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**TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED
ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Candioty, Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Wright, and Chair: Muhammed

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment, but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker**. If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: January 10, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CITY MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATE ON TORRANCE CENTER MASTER PLAN AND ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK.

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- 1) Accept and File an Update on the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study; and
- 2) Provide feedback on the development of the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study.

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file updates on the status of programming and projects in the City of Torrance

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PROPOSED BATTING CAGES AT LAGO SECO PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- 1) Receive a presentation from Lago Seco Park area community members; and
- 2) Receive additional information from representatives of Riviera Little League; and
- 3) Consider recommendations to the City Council.

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – REVIEW DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission review the Department Monthly Reports for:

- Administrative Services
- Park Services
- Recreation Services

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL/MOTION FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Candioty, Craft, Habel, Hoover, Mele, Wright and Chair Muhammed

Absent: None.

Also Present: Community Services Director La Rock,
Park Services Manager Drake,
Recreation Services Manager Craig,
Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo,
Administrative Analyst Lee.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mele.

3. REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Community Services Director La Rock stated that the agenda for the Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission was posted on the Public Notice Board and the City's website on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Community Services Director La Rock stated that there was one supplemental item, Supplemental Item #1 to Commission Agenda Item 7D, which contained public comment which had been received.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo introduced Ranger Nicole Conrad to the Commission and announced that next week the Ranger service would be expanded to six days a week.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 13, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Candioty moved to approve Item 6A, as submitted. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – PRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE WITH PURPOSE AWARD TO THE HALO ORGANIZATION

Park Services Manager Drake explained that the People with Purpose Award was new and that the Halo Organization had been selected to receive the first award. She reported that the Halo Organization provided services throughout the states and added that local members had taken it upon themselves to maintain the picnic and playground areas in Wilson Park throughout the pandemic. She presented the certificate of honor to President Irene.

7B. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, ALEXIA CHOI AND KAELYN KANG

Community Services Director La Rock introduced South High School students, Alexia Choi and Kaelyn Kang, who presented their proposal to add little free libraries to various City parks. Alexia Choi explained the proposal and noted that they planned to build the little library structures from scratch, with community support and blueprints from the Little Free Library Organization. She explained that they developed a media presence to reach out to the community and had begun fund raising through a GoFundMe site to purchase supplies and books. She noted that she and Kaelyn would be organizing a strong community program, through schools or libraries or other organizations, such as the Boys Scouts, to act as location stewards, fund raise to purchase books and maintain the program even after they had graduated.

Kaelyn Kang confirmed that the little libraries could cost from \$180 - \$400 to make, with the total cost for the proposed eight libraries of up to \$3,840. She added that a team could possibly assemble a Little Library in four hours. She stated they planned to organize fund raising events and had reached out to local business such as Home Depot and Lowes. She noted that they hoped to partner with local book stores and publishers for potential donations and eventually be able to apply for grants and form partnerships with local schools, libraries and community centers.

Community Services Director La Rock confirmed that the placement, design and location of each little library in a park location would be determined by the Park Services Department in discussion with the students.

City Librarian Cousin reported that there were currently free libraries in some of the City's parks, which have been well supported by volunteers and confirmed her belief that the expansion of free libraries to additional parks would be also be well received and supported.

Park Services Manager Drake confirmed that the existing free libraries have not presented any problems for Park Services, noted that there was community support for the projects and added that Park Services could provide advice and training in woodworking if the boxes needed repair.

Commissioner Habel requested that the students contact the individual who had already set up a little library in Sur La Brea Park and inform him of the proposed project.

MOTION: Commissioner Mele moved to approve Item 7B: Little Library proposal from South High School students. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

7C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – STATUS OF PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Social Services Commission would hold a special joint meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center Garden Room, which would replace the regularly scheduled meeting of February 14, 2024.

Community Services Director La Rock reported that a meeting had been held on Saturday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Sur La Brea Park with the Community Services Department and the Police Department to address residents' concerns on the use of the park after-hours and vehicle parking issues along 237th Street at the Sur la Brea Park. He noted that the action steps from the meeting included: additional attention from the Police Department on parking, additional signage posted by the Parks Department, and Tuesday and Thursday night patrols by the private security services. He added that since the meeting there had been no further complaints filed.

Community Services Director La Rock announced that the Friends of the Madrona Marsh would hold their 50th Anniversary kickoff event for a yearlong celebration on Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m. at the Marsh.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to receive and file the updates. Commissioner Candiody seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

7D. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – RECEIVE REVISED PROPOSAL FROM RIVIERA LITTLE LEAGUE

Community Services Director La Rock discussed the revised proposal from Riviera Little League (RLL) to install batting cages at Lago Seco Park. He noted that the proposal had been revised based on comments received from the Commission and the public. He noted that the proposal would follow the same process as before: presentation of the proposal to the Commission, follow up with a meeting in the park with the community, compilation of the public feedback from that session and a return to the Commission and then proceed to the City Council meeting for their direction.

Mr. Pat Pyle of the RLL presented his revised proposal for the location of batting cages and noted that the location was the most removed from any residences and further removed than other comparable batting cages in other City parks. He noted that RLL was the only program in Torrance that did not have batting cages.

Mr. Pyle stated that RLL was committed to be a better community partner and noted that the field lights would be shut off by 9:00 p.m. nightly, trash patrols and pickup had been increased and the portable toilets had been removed. He discussed that RLL needed to study the capacity of the batting cages to ensure that all their players were able to have weekly access to practice. He stated that the cages would be locked, hours could start at 4:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. and noted that noise studies had been conducted. He noted that RLL represented more than just Torrance residents living near Lago Seco Park.

Seventeen members of the public spoke against the batting cages.

MOTION: Commissioner Candiody moved to receive and file the revised proposal from the Riviera Little League. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

7E. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR – NEW MULTI-SPORT FLOORING SURFACE PROJECT AT WILSON PARK

Recreation Services Manager Craig reported that commencing next week at the Community Sports Complex, a new multi-sports flooring surface project would begin to replace the current roller hockey rink floor. He explained that the floor would now be a product called Defense Tile, which could be customized for a wide range of sports play and included a 15-year warranty. He stated that the surface would now match or exceed the quality of other rink facilities and was anticipated to increase rentals for roller hockey, ball hockey as well as pickleball and futsal play. He noted that the project was expected to be completed by February 5, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved to receive and file the multi-sports flooring surface project at Wilson Park. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

7F. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR- Review Department Monthly Reports

Administrative Services

Administrative Analyst Lee presented the Administrative Services Division Reports for December 2023, included in agenda packets and invited Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo to speak on the Park Ranger Program. Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo stated that the Rangers had seen and reported a tree and structure fire near Descanso Park. There was a discussion in the increase in graffiti and the use of drones. Administrative Analyst Lee highlighted Home Improvement projects and noted that there had been 26 services in December. He discussed the average attendance and monthly revenue for the Farmer's Market in the month of December. He reported that the Community Gardens would begin registration in March at Columbia Park. He discussed coyote sightings and trapping and noted that 6355 pet licenses had been sold in the period of December 2022 through November 2023. Park Ranger Supervisor Arevalo noted that there was a recent podcast on CitiCABLE that could provide additional information on the coyote management program.

Park Services

Park Services Manager Drake presented the report for the month of December 2023, included in the material of record and discussed the increase in graffiti in the park. She described volunteer services and noted that 10 trees had been planted at Columbia Park. She reported on: a pipe which had to be repaired at La Romeria Park, the installation of new barbeque grills and tree pruning, trimming and continued stump removal at the parks. She announced that the Ueki Japanese pruning group had adopted the bonsaied trees in the Pine Wind Garden and added that the City's new welder would be able to repair the damage to the rocket ship on site at Los Arboles Park. She reported on outreach activity from Madrona Marsh of Ansel Adams' art and a presentation at the library on habitats and creatures. She noted that ¿WILD? art advocacy program had held an artist reception at the Nature Center for artist Dodd Holsapple. She announced that the annual Christmas bird count had been conducted with 70 volunteers and reported that a Nature Center Manager had been hired from the Los Angeles Natural History Museum.

Recreation Services

Recreation Services Manager Craig presented the Recreation Services Monthly Report for December 2023. He announced that the year-end facilities revenue report showed a \$100,000 increase from 2022. He reported that Sea-Aire Golf Club had 2775 total golf rounds played in December, with 37,000 rounds for the year and added that the expanded putting green would have a grand re-opening on Monday, January 22, 2024. He noted over 1000 participants had signed up for Youth Winter Basketball. He reported that the After School Club had created winter themed crafts and thank you notes to staff and added that there were 273 participants at 10 school sites. He discussed the Adaptive Sports teams and their holiday party on December 18 at McMaster Park. He announced that the Torrance Youth group would offer their Senior Tech Days beginning on January 20 at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center. He reported that the first Centenarian for 2024, Margaret Partsch, had been honored at City Council on January 9, 2024 and Catherine Ogbuka would be honored on January 23, 2024. He noted that the Bartlett Senior Center celebrated their annual Holiday luncheon on December 15, 2023, which had included a snowball fight.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to receive and file the monthly reports. Commissioner Craft seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a vote of 7-0.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The commissioners spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. **Adjournment of Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

MOTION: At 8:40 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the Garden Room at the Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

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Chair and Members
of the Parks and Recreation Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

SUBJECT: City Manager – Accept and File Update on the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study and Provide Feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- 1) Accept and File an Update on the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study; and
- 2) Provide feedback on the development of the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study.

BACKGROUND

The Torrance Civic Center has been an integral part of the community since its development in 1956. Originally comprising City Hall, a Police Station, and the Victor E. Benstead Plunge (City Pool), the Civic Center has evolved over time with the addition of essential public facilities. These include a Municipal Courthouse (now Human Resources Building), Library, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, City Hall Annex (East and West), and Police Headquarters. The State of California has also been a presence, operating a Superior Courthouse and Traffic Court/Probation Annex on-site since the 1960s, making the Civic Center a hub for civic activities.

OVERVIEW

With approximately 40-acres spread across seven parcels, the Civic Center is a significant part of Torrance's landscape. However, the aging facilities are now reaching a condition that necessitates either replacement or extensive refurbishment. Recognizing this, the City Council initiated the process of developing a new master plan to address the challenges posed by the aging infrastructure. The master plan aims to assess various factors, including costs, building conditions, operational issues, aesthetics, maintenance costs, and community programming needs.

