 10:01 AM  
**To:** Katie Howe  
**Cc:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Subject:** City Council date for Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park hearing

Hello Katie,

Can you help me with some clarification about the date and timing for the City Council meeting date for the Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park agenda item? See below for some earlier emails with Carla Morreale.

Last weekend Carolyn Lehr said that the council meeting would be October 19, but Carla has indicated that may not be the date.

How will residents be notified of this agenda item? It's not a continued agenda item, so will the City be sending postal mail notices to all residents within 500 feet of each park well in advance of the actual new agenda item date? We have many residents in our Pacific View HOA that want to submit timely comments that will be included with the information to the council members.

I get the city council agenda items emailed to me (and the parks one) via the RPV listserv. However, the agenda email usually arrives on Wednesday evening prior to the next Tuesday council meeting. And that is past your deadline for inclusion with the agenda packet. Seems like a catch-22.

Thanks for any clarification you can give.

John Freeman  
Pacific View Homeowners Association

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**From:** Carla Morreale [mailto:carlam@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:51 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: CC email deadlines

John,

The Lower Hesse Park & Grandview Park design/improvements is not yet on the Tentative Agenda document. Definitely keep in touch with Recreation and Parks, specifically Tom at [tomo@rpv.com](mailto:tomo@rpv.com) and Katie at [katieh@rpv.com](mailto:katieh@rpv.com) regarding that item and a tentative date in the future when they might anticipate the item to come before Council. There is a Hesse Park/Ryan Park item on the next agenda (October 5<sup>th</sup>) regarding improvements to the ballparks. For more information regarding this item, please contact Tom or Katie

Have a good evening,

Carla

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**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:20 PM  
**To:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Subject:** RE: CC email deadlines

Carla,

The agenda item is the Lower Hesse Park and Grandview Park design/improvements. At the final public Community Workshop held this past Saturday, Carolyn Lehr said (I think I heard her correctly) that the city council meeting on this would be October 19.

Our Pacific View HOA has been actively involved providing comments and suggestions during this long process. We will be submitting I'm sure additional comments prior to the council meeting, so I want to be sure I understand the deadlines correctly.

Thanks again for helping,

John

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**From:** Carla Morreale [mailto:carlam@rpv.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 5:00 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: CC email deadlines  
**Importance:** High

John,

Glad to help. Please do copy Tom Odom at [tomo@rpv.com](mailto:tomo@rpv.com) because the Department Directors do not get copies if someone only emails [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com). Please always copy the Dept. Director, staff person, and/or any other person you feel is involved in the project. For late correspondence, please copy me when the deadline is close – that would be great.

I want to help direct you to the right meeting for the Parks item – which item is it? I do not see anything regarding parks on for October 19<sup>th</sup> – perhaps the item was moved. Or are you referring to the Annenberg item? If so, you should direct information to Joel at [joelr@rpv.com](mailto:joelr@rpv.com) and Ara at [aram@rpv.com](mailto:aram@rpv.com) for that item. Please clarify if you know the title (or general topic) and I can help direct you to the right person.

Thanks,

Carla

**From:** John Freeman [mailto:[jrfree@cox.net](mailto:jrfree@cox.net)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 4:42 PM  
**To:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Subject:** RE: CC email deadlines

Thanks Carla for the information. I asked because I will be submitting some comments for the Parks agenda item which I understand will heard on the October 19 council meeting.

So should I also send a copy of any email to [tomo@rpv.com](mailto:tomo@rpv.com) as well as [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com) or do the departments automatically get copies of anything sent to [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com)?

Just trying to verify if sending to [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com) is sufficient in itself. (In the past I have sometimes sent you a copy when the deadline was tight.)

Thanks again,  
 John Freeman

**From:** Carla Morreale [mailto:[carlam@rpv.com](mailto:carlam@rpv.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 4:24 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Cc:** 'Carolyn Lehr'; 'Carolynn Petru'; 'Dennis McLean'; 'Teri Takaoka'  
**Subject:** RE: CC email deadlines

Hello John,

The general rule as far as deadlines for getting letters or emails to staff to be included in the agenda packet is the Tuesday before (one week prior to) the next week's Council or Planning Commission meeting. When the item is a public hearing, the public notice in the paper will generally have a phrase stating that written comments should be submitted to staff by the Tuesday prior to the meeting at a specified time (usually noon or 5:30 p.m.); there are some variations within the departments. It is always optimal, if one is planning on submitting a written comment (letter or email), to notify the staff member directly to find out the particulars since there are some variations.