In pursuit of a reimagined Civic Center, the City Council awarded a Consulting Services Agreement to Gruen Associates of Los Angeles, California. Gruen Associates will play a pivotal role in developing the Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study. This comprehensive plan will not only address the aging structures but also explore opportunities to efficiently utilize the Civic Center campus.

The master plan aims to enhance the Civic Center's functionality, creating a cohesive and modernized aesthetic appeal. Through a comprehensive public outreach program, the City of Torrance seeks community input to ensure the reimagined Civic Center meets the needs and aspirations of its residents.

The City of Torrance, in collaboration with consultants, is committed to realizing the community's vision for a reimagined Civic Center. The Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study will lay the groundwork for a new, modern center that provides space for community activities, aligning with Torrance's aesthetic aspirations and enhancing City pride. This transformation will carefully consider projected land uses, densities, economic returns, and the necessary Zoning and General Plan amendments. The Torrance Civic Center Master Plan will be a community-driven planning document that is poised to evolve our existing campus into a vibrant and sustainable hub, reflecting the values and aspirations of the community it proudly serves.

As an essential note, it's crucial to understand that the master plan represents the initial phase of a multi-step process to realize the campus's revitalization. This may include zone changes and general plan amendments before any aspect of the vision is materialized. The City of Torrance, alongside consultants, is dedicated to transparency and collaboration throughout this transformative journey, ensuring that the community's vision guides each subsequent phase of this exciting initiative.

MASTER PLAN PROGRESS

Over the past four months, City Manager's Office staff and Gruen Associates completed a series of interviews with City departments and City Council to obtain their feedback on existing conditions and space planning needs for the City-operated public facilities. A Lunch and Learn session was held on November 13, 2023 to obtain feedback from our employee groups regarding the project. Our real estate economic sub-consultant, LandEconGroup, has conducted interviews with business stakeholders including adjacent commercial properties to obtain feedback on the Civic Center Master Plan. Furthermore, LandEconGroup is concurrently completing a real estate market analysis to determine which land uses have the potential to generate significant land value and land lease revenue. The analysis will also review historical trends for market context and will forecast market outlook over the next 10 years. The deliverable would be a memorandum report that should be completed within the next four weeks and will serve to inform the creation of planning design alternatives for the master plan.

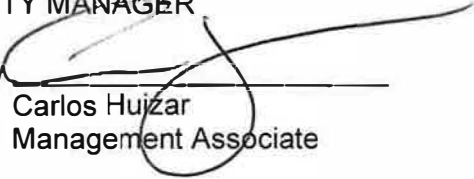
Within this next quarter, the City will begin the community engagement strategy for the visioning portion of the master planning process. The purpose of this visioning process is to obtain public feedback on the existing conditions of the Civic Center and determine interest for potential renovation/redevelopment of the campus for other land uses and public services. The strategy will be completed by City staff, who will host one community open house event; a minimum of four community pop-up events; and an online/in-person community survey. Additionally, City staff intends to meet with each Commission at one of their regularly scheduled meetings to provide the opportunity to solicit feedback and comments on the development of the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan. At the conclusion of the visioning process, staff intends to provide a formal update to City Council and present preliminary design alternatives for the Civic Center campus. Subsequently, City staff intends to complete another round of community engagement to obtain public input on the design alternatives that will aid in preparing a draft master plan for City Council consideration by Fall 2024.

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this item is to provide the Parks and Recreation Commission with an update on the City's progress on the Civic Center Master Plan and Economic Feasibility Study; in addition, to request feedback from your Honorable Body on the visioning goals and objectives that the City should include in developing the Torrance Civic Center Master Plan & Economic Feasibility Study.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAM CHAPARYAN
CITY MANAGER

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Management Associate

CONCUR:


for Aram Chaparyan
City Manager

Commission Meeting
March 13, 2024

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file Community Services Department updates:

- Thank you to the Commissioners for being available for the February joint meeting. The Liaisons and members of the Social Services Commission apologize for the cancellation due to their lack of quorum. The meeting will be rescheduled at a date to be determined.
- An amendment to the Municipal Code will be presented to the City Council, as per their request, on March 12, 2024, to regulate a minimum distance of 500 ft. between all new pickleball courts and residential properties.
- The City Council approved the Civic Engagement project by South High School students to place little free libraries in select parks.
- The City Council approved a fireworks display on July 4.
- The City Council approved Torrance Dodger Day on Sunday, July 21. The game is at 1:10pm against the Red Sox. Tickets will be resold to residents at \$15/each.
- The Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival will be held April 7 from 11am-4pm at Columbia Park.
- The 49th Bunka-Sai Festival will be held April 20-21 at the Cultural Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PROPOSED BATTING CAGES AT LAGO SECO PARK

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

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- 2) Receive additional information from representatives of Riviera Little League; and
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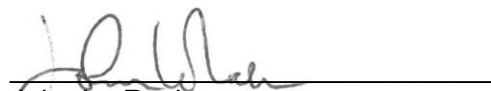
On January 10, 2024, the Commission received a revised proposal from Riviera Little League (RLL) to place batting cages at Lago Seco Park. At that meeting the Commission also received public comment. To date, RLL and a majority of the park area residents are not in agreement on the proposal to add batting cages to the park.

A community meeting regarding the revised proposal was scheduled at the park on February 3, 2024, but was cancelled due to the weather forecast and as a safety precaution following incendiary communications included in public comment received by the City.

Staff has reviewed the revised proposal from RLL and identified a concern with the proximity of the proposed batting cages to Ocean Avenue. As proposed, the batting cages do not provide protection from roadway vehicles for cage users or those waiting/observing outside the cages. While a potential solution may be available, they would require review by building and safety professionals for viability and by the City for functionality and aesthetics of the park. Any solution would likely require that option 3 of the RLL proposal, as presented or with additional modifications, be considered due to the need for safety installations and buffer zone. In addition, any new park amenity requires compliance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) code. This may include, but not be limited to, pathways connecting to the park's ADA parking spaces and an ADA compliant batting cage configuration for disabled users.

Staff recommends that the Commission discuss and provide one or more recommendations to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

Attachment: A) Presentation – Lago Seco Park area community
B) January 10, 2024, revised proposal -Riviera Little League



Let's Take Another Perspective on the
Riviera Little League Batting Cage
Proposal at Lago Seco Park

- ❖ **We are all stewards of place**
- ❖ **Importantly, what we accomplish together has an impact beyond our beloved Lago Seco Park and our prized RLL**
- ❖ **As we think about how we serve our Torrance youth, we must also consider how we serve their wider community**



Another Perspective on the Riviera Little League Batting Cage
Proposal at Lago Seco Park



Lago Seco: An Exceptional Park

- ❖ Keep it the most public of parks, which simply means the more accessible for EVERYONE, the better.
- ❖ Meditative spaces
- ❖ Healing and renewal
- ❖ Play, fun
- ❖ Exercise

“Parks are not just places to go for a walk or have a picnic; they are places of healing and renewal” Source: *Frederick Law Olmsted*

Another Perspective on the Riviera Little League Batting Cage Proposal at Lago Seco Park

- ❖ Even RLL kids need this space to be kept open for practice, play, and fun as shown here.
- ❖ Lots of RLL people spillover to this area during the baseball season
- ❖ As proposed, the open area will be lost



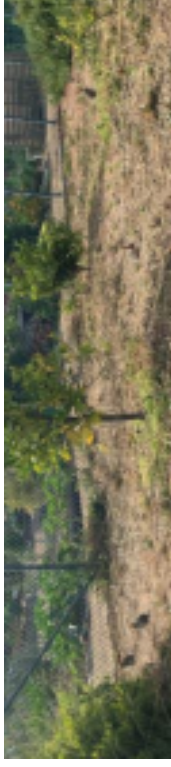
Another Perspective on the Riviera Little League Batting Cage Proposal at Lago Seco Park

- ❖ Batting cages will dangerously encroach the basketball courts (one sport should not supersede the other)
- ❖ People enjoying their time at the picnic/event area will be subjected to the noise
- ❖ The young families and small children at the play area will be subjected to the noise as well



Maintenance concern: These commercial grade batting cages look beautiful in the glossy RLL presentation but it is questionable if they can be well maintained over time





Lago Seco: As an Ecosystem

- ❖ Protected species of owls and red tailed hawks might be impacted by noise and lights
- ❖ Batting cages will be encroaching on trees that have the look of ancient things and that create their own ecosystems



Pictured:

- Migratory birds in field of proposed batting cages
- Owls in trees surrounding proposed batting cages
- Cute bunnies
- Frogs
- Snails
- Squirrels routinely fed as a pastime

Another Perspective on the Riviera Little League Batting Cage Proposal at Lago Seco Park

- ❖ Let us all be good stewards of this place. Keep open spaces. Don't carve out any more space from the park especially if it will be "privatized" as proposed
- ❖ All of us (Torrance citizens, RLL members, Park Commissioners) care deeply about Lago Seco and feel a sense of responsibility
- ❖ Remember - what makes Lago Seco a great park is not necessarily its size or its age but its ability to keep on living



Please no batting cages at Lago Seco Park



Concerns:

- Public space should not be taken for private use
- Parking is an unmitigatable nuisance
- Additional traffic is a safety concern
- Encroachment of additional space by players waiting for their turn to hit and/or parents setting up to watch
- Encroachment of walking paths and public rights of way
- Maintenance and repairs of the batting cages are a significant concern
- Noise & light pollution
- Open space is limited
- The peace-of-mind and solace the park provides for many users will be eliminated
- Compliance with the hours of operation is a significant concern

Lago Seco Park

is for

ALL!



Toddler bubbletime!



Baseball with friends!



Football with Dad!



Soccer with friends!

*All photos taken in current proposal location

Parking is a problem that has no solution

- The PUBLIC parking lot only contains a limited number of spaces
- Ocean Avenue parking for apartment residents would add to the current congestion
- Blocking of public access walkways will continue
- Blocking of garden entrances will continue
- Parking within the little league fields is a concern
- Parking problems will affect the surrounding neighborhoods



Maintenance and Repairs are a significant concern

- The batting cages will become a 7500sq.ft. eye sore
- Batting cages will not be maintained during off season (see some examples below of previous maintenance concerns)



Noise & Light Pollution are a significant concern

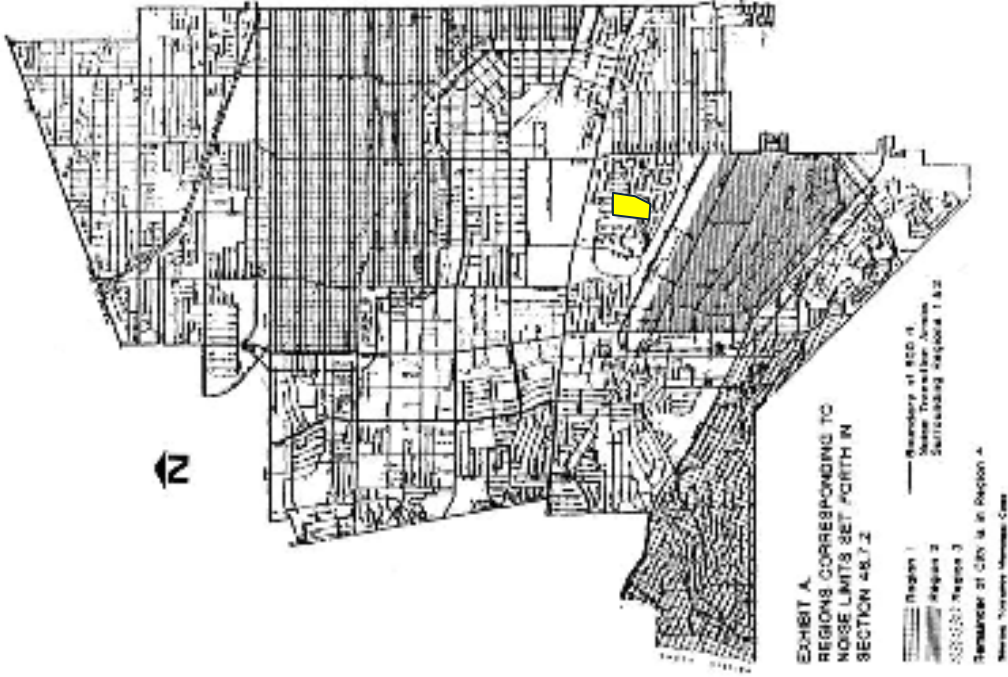
- Batting cages would be surrounded by residential homes and apartments and RESIDENTIAL zoning
- Batting cages are located in region 4, per noise ordinance
- RLL is currently the only little league with field lights (neighbors supported the lights being added), but shut off times are not currently complied with, additional lighting will add to the problems
- Peace and Solace for other park users will be eliminated

Regional & Zoning Map of Torrance

Lago Seco Park is
located in Region

4

(highlighted area)



46.7.1 General Noise Regulations

...it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes **discomfort or annoyance** to any reasonable **person of normal sensitivity residing in the area.**

- Comparison of constant ping of balls against aluminum bats vs. passing cars, is likely not an accurate evaluation
- There are no definitive sound mitigations or accurate decibel testing
- If statements regarding peak decibel readings from passing cars at 60 decibels were accurate, those readings still surpass the allowable decibel readings for region 4 of 55 decibels

Region 4 Noise Ordinance Guidelines

REGION (in which noise receiver is located)	NOISE LEVEL, db	
	Day	Night
3	50	45
4	55	50

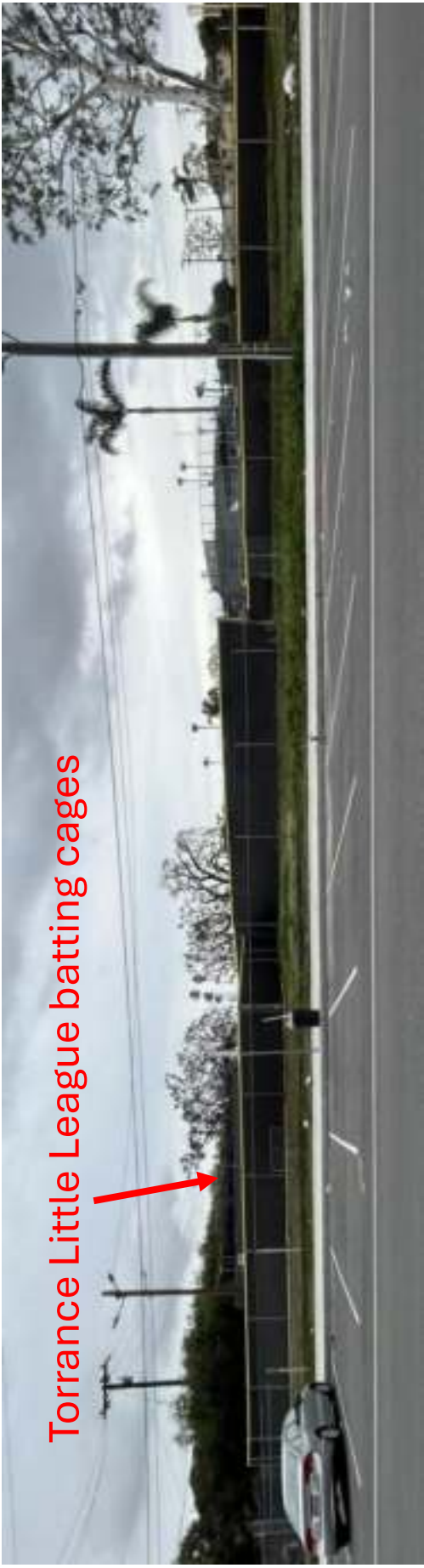
The following noise conditions would also apply:

1. Noise contains a steady, audible tone, such as a whine, screech or hum
2. Noise is repetitive impulsive noise, such as hammering or riveting

Comparison to other Little Leagues/Batting cages

- Townhomes adjacent to North Torrance little league were built AFTER the batting cages were installed and are located in Agricultural zoning
- Torrance Little League batting cages are built adjacent to M1 zoning (industrial)
- West Torrance Little League is located significantly below grade level of homes
- Wilson park batting cages are closed at 6pm on weekdays, use rubber balls and the townhomes were built AFTER the batting cages were installed
- RLL currently has an agreement with Hit Factory located 1.4 miles from Lago Seco Park and located in Industrial zoning

Torrance Little League



Torrance Little League batting cages



Torrance Little League batting cages built adjacent to **Industrial zoning**

North Torrance Little League



Townhomes located near the batting cages were built **after** the batting cages and are located in Agricultural/R2 zoning

West Torrance Little League



West Torrance Little League
batting cages



West Torrance Little
League batting cages

West Torrance Little League located significantly below grade of residential homes

Riviera Little League Proposed Location

- Surrounded by Residential apartments and homes
- Surrounded by Residential zoning
- Only 2.5 feet between the sidewalk and batting cage
- Only 2.5 feet between the basketball court and the batting cage
- Encroachment onto the sidewalk and basketball courts is a concern



Article 37 P-U Public Use District

91.37.3 CONDITIONAL USES

- b) A Conditional Use Permit **shall not be granted** unless the Planning Commission shall find:
- 1) That the use is compatible with and will not adversely affect adjacent uses.
 - 2) That the use will not result in unusual traffic or parking problems for the adjacent uses.
 - 3) That adequate landscaping, fencing, paving, site maintenance and other improvements will be provided to protect and/or enhance the overall appearance of the area in which such uses are situated.

Batting cages would violate ALL of the conditional use permit guidelines

Hit Factory located 1.4 miles from Lago Seco Park

- 30,000 square foot facility
- Hack Attack pitching machines are available and allow for speed and pitch type adjustments
- RLL currently has an agreement for batting practice for league members

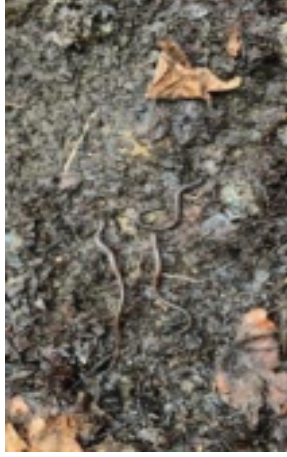


Compliance is a significant concern

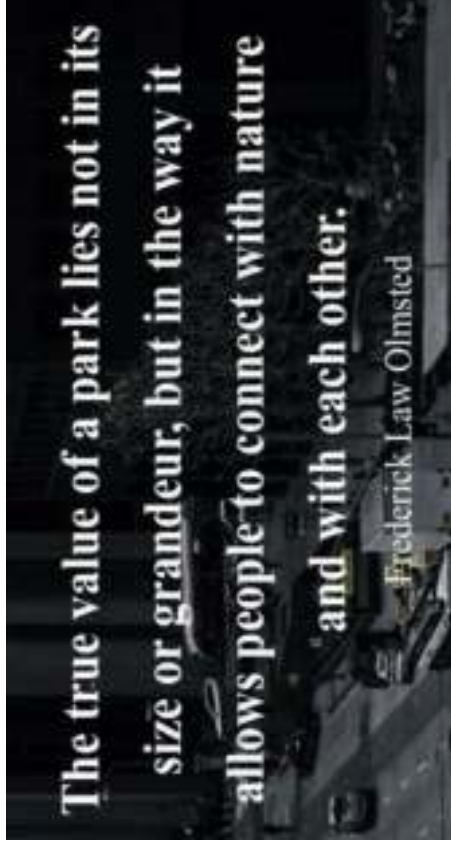
- Operating during the hours agreed upon
- Operating within current lease terms and boundaries
- Unresolved and untimely maintenance repairs
- Lack of transparency with the impacted residents
- Creating a divide between those in support of batting cages and those opposed
- Failure to address concerns of park users and residents directly impacted by RLL, unless instructed to do so by the city (lessor)

Batting cages should not be moved forward until these concerns are addressed

Open spaces should be preserved for ALL to use and explore nature!