Late Correspondence is defined as anything received by staff on Wednesday the week prior to the meeting up to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday the day of the meeting. The deadline of receipt of Late Correspondence materials is 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, which allows staff ample time to make copies for the Council, staff, and public table at the meeting.

Thank you,

Carla

Carla Morreale, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
(310) 544-5208

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**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 2:43 PM  
**To:** Carla Morreale  
**Subject:** CC email deadlines

Hello Carla,

Do you know what the deadlines are for getting letters or email included in the packet that is prepared for the City Council meetings? I seem to recall that it was something like noon on the Wednesday before the following Tuesday Council meeting, but can't remember.

At one time I thought it was different for Planning Commission agenda items vs. other department agenda items.

Also is there another deadline for the "Late Correspondence" folder that you also give to the council members on Tuesday night?

Thanks,  
John Freeman

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** John Freeman [jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:59 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Green

Hello Katie,

Thank you. Is sending emails to [cc@rpv.com](mailto:cc@rpv.com) sufficient or do residents need to also send a cc copy to [katieh@rpv.com](mailto:katieh@rpv.com) or [parks@rpv.com](mailto:parks@rpv.com) to be sure they are included?

John Freeman

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:04 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting

Hello Mr. Freeman,

The City Council date for the Lower Hesse Park/Grandview Park Conceptual Design item is still tentatively set for November 16, 2010. The deadline for residents to submit comments that will be attached to the November 16 staff report is Nov. 9 (end of business day). Any comments received after that will be provided to City Council and the public at the November 16 Council Meeting as late correspondence.

Thank you,  
Katie

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**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 7:21 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting

Katie,

When will we know what the deadline is for residents' comments to be included in the Parks agenda item packet for city council (see below)? Do we mail the letters/emails to you for inclusion? Also is the city council date confirmed for November 16 or not, or when is it?

John Freeman

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**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2010 5:30 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting

Hello Mr. Freeman,

Yes, we will be placing the Community Workshop notes on the webpage, and yes we will be notifying residents within a 500-ft radius of the parks of the Council Meeting date. We will also be sending breaking news and listserv notifications of the Council Meeting. Residents are encouraged to send comments, and I will look into the deadline, and report back to you early next week.

Thank you, and have a great weekend!  
Katie  
310-544-5267

**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2010 4:33 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting

Thanks Katie,

Can you also get the Workshop #3 notes from Mia Lehrer & Assoc. on your webpage as well? In the Lower Hesse Park group, a lady took at least 3 pages of what looked like really excellent notes of the discussion. I assume there is something similar for the Grandview group.

The only other unanswered question I remember asking was regarding notification about the agenda:

How will residents be notified of this agenda item? It's not a continued agenda item, so will the City be sending postal mail notices to all residents within 500 feet of each park well in advance of the actual new agenda item date? We have many residents in our Pacific View HOA that want to submit timely comments that will be included with the information to the council members.

I get the city council agenda items emailed to me (and the parks one) via the RPV listserv. However, the agenda email usually arrives on Wednesday evening prior to the next Tuesday council meeting. And that is past your deadline for inclusion with the agenda packet. Seems like a catch-22.

Again, thanks for your help.

John

**From:** Katie Howe [mailto:katieh@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2010 4:22 PM  
**To:** 'John Freeman'  
**Subject:** RE: Lower Hesse Park meeting

Hello Mr. Freeman,

Thank you for your patience. The City will be posting the conceptual plans on the project webpage early next week. I will email the link as soon as they are up. The small text you referred to on the Lower Hesse plan below the family fun zone is "-1 acre." This refers to the fact that the conceptual family fun zone is less than one acre – an approximate size. Please let me know if we can provide further information.

Thank you,  
Katie Howe  
Recreation and Parks Dept.  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
310-544-5267

**From:** John Freeman [mailto:jrfree@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 26, 2010 1:23 PM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** Lower Hesse Park meeting

Hello Katie,

Thanks for your help at the Grandview/Lower Hesse Park meeting yesterday.

At the Lower Hesse Park session there was a two-sided color print of the two alternatives under consideration. I got one of those, but I am having difficulty reading the small print and details on them. (Sorry my eyesight isn't better.)

Can you email me the 2 digital pictures that were used to make the photo-copies please? Or are they available someone on the RPV website?