Kids saving the earthworms in the open spaces at Lago Seco Park



Kids learning about the local salamanders found in proposal location



One of two protected hawks that live at the sump and hunt at the park



Pair of owls that live at the sump and rest at the park

A path forward

Practical proposals for managing park uses

We want to make three proposals

- A ‘general plan’ for Lago Seco Park, which we hope can serve as a framework for overall park planning in Torrance;
- A Lago Seco ‘foundation’ which will solicit private funding and involvement in park planning, improvements, and where needed, operations;
- For RLL, a series of workshops reviewing their plans for growth and driving toward collaborative decisions with the League, City, and residents which will be memorialized in the lease to be renewed at the end of ‘24.

Lago Seco 'General Plan'

- Principles:
 - Preserve park area for public recreational use.

Parks are often seen as 'available open space' for a variety of uses. Torrance's park deficit demands that this be the primary use for all available park area.

- Collaborative governance through community involvement.

The Parks Commission could serve as a focus for a city-wide effort to involve neighbors, park users, and related interest groups in park governance

Resolve the set of conflicts between the community and RLL holistically.

- The City lease for the land used by RLL is up for renewal EOY '24;
- The neighbors support renewing the lease, but leveraging the event of lease renewal into a framework to resolve the conflicts between RLL and the community;
- The community believes that as RLL intensifies the use of their existing leasehold (more activities) and seeks to expand the leasehold that there must be an effort to 'corral' RLL's capacity to keep it in alignment with an overall park plan.

Better operational management of both RLL and the park may offer opportunities to support more intensive or appropriately expanded uses, but these must be dealt with as a whole.



BATTING CAGE PROPOSAL





INTRODUCTION

THE LEAGUE

- Established and operating since 1957, in Lago Seco Park since 1965
- Largest Little League in Torrance
- 400 + registered players year over year
- Serving 10 + Schools
 - Elementary Schools (Seaside, Riviera, WALTERIA, Arnold, Riviera Hall)
 - Middle Schools (Calle Mayor, Richardson)
 - Multiple Torrance Area Preschools





THE COMMUNITY

- 400 + registered players = 400 + families (every Spring season)
- Over 1,000 Torrance locals participating in RLL yearly
- Many RLL families live near Lago Seco Park and use it frequently
 - Playground, kids parties, walk dogs, exercise, community gardens, city events
- RLL and our families are a huge part of the Lago Seco community



THE HOPE

- RLL community offerings include but are not limited to:
 - Spring Ball, Challenger Program, Fall Ball, Summer Camps, Clinics
- RLL has even more room to grow:
 - Improve standards & be more competitive similar to other area leagues
- RLL is the only Torrance Little League without Batting Cages on site




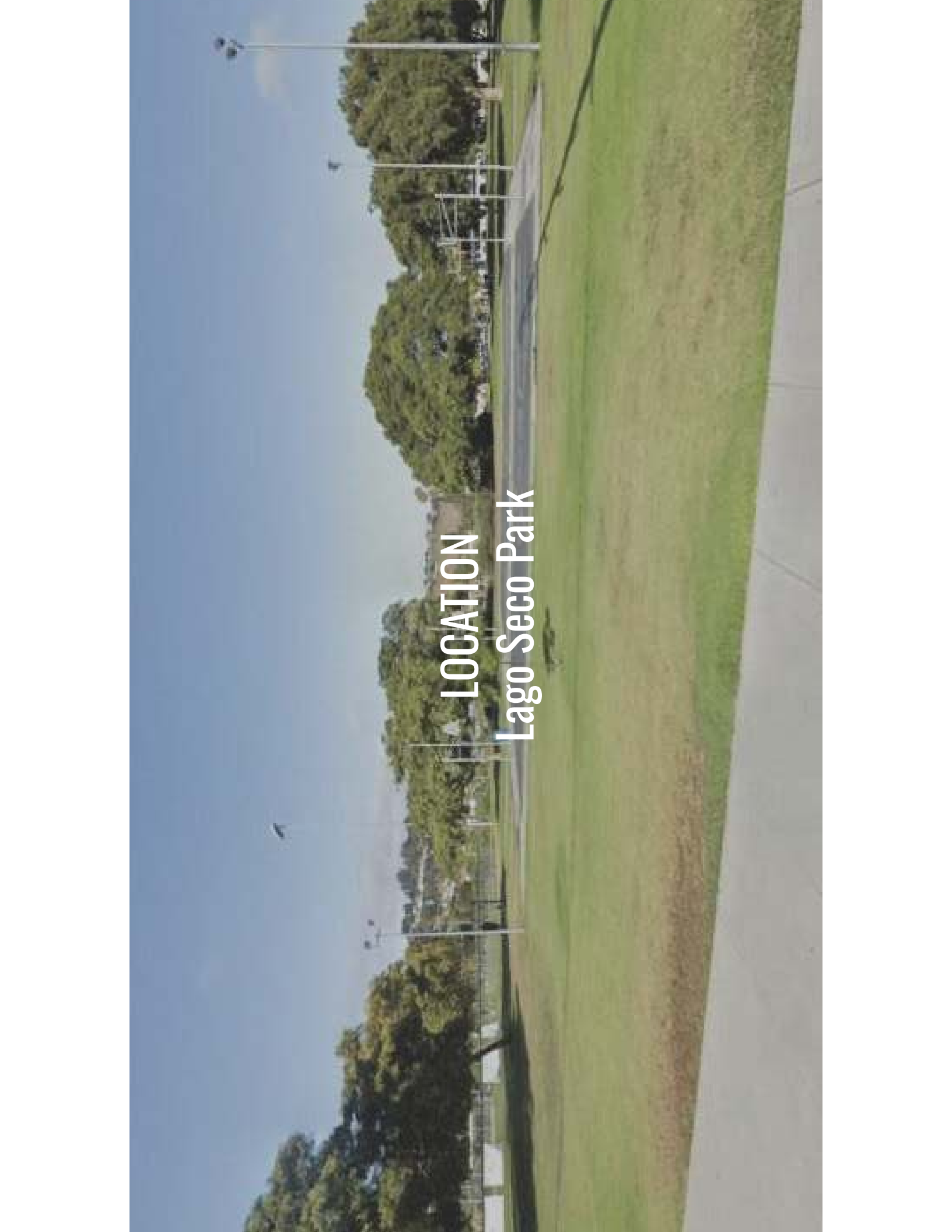
THE DREAM

- We see how Little League All Star Tournaments can bring families and communities together
- How that can lead to success on the big stage (Torrance LL / El Segundo LL)
- This inspires our league, community and kids to achieve more each season
- Provides them goals and teaches the value of hard work
- Put Torrance on the National / International Stage
 - Host International Tournaments
- Improved facilities essential to implementing our dream at RLL



THE BATTING CAGES

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- 3 Batting Cage options that meet RLL needs
 - Cage options in a new location that takes into consideration community feedback
 - Steps we're proposing to limit the impact on the park and all of us who use it

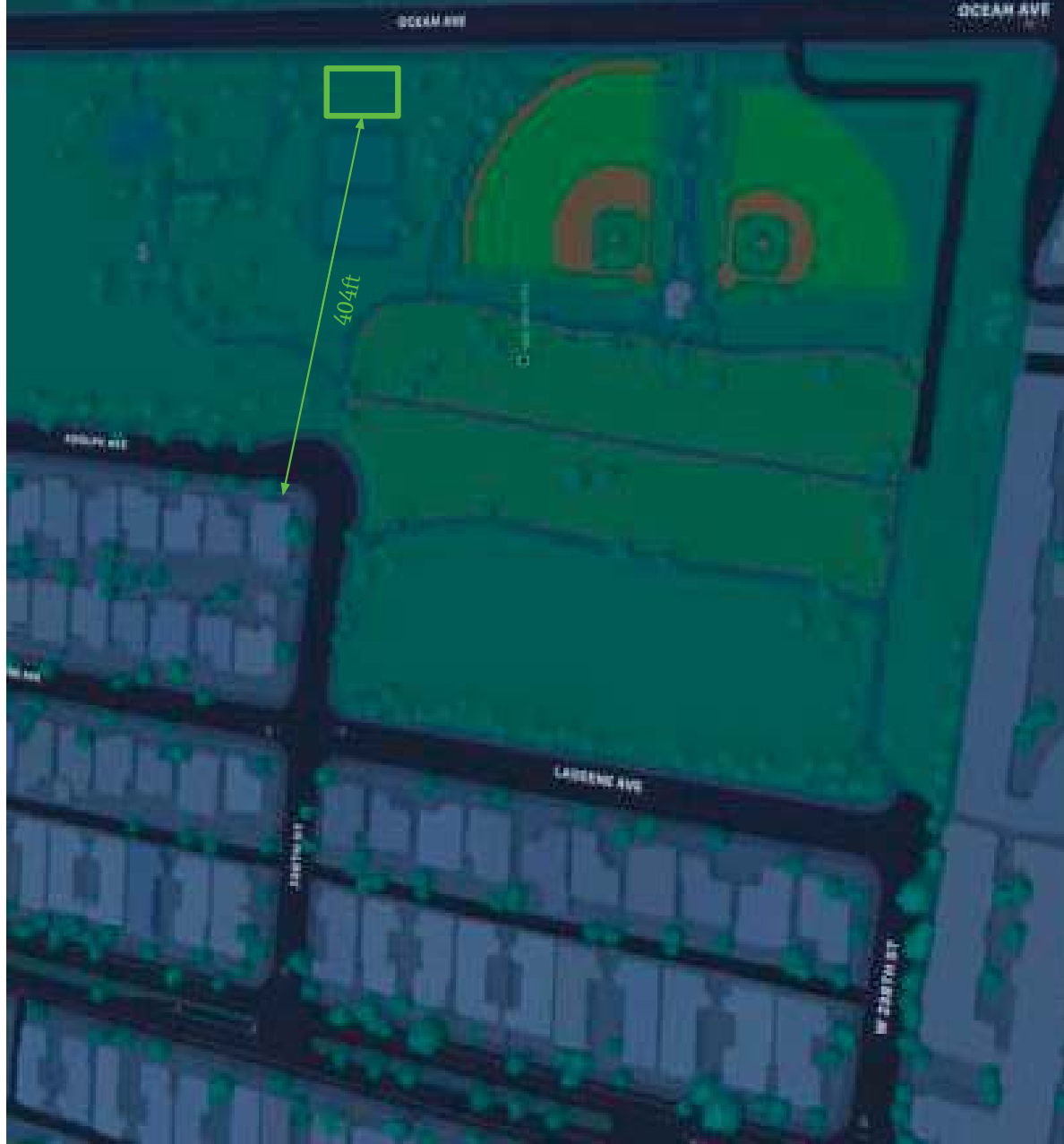


LOCATION
Lago Seco Park

PROPOSED LOCATION AREA



- Most easterly location available
- Directly adjacent to existing basketball courts
- Over 400ft from nearest residential dwelling
- More distance than comparable existing Torrance based Little League Cages
- Allow concentrated parking in RLL existing lot and on Ocean Avenue itself





OPTIONS



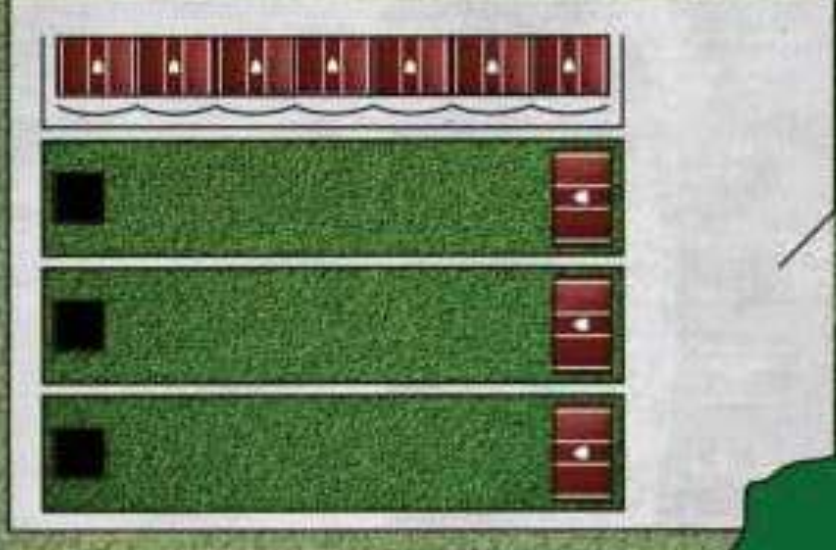
OPTION 1: FOUR LANES

- 4 x (14ftx70ft) Batting Lanes
- Approximate Total Area 65ft x 100ft
- Shutdown at 7:30PM supports 12 Teams per day



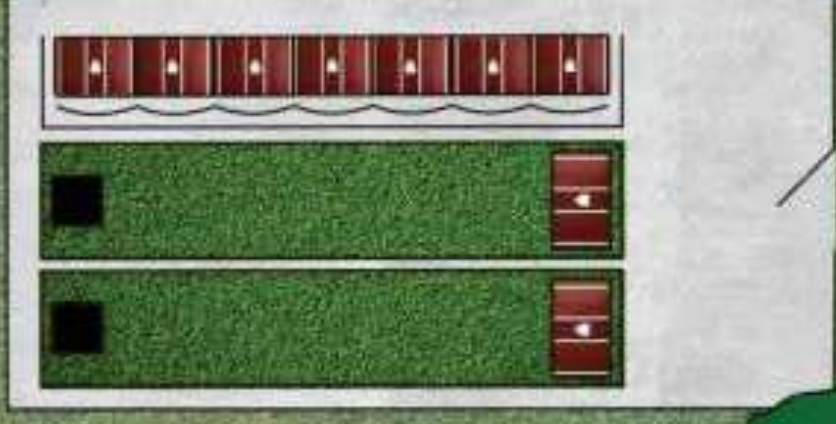
OPTION 2: THREE LANES

- 3 x (14ftx70ft) Batting Lanes
- 7 x Hitting Stations
- Approximate Total Area 65ft x 100ft
- Shutdown at 8:30PM supports 12 Teams per day



OPTION 3: TWO LANES

- 2 x (14ftx70ft) Batting Lanes
- 7 x Hitting Stations
- Approximate Total Area 50ft x 100ft
- Shutdown at 9:00PM
- Will not accommodate all RLL Teams on a weekly basis



REDUCING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- Location utilizes existing open space adjacent to/near RLL fields
- Location is 404ft away from nearest residences
 - This is further away from nearest residences than other referenced Torrance area batting cages
- Location allows concentrated parking on Ocean Ave vs surrounding neighborhoods
- If needed, easy to implement additional design details to mitigate other possible impacts such as but not limited to:
 - Sound mitigation measures (Reference Appendix)
 - Focused lighting solutions run on timers to avoid light pollution

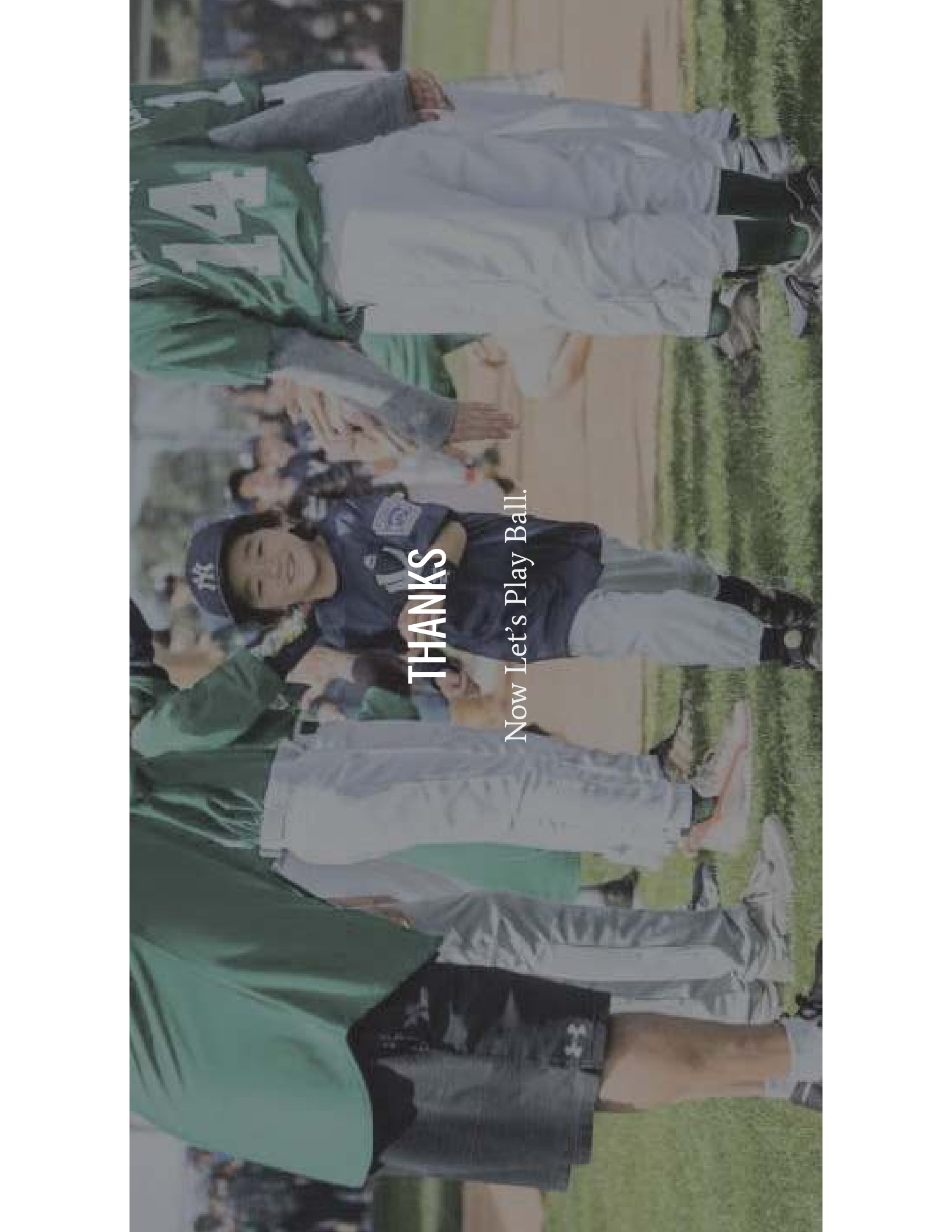
JOURNEY SO FAR

- Concept designs
 - Created program layout @ multiple locations in Lago Seco Park
- Various communications and meetings with Lessor (City of Torrance)
- Multiple meetings with City Of Torrance Building and Community Development + Parks & Recreation Commission
- Attended Parks & Recreation Commission meetings
- Community Engagement
 - Participated in multiple in person meetings
 - Consistent communication (via email)



THE NEXT STEPS

- Green Light
 - Obtain approval from Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council to move forward.
- Permit Approval (3-6 months)
 - Submit design package for planning and building department permit approval process.
- General Contractor On-boarding
 - RFP and award contractor concurrent with plan check process.
- Break Ground/Construction (3-6 months)
- MASH! Improve - World Series here we come!



THANKS

Now Let's Play Ball.

Appendix

Batting Cage Residential Distance Comparison - Other Torrance Area Cage Locations

Riviera Little League (proposed) - 404 ft

WILSON PARK

- 290 ft



NORTH TORRANCE
LL

- 390 ft

WEST TORRANCE LL

- 191 ft



TORRANCE LL

- 266 ft

Batting Cages - Noise Assessment

- Torrance Wilson Park Cages
 - At nearest residence (290 ft) the sound was indistinguishable with nearby car traffic. Peak decibel readings at ~60 dB.
 - Note: The Torrance Wilson Park Cages do not use sound mitigation technologies.
- Proposed Location (Lago Seco Park)
 - At nearest resident (404 ft) car traffic remains as the peak decibel generator.
 - Readings gathered at this location registered local car traffic at ~60 dB.
- If necessary, implementation of additional sound mitigation technologies are available:
 - Acoustiblok is a reputable company that provides these services. They have worked for Fenway Park, Atlanta Motor Sports, and numerous film and music production studios.
 - Their AcoustiFence (AF-6) product is a UV and mold resistant outdoor sound blanket with an acoustical performance of STC 28 - the equivalent of lowering noise pollution by 28 dBs.