Thanks,

John Freeman

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** 'Carla Morreale'  
**Cc:** 'Teri Takaoka'; 'Tom Odom'; 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: dog park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Purple

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**From:** Greg Pass [mailto:gjpass@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2010 9:40 PM  
**To:** citymanager@rpv.com  
**Subject:** dog park

As a dog owner and a Palos Verdes area (PVE) resident, I strongly advocate for a dog park in our Peninsula area. Dog owning residents wanting to have their dogs off leash now often resort to unlawfully using the open space, parks and beaches. One only needs to walk around Terranea and stop by the outdoor patio area at Nelson's on any weekend day to see how many dogs are in need of a place to socialize together. Let's realize as a community that we need to provide services that the public demands to make our community a more desirable place to reside. Having a dog park in the community would be a unique, low impact, open space compatible use for generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,  
Greg Pass

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:10 AM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Cc:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park Please!  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Purple

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**From:** Hargrave [mailto:harv3@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2010 6:51 PM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park Please!

Honorable City Council Members,

Please consider allowing a dog park for use by all of us dog owners on The Hill! Please note that people may bring their dogs up for a run and then patronize local businesses too.

Now that our kids are growing up we love to take our dogs for morning walks and then grab a quick breakfast, but we have no place locally to do this. We have to drive down the hill. We love the idea to shop locally and this is one more way to make it happen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Hargrave

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Sara Singer [saras@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 8:10 AM  
**To:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Purple

FYI...

**Sara Singer**

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**From:** grcrabtree@aol.com [mailto:grcrabtree@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 7:46 AM  
**To:** citymanager@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park

We live in RPV and hope that you will make a dog park available to us as a community.  
It would be great if we could take our bull terrier there to get exercise and social interaction with other dogs.

Thank you,

Chris and Grant Crabtree

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Pat Desimone [desimonevm@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 10:19 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** citymanager@rpv.com; parks@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park Proposal  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Purple

Dear Community Leaders:

I am a resident of Palos Verdes Estates. I attended a City Council meeting a few months ago when Councilmember John Rea explained he was so supportive of an off leash area in PVE for dog owners that he had self initiated a request to PVE City Staff to investigate any feasible location for a dog park in PVE. While a location within PVE could not be recommended by staff, Mr. Rea and the rest of the PVE council acknowledged the benefits to an off leash dog park to PVE residents and as a result of that council meeting a letter was sent to Los Angeles Supervisors explaining PVE is IN SUPPORT of an area on the PV Landfill for a dog park. We know, and local governments know, the landfill option may take years and years and, indeed, may never materialize, and the need for space where our dogs can run has already been in existence for years and years.

Because of the daily exercise my dogs need in order to be "good neighbors" as pets (decreased barking, digging, nuisance behavior) I have made many friends during the hours of my "daily dog walking" chore. The friends I have made cross the spectrum in terms of age, socio-economic status, and other stereo-typical discriminating variables. It brings neighbors and community members together for a period of time in which enjoyment of their dogs is the common good. I have lived in other communities where off leash areas were provided, and I'm not sure who benefits more: the dogs, or the neighbors who become friends through the daily contact and mutual interest.

It appears Rancho PV may be our only hope for an off leash dog park on the Hill. You may find that the other city governments on the Hill will support Rancho PV with this endeavor, after all in the State of California, more than 50% of our residents have one or more pets. Dogs are nothing less than family members for the families that have the joy of owning one. Please help us meet a community need that has been the subject of a long time plea for local governments to help. On NOVA last week, PBS aired "Dog Decoded" if you watched that show you know that dogs are more than "just a member of the animal kingdom" they have evolved to a level where they connect with their owners on an emotional level, they serve in ways we are only beginning to understand. One fact that is of particular interest to "older" residents such as myself, dog owners are 3 to 4 times less likely to suffer a heart attack. So there is no doubt about it, the commitment to own and exercise a dog promotes better health for ourselves.

PLEASE support and establish a dog park on our Hill.

Thank you for your dedication to the community and your many hours of service.

Sincerely,  
Pat DeSimone  
PVE  
310-378-2151

**Jae Hee Yoon**

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**From:** Carolynn Petru [carolynn@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:59 AM  
**To:** 'Tom Odom'  
**Cc:** 'Katie Howe'  
**Subject:** FW: Dog Park  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:** Rbncharlie [mailto:rbncharlie@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010 11:48 AM  
**To:** cc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Dog Park

As a long time resident of the Peninsula and dog lover, I would love to see a dog park in the City. I would even be willing to pay a yearly fee in order to help offset the costs of maintenance. There are so few areas to enjoy the outdoors with your dogs and let them run free. It would be a wonderful way to preserve open space and have lots of fun while doing so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Robinson  
[rbncharlie@aol.com](mailto:rbncharlie@aol.com)

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