Community Meeting Public Survey / Comments

In favor of proposal? Yes = 5 No = 28 Neutral = 2 (35 total responses)

- Unwanted Added Noise - 13
- Maintain Open Space - 8
- Destroys Natural Habitat - 6
- Exacerbate parking issues - 5
- Too close to residential homes - 4
- Not open to everyone - 3

Survey Comments	RLL Response
Destroy Natural Habitat	Cages relocated adjacent to basketball court.
Will bring unwanted noise	Cages relocated / Sound Mitigation Measures to be considered
Will bring unwanted light	Cages relocated / Focused Lighting Solutions to be considered
This is not a great idea	Subjective comment
Please maintain open space	The proposed design occupies 680Msq of approx 56000Msq park (roughly 12%)
Will add to limited parking issues	New location will allow us to utilize existing lot and concentrate overflow on Ocean Ave
Too close to residential homes	Cages relocated
Please bring back more proposal ideas	Please refer to above presentation
Maintenance of existing fields	Implemented policies and actions to clean up trash Implementing and improving timing of field lights operations Removal of porte-potties Improved upkeep of fence banners Implemented policies and actions for better parking control
Safety Monitoring at cages	RLL to maintain operational protocols as typical during both Spring and Fall seasons
Not open to everyone	Open to additional dialogue
Will provide a healthy environment for kids to play	RLL concurs
Build Fitness area instead	This is not part of RLL proposal
Great idea for the youth in the community	RLL concurs

Batting Cages - Utilities Required

- Electricity
 - Lighting
 - Convenience power
- Water
 - Maintenance hose/spicket
 - Modification of city sprinklers
- Drainage
 - Unless required by building department, avoid sewer tie in.

Batting Cages - Previously Considered Locations



TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – January 2024

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor

During the month of December, the Ranger unit maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays.

- Weekday afternoon patrols include providing a uniformed support presence at all city libraries.
- Weeknight patrols focus on supervision of field permits and securing facilities.
- Weekend patrols include general supervision of the parks, educating patrons on rules, and facilitating building and picnic reservations.

Parks

- High number of open alcohol container violations logged resulting in six Torrance Police Department callouts for assistance.
- Many of the same violators account for increase in smoking contacts as well as suspicious and defiant subjects.
- Increase in heavy graffiti over holiday weekends at numerous parks.
- Torrance Fire Department callout as result of Rangers observing a tree on fire while en route to Descanso Park.
- Increase in unhoused subject contacts at Henderson Library and Walteria Library.
- Reports of lights out and broken barbecues forwarded to Park Services throughout month.

Statistics were kept of common incidents that Rangers observed during the month of December.

Municipal Code Violations	December	YTD
Alcohol	92	454
Amplified Sound	11	118
Dog Off Leash Contacts	143	1426
Marijuana/Smoking	37	264
Parking Violations	26	363
Trespassing on Closed Fields	8	65
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	18	160
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	0	70

Park Patron Specific Contacts	December	YTD
Assisting Park Patrons	15	409
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	3	183
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	50	205
Missing Subjects	0	2
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	0	165
Skating/Biking Violations	35	288
Suspicious Subjects	50	111

Building, Park, and Facility Issues	December	YTD
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	143	953
Facility Maintenance Report	27	193
Hazard Report/Removal	24	209
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	0	14

City Resource Support Requests	December	YTD
EMT/Fire Department Call-Outs	1	5
Park Services Call-Outs	0	10
Police Department Call-Outs	6	46
Ranger Unit Call-Outs	19	248

Unhoused Interactions	December	YTD
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	36	336
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	8	119
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	25	276

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

During the month of January, the Home Improvement Program completed projects at 12 households, with ongoing projects at 6 additional households. Total mobile home clients 3, with no mobile home households completed.

	January	YTD
ADA	1	1
Carpentry	4	4
Electrical	7	7
Paint	0	0
Plumbing	6	6
Miscellaneous	5	5
Total number of services provided	22	22

FARMER’S MARKET PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer’s Market Manager

The Farmers’ Market did not close for the holidays this year! Given the holidays, the market was still well-attended. We are experiencing an onslaught of new vendors who would like to get a space at the Farmers’ Market, as well as the Expressive Conduct Users Zone.

Rainy season has arrived, and the Manager is making sure all vendors secure their canopies in case of sudden winds.

The market has been full of citrus, cara cara oranges, daisy tangerines, kishu tangerines, pommelos, grapefruits, navel oranges, pretty much every type of citrus fruit you could possibly imagine! Farmers are growing beautiful green broccoli, as well as purple, green, bright yellow, and white cauliflower. Lettuce is in season, along with all colors and flavors of different radishes (purple, watermelon, white, etc.) Root vegetables are also in abundance, with purple, orange, red, and yellow carrots.

During the month of December, the Farmers’ Market operated on five Tuesdays and four Saturdays. Average attendance for Tuesdays was 6,759 and for Saturdays was 12,145.

Revenue	Tuesday	Saturday	Monthly Total	FY YTD
July 2023	\$29,845.82	\$82,444.05	\$112,289.87	\$112,289.87
August 2023	\$34,931.62	\$63,640.08	\$98,571.70	\$210,861.57
September 2023	\$25,713.50	\$75,370.72	\$101,084.22	\$311,945.79
October 2023	\$30,268.48	\$59,403.21	\$89,671.69	\$401,617.48
November 2023	\$27,117.16	\$54,493.02	\$81,610.18	\$483,227.66
December 2023	\$19,922.07	\$63,176.65	\$83,098.72	\$566,326.38
January 2024	\$28,283.52	\$52,749.96	\$81,033.48	\$647,359.86
January 2023 Comparison	\$20,224.03	\$49,763.24	\$69,987.27	\$564,760.55

COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer’s Market Manager

Community Gardens staff met with Registration staff and confirmed online registration for Community Gardeners. We are tightening up the process, so that it becomes easier for gardeners, as well as City staff.

Due to the rainy season, weed abatement continues to be an issue.

ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS – Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst

Coyote abatement continues Monday through Sunday trapping. The trapping cycle begins anew every October. The City’s pet licensing program with DocuPet also continues servicing Torrance residents, with its yearly reporting restarting in December.

Coyote Report

During the month of January, there were 18 reported coyote sightings by the public, with 1 coyote captured by the vendor.

Type of Coyote Encounter	January	Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present)
Sighting Reported by Public	25	81
Dog Attack	1	1

Cat Attack	0	2
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	0	0
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	6	14
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	1	5
Injured Coyote	0	3
Total Encounters	33	106

	December	Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present)
Coyotes Trapped	6	12
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	3
Total	6	15

Pet Licensing

Statistics provided below may not be finalized numbers as the official pet licensing invoices are delivered by DocuPet, the vendor, to the city at the end of the second week of each month.


During the month of December, a total of 321 licenses were sold. 297 of these were purchased through DocuPet's online portal and 24 were purchased offline by mail. Total revenue received by the City will be approximately \$9,660.82.

	December	Year-to-Date (December 2022 – November 2023)
Licenses Sold	321	6,355
Donations Received	\$37.00	\$318.00
Total Revenue less Fees	\$9,660.82	\$196,430.42

For a year-over-year comparison, in December 2022, there were a total of 323 license sales resulting in revenue of \$10,233.46.

The projected revenue for December 2022 – November 2023 is \$196,430.42.

Respectfully submitted,



 John La Rock
 Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN LA ROCK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – February 2024

PARK RANGER PROGRAM – Victor Arevalo, Program Supervisor

During the month of February the Ranger Unit (13 part time staff) maintained a consistent deployment schedule, not including holidays.

- Weekday afternoon patrols include providing a uniformed support presence at all city libraries.
- Weeknight patrols focus on supervision of field permits and securing facilities.
- Weekend patrols include general supervision of the parks, educating patrons on rules, and facilitating building and picnic reservations.

Parks

- Heavy rain in February and numerous bouts of illness resulted in less time and contacts made in the field for many violations.
- High volume of hazard reporting to Park Services (flooding, downed branches/trees, damage to buildings, etc.).
- Rangers met with Homeless Outreach Team 2/6/24 to get deeper understanding of their program and abilities.
- Torrance Police Department support requests for Adult Softball tailgating at Wilson Park and juveniles (males and females) smoking and occupying restrooms at Entradero Park.
- Greenwood Park discovered to be used by high number of repeat offenders from little league associations; Some in contact with Facility Booking regarding permitting.
- Ranger attacked by Farmer's Market patron requiring Torrance Police Department support; Ranger recovered and back on duty several days later.

Statistics were kept of common incidents that Rangers observed during the month of December.

Municipal Code Violations	February	YTD
Alcohol	22	53
Amplified Sound	3	5
Dog Off Leash Contacts	98	261
Marijuana/Smoking	19	45
Parking Violations	12	19
Trespassing on Closed Fields	0	10
Unpermitted Commercial Class/Instructional Contacts	18	58
Unpermitted Food/Street Vendor Contacts	0	0

Park Patron Specific Contacts	February	YTD
Assisting Park Patrons	22	37
Building, Picnic, or Field Permit Conflicts	42	59
Defiant/Disruptive Subjects	19	64
Missing Subjects	0	1
Patrons Causing Building, Park or Field Damage	22	59
Skating/Biking Violations	23	62
Suspicious Subjects	6	5

Building, Park, and Facility Issues	February	YTD
Graffiti Hotline Report/Removal	104	205
Facility Maintenance Report	46	68
Hazard Report/Removal	29	51
Unpermitted Bouncer/Vendor Violations	0	0

City Resource Support Requests	February	YTD
EMT/Fire Department Call-Outs	0	0
Park Services Call-Outs	0	0
Police Department Call-Outs	2	4
Ranger Unit Call-Outs	12	29

Unhoused Interactions	February	YTD
Unhoused Subject Contacts and Observations	47	68
Unhoused Subject Outreach Requests	19	36
Unhoused Subject Welfare Checks	36	47

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Shawn Plunkett, Program Supervisor

Information not available at this time.

FARMER'S MARKET PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer's Market Manager

The farmers and the Farmers' Market survived a historical weather event for the month of February. The market stayed open, rain or shine. Attendance was spotty this month due to weather conditions, a lack of clear roadways, and inability to harvest.

The Tuesday market added three new food vendors: Sea Moss, a sweetener made from sea moss with 107 vitamins and minerals; Donna's Delectables selling granola; and Astron Herbal selling teas, ghee, and other ayurvedic foods.

The Farmers' Market continues to help the successful Cherry Blossom Festival with curating some of their food vendors, operational machinery, and staffing.

The ECU Zone was full with reservations on both market days (except the rainy market days).

During the month of February, the Farmers' Market operated on four Tuesdays and four Saturdays. Average attendance for Tuesdays was 3,781 and for Saturdays was 13,599.

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February 2023 Comparison	\$21,776.95	\$50,22.50	\$71,999.45	\$636,760.00

COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM – Joyce Chan, Farmer's Market Manager

Lago Seco is getting ready for the registration process. Staff is working on cleaning up plots that have been given up, and closing out gardeners that are not renewing their plots for the next two years.

ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS – Shane Lee, Administrative Analyst

Coyote abatement continues Monday through Sunday trapping. The trapping cycle begins anew every October. The City's pet licensing program with DocuPet also continues servicing Torrance residents, with its yearly reporting restarting in December.

Coyote Report

During the month of February, there were 18 reported coyote sightings by the public, with 2 coyotes captured by the vendor.

Type of Coyote Encounter	February	Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present)
Sighting Reported by Public	18	99
Dog Attack	0	1
Cat Attack	0	2
Dog Attack Resulting in Fatality	0	0
Cat Attack Resulting in Fatality	4	18
Wild Animal Fatality of Unknown Origins	0	5
Injured Coyote	0	3
Total Encounters	22	128

	February	Current Trapping Period (October 2023 – Present)
Coyotes Trapped	2	14
Carrion (non-trapped)	0	3
Total	2	17

Pet Licensing

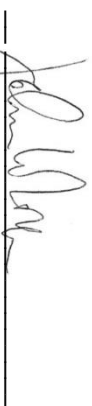
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During the month of February, a total of 452 licenses were sold. 439 of these were purchased through DocuPet's online portal and 22 were purchased offline by mail. Total revenue received by the City will be approximately \$14,925.00.

	February	Year-to-Date (December 2023 – November 2024)
Licenses Sold	452	6,355
Donations Received	\$22.00	\$318.00
Total Revenue less Fees	\$14,332.50	\$196,430.42

For a year-over-year comparison, in February 2023, there were a total of 569 license sales resulting in revenue of \$18,673.70.

Respectfully submitted,



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – January 2024

ALL PARKS

- Reported graffiti
- Performed playground equipment safety checks
- Performed routinely maintenance and inspections
- Adjusted security light timers, checked all irrigation clocks for time and made repairs
- Cared for dedication trees

Custodial/Rental Buildings

- Cleaned and serviced all rental facilities and restrooms

Events

- Provided staff/support for the City of Torrance Annual Unhoused Count
- Provided staff/tools for PAVA Volunteer Service Day at Wilson Park

Turf Management

All Sports Fields

- Columbia, De Portola, El Nido, Guenser, La Romeria, McMaster, Walteria & Wilson are currently on track for weekly routine maintenance
- Service to fields was increased due to availability of sports field personnel

Baseball Diamonds

- Service included the fields at Guenser, Mc Master, Columbia, El Nido, La Romeria, Walteria, De Portola & Wilson parks

SPECIALTY CREWS

Projects Crew

Projects crew has remained available to assist all three supervisors and all parks leads with daily ongoing support for all parks emergencies and planned construction projects such as playground repairs, concretes sidewalk repairs, sign replacements fence and block wall repairs and new barbeque grill installation amongst other jobs. See each park by region for this month.

Please note: Barbeque grill installation to all parks has been ongoing with approximately 70% of the installations now completed

Mowing Crew

- All mowing is currently on track with minor delays in service due to redirection of personnel for higher priority projects or emergency tasks as well as winter rain
- Lead Maintenance Workers have continued training our Maintenance Worker staff on the safe operation of large & small equipment such as Toro Big Red & Toro Zero Turn mowers to promote safe work practices and gain regimented experience operating large equipment under direct supervision
- Groundwork training has continued for our permanent full time & permanent part time workers regarding the safe use of edgers, blowers, string trimmers and hand tools

Volunteers and Adopt-a-Park groups

	Volunteers	Hours
Live Steamers, Wilson Park	22	292
Horseshoe Pits Wilson Park	1	15
Madrona Marsh Preserve/Nature Center	51	241
Seaside Heroes Park	28	59.25
Civic Center Veteran's Memorial	7	2.1
Entradero Park	2	18
Guenser Park	4	36
Pava World Wilson Park	31	62
Halo Club Wilson Park	30	60
Goshi Club Wilson Park	12	12
TOTAL	188	797.35

PARKS BY DISTRICT

District 1

Guenser Park

- Performed maintenance on the walking paths

McMaster Park

- Completed install of fire engine replacement panel left side of truck
- Completed trees and shrub trimming from Tillim Senior Center for painting contractor clearance

Osage Park

- Performed storm cleanup

La Carretera

- Completed job walk for contractor bid on block wall

Descanso

- Performed maintenance on the walking paths

District 2

Entradero Park

- Replace Valve shut off for park side

- Remove dirt mounds built by e-bike riders
- Storm cleanup

La Romeria Park

- Performed storm cleanup

Paradise Park

- Storm cleanup

Sunnyglen Park

- Storm cleanup

Victor Park

- Storm cleanup

District 3

City Yard

- Storm cleanup
- Completed Phase 1 of NDPS storm drain and channel repair at south Employee driveway gate (dredge and rock installation)
- Weed Abatement treatment entire yard perimeter

Civic Center

- Completed removal of holiday lights
- Performed storm cleanup
- Removed hanging limb due to storm damage

Columbia Park

- Storm cleanup
- Completed irrigation repairs to Field 2 AYSO soccer field

Delthorne Park

- Storm cleanup
- Completed BBQ grill installations
- Set and monitor gopher traps

El Nido Park

- Repair sport field lighting
- Repaired storm damage in Day of Service planter

District 4

Downtown

- Serviced the Kennedy Memorial Fountain

El Prado Park

- Removed downed limb due to storm damage
- Serviced Clogged drinking fountain

Pueblo Park

- Performed storm cleanup

Southeast Library

- Removed illegally dumped trash from parking lot

Sur La Brea Park

- Completed installation of security cables to sound attenuation curtains (North Side)
- Completed Weed abatement around walking paths

Torrance Park

- Completed cleanup of band shell and surrounding area
- Removed hanging limbs due to storm damage
- Repaired cracks in walking path
- Repaired broken board on Kendal Field bleachers

Torrance Scout Center

- Performed storm cleanup

Wilson Park

- Completed Concrete pad for Gene Barnett dedication
- Completed Concrete pad for new bench dedication
- Concrete walking path repairs made on SW walkway
- Completed removal of two old dedication benches (Powder coat restoration)
- Performed weed abatement at Dee Hardison planters and Horseshoe pits
- Completed planting preparation at Dee Hardison parking lot planter
- Completed pickup and return of 7712 Ball diamond cart for preventive maintenance

District 5

El Retiro Park

- Domestic line break
- Storm cleanup

La Paloma Park

- Storm cleanup

Lago Seco Park

- Storm cleanup

Los Arboles Park

- Remove dirt mounds in the lower pads built by e bike people
- Storm cleanup

Miramar Park

- Fill in gopher holes
- Set Gopher traps and monitor
- Storm cleanup

Seaside Heroes Park

- Volunteer group planting over 80 plants
- Storm cleanup

Sea Aire Golf Course

- Mainline/ Domestic waterline break
- Storm cleanup

District 6

Alta Loma Park

- Pine tree came down during storm
- Storm cleanup
- Completed Gopher traps and monitoring (ongoing)

De Portola Park

- Chinese Elm lost a limb at the northeast corner of park
- Storm cleanup

- Completed Gopher traps and monitoring (ongoing)

Hickory Park

- Performed maintenance at tennis court

Walteria Park

- Storm cleanup

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)

- January attendance figures
 - These figures represent a hard count performed by volunteers and MMP staff. Actual attendance numbers are higher.
 - Visitors to the Preserve: 1134 people (hard count)
 - Visitors to the Nature Center: 317 people (hard count)
- January rainfall total on the Preserve: 2.96"
- Season to date rainfall total (Oct. 1, 2023 – Jan. 31, 2024): 6.41"
- MMP Staff performed extensive plant maintenance on the Preserve this month. Fall cutback work is wrapping up with the removal of annual plants, thatch removal, downed tree and limb removal, and mowing several acres using ecologically sensitive techniques. A large amount of tree work and pathway clearance work was performed along the middle road of the Preserve to prepare for the winter rains
- MMP Staff are crafting a vernal pool management process that identifies and distinguishes zones within the vernal pools where only hand-tools should be used, to better protect these areas of the endangered Fairy Shrimp populations within them. Restoration work on Vernal Pool 7 was performed this month by use of this method
- Advanced Restoration Crew (ARC) volunteers participated in 3 restoration workdays on the preserve and 1 training and orientation day (due to rain). They performed fall cutback work, downed branch removal, trail maintenance, green waste removal, and safety training. There were 20-25 volunteers at each of the three restoration workdays and 1 volunteer attended the training. MMP Staff plan and supervise the ARC workdays
- MMP staff held a tree dedication ceremony for the family of Richard Nishimura on January 16, 2024. We planted two elderberry trees on the south end of the preserve in his memory. The ceremony was attended by his surviving family members: his wife Jane Nishimura (a longtime MMP volunteer), his son Scott, and his daughter Dale. Richard was a longtime volunteer with Madrona Marsh. He passed away on August 17, 2023
- The Riverside Astronomical Society held their Star Party on Saturday, January 13, with 60 people in attendance. Guests were informed on what constellations and celestial bodies are visible in our January night sky. Weather permitting, the Riverside Astronomical Society sets up telescopes in the Preserve so guests can view the stars discussed in that month's presentation
- The Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society held their monthly meeting at the Nature Center on January 16. The topic was an update on the progress of the California Condor rehabilitation and reintroduction programs in California, Arizona, and Mexico. There were 23 people in attendance

- The Friends of Madrona Marsh (FOMM) held their annual members meeting at the Nature Center on Sunday, January 28, 2023. The event was extremely well attended with roughly 60 guests, including Councilmember Asam Sheikh who offered opening remarks on the importance of FOMM and the MMP. FOMM President Suzan Hubert led the proceedings, and they elected two new board members (Charlene Lee and Michelle Sison). The new nature center manager, Liz Evans, was introduced to the group. The interim nature center manager, Steve Ash, gave a thorough and well-received Manager's Annual Report, focusing on the extensive Education and Volunteer work performed at MMP
- In December 2023 and January 2024, MMP Staff led students from Palos Verdes High School in an ongoing experiment, "*Daphnia Magna's* Filtering Effect on Phosphate Levels at Madrona Marsh." The invertebrate *Daphnia magna* plays a crucial role in the healthy functioning of the Preserve's vernal pool habitats. MMP Staff are currently analyzing the data from these experiments
- MMP Staff continue to supervise student science projects with a graduate student from CSU Humboldt and a high school student from California Academy of Math and Science in Carson
- MMP Volunteers led four sessions of Friday Fun, the weekly science program for children ages 3-6. Topics this month included gopher burrows and bird nests. There were 36-40 kids and parents at each of the four sessions
- MMP Volunteers led several once-monthly programs, including Nature Stories and Crafts (21 kids and parents), Tyke Hike, and Nature Walk. The Night Hike and Henrietta Basin Walk programs were canceled due to rain
- MMP Staff supported a homeschool educator who brings her class to the Nature Center frequently (about once a month) for science education and enrichment
- MMP Staff onboarded a new volunteer that assists with facility maintenance around the Nature Center. They also conducted a new volunteer orientation and are in the process of bringing 2-4 more volunteers onboard in February 2024
- MMP Volunteers contributed many hours this month. 51 volunteers provided 240 hours of service. This included working at the front desk and the front gate, leading docent tours, painting the classroom mural, performing animal care, doing laboratory research, and running the Friends of Madrona Marsh (FOMM) gift shop

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: TRACY DRAKE, PARK SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: PARK SERVICES DIVISION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

ALL PARKS

- Storm clean-up
- Reported graffiti
- Performed playground equipment safety checks
- Performed routinely maintenance and inspections
- Adjusted security light timers and check of all irrigation clocks for time. Repairs made where needed
- Cared for dedication trees

Custodial/Rental Buildings

Cleaned and serviced all rental facilities and restrooms

Events

No events

Turf Management

All Sports Fields

- Columbia, De Portola, El Nido, Guenser, La Romeria, McMaster, Walteria & Wilson are currently on track for weekly routine maintenance.
- Service to fields decreased slightly due to recent storm activity which left the fields too wet to service at select times.

Baseball Diamonds

- Service included the fields at Guenser, Mc Master, Columbia, El Nido, La Romeria, Walteria, De Portola & Wilson parks. Due to recent rain / storm conditions some regular daily service has been reduced or rescheduled as conditions required with daily reports being forwarded to Recreation department to allow for scheduling changes as needed

SPECIALTY CREWS

Projects Crew

Projects crew has remained available to assist all three supervisors and all parks leads with daily ongoing support for all parks emergencies and planned construction projects such as playground repairs, concrete sidewalk repairs, sign replacements fence and block wall repairs new barbeque grill installation & Concrete path repairs. See each park by region for this month's contributions.

Please note: Barbeque grill installations are still ongoing with approximately 80% of the installations now completed.

Mowing Crew

- All mowing is currently on track except for a two-week delay in service to some locations mainly due to recent storm activities leaving behind wet soil conditions. Crews have

remained ready for redirection as higher priority projects or emergency tasks are required

- Lead Maintenance Workers have continued training our Maintenance Worker staff Including new hires on the safe operation of large & small equipment such as Toro Big Red & Toro Zero Turn mowers to promote safe work practices and gain regimented experience operating large equipment under direct supervision
- Groundwork training has continued for our permanent full & part time staff including new hires regarding the safe use of edgers, blowers, string trimmers and hand tools

VOLUNTEERS and GRANT PROGRESS

	Volunteers	Hours
Live Steamers	28	278
Wilson Horseshoe Pits	2	12.5
Madrona Marsh Preserve /Nature Center	59	484
Cherry Trees (city wide)	9	9
Seaside Heroes Park	44	120
Civic Center Veteran’s Memorial and Rose Garden	12	6
Entradero Park	2	24
Wilson Park	43	76
Guenser Park	5	34
Lago Seco Park	5	8.75
TOTAL	209	1052.25

Grant Progress

No information currently

PARKS BY DISTRICT

District 1 – Descanso, Guenser, La Carretera, McMaster, Osage

Descanso

- Mainline break

Guenser Park

- Contract for Basketball court replacement has been completed with work scheduled to begin in March 2024

McMaster Park

- Playground swing repair
- Tree removals at the east side of park completed to make way for scheduled sidewalk repairs
- Playground Fire truck project to replace cracked panels has been completed and is open for play

District 2 - Entradero, La Romeria, Paradise, Sunnyglen, Victor

Entradero Park

- Storm drain collapsed west side of playground and area covered with plywood
- Swings replaced in 5-12 large swing area
- Playground has been fenced / secured until storm drain can be repaired
- Installed wattles along the top of the South retaining wall

Sunnyglen Park

- Tree limb down and clean up

District 3 – City Yard, Civic Center, Columbia, Delthorne, El Nido, Greenwood, Pequeno

City Yard

- Tree damaged by storm and cleaned up
- Gopher abatement
- Cleared debris from Bioswale drains

Delthorne Park

- Gopher Abatement
- Completed concrete grinding & sidewalk repairs near central bathrooms

El Nido Park

- Southwest pipeline scoped the storm drain line
- Gopher abatement
- Completed chain link fence repairs at NW corner of park

Greenwood Park

- Completed the rebuild & painting of the tree bench

District 4 – Downtown, El Prado, Pueblo, Southeast Library, Sur la Brea, Torrance, Torrance Scout Center, Wilson Park

Sur La Brea Park

- Completed WCA tree removals on South central & East side of park
- Irrigation repairs
- Completed install of extra security cables on Sound curtains

Torrance Park

- Pressure wash playground sidewalk
- Irrigation repairs
- WCA tree removals on West and East side of park
- Completed Flagpole repair at North side of Kendall field

Wilson Park

- Fountain clean up
- Fill in low spots behind ball diamond #2
- Completed clean up compound area for storage bin delivery
- WCA tree removal & stump grinding northwest of playground
- West side of park lighting issues resolved by city electricians
- Completed repairs to South downspout at Hockey Rink
- Completed drain clearing at East end of Hockey Rink
- Completed sandbag installation on South & east sides of Hockey Rink

- Completed storage box installation NW side of Hockey Rink announcer's booth
- Completed repairs to lower panel on amphitheater
- Completed chain link repairs to SE corner of Hockey Rink
- Completed installation of newly powder coated benches removed last month.
- Completed delivery / return of security light trailer to Public Works department
- Completed installation of custom concrete podium on to the newly formed concrete pad for Gene Barnett dedication plaque (on order)

District 5 – El Retiro, La Palmona, Lago Seco, Los Arboles, Miramar, Riviera, Seaside Heroes, Sea Aire Golf Course

Lago Seco Park

- Completed Tree removal of damaged tree due to storm
- Volunteer group spread wood chips at Community Gardens

Los Arbole Park

- Completed installation of “Do Not Enter” park signs on North slope
- Completed install of two galvanized posts to accommodate new signs

Miramar Park

- Gopher abatement

Seaside Heroes Park

- Volunteer group planted ground covering on west side of park

District 6 - Alta Loma, De Portola, Discovery, Hickory, Walteria

De Portola Park

- Tree fell and cleaned up
- Completed removed of pepper tree sucker growth from west property line near adjacent home.
- Gopher abatement

Hickory Park

- Irrigation repairs

Walteria Park

- Completed installation of new storage box for pickleball nets

MADRONA MARSH PRESERVE and NATURE CENTER (MMP)

February Attendance	Hard Count	Projected Count
Preserve	1077	*
Nature Center	255	*

- February attendance figures:
 - These numbers are preliminary and an undercount. Over 10 days' worth of logs still need to be collected and added to our database.
- February rainfall totals:
 - February rainfall: 11.23"

- Season total to date (Oct. 1, 2023 – present): 17.64”
- We have (or rather, had) fairy shrimp! Fairy shrimp hatched in Vernal Pools 8 and 1. These were short-lived due to the quick drop of water levels in pools 8 and 1. We expect to see more fairy shrimp hatching in the other vernal pools as the temperature warms up in March.
- MMP staff led ARC restoration volunteers in 2 restoration work days (Feb. 10 and 24) where they continued repairing trails. They also weeded the invasive *Chrysanthemum (Glebionis coronaria)* from several locations in the Preserve and began weeding the biofilter. Both sessions were full with 25 participants each. The others were canceled due to rainy/muddy conditions.
- MMP Staff visited the Torrance Transit Center on Feb. 22 to assess the land for the planned Southern Tarplant Preserve. Access to the area was limited. MMP Staff are interfacing with Transit to get better access to the Preserve area in the future.
- MMP Staff and FOMM President Suzan Hubert conducted another round of volunteer orientations on Feb. 17. Three new volunteers have already come on board (one docent, one front desk greeter, and one plant propagator) and more are expected to follow.
- The Santa Monica Audubon Society visited the Preserve on February 10.
- On February 10, Eagle Scout Thomas Machian completed the new permanent kiosk for the front gate of the Preserve. Roughly 200 adults and children from his Scout Troop were in attendance to help Thomas construct the kiosk.
- The PV/South Bay Audubon Society held their monthly meeting at the Nature Center on February 20.
- Roughly 40 students from the USC Landscape Architecture program toured the Preserve and a lesson on hydrology from Assistant Manager Steve Ash on February 22.
- On February 15 and 16, local artist Bernard Fallon led plein air painting classes on the Preserve near the South Pond.
- The volunteer-run Friday Fun program had a strong attendance as usual. 23 children and adults attended on Feb. 2, 20 adults and children attended on Feb. 9, 31 adults and children attended on Feb. 16, and 35 children and adults attended on Feb. 23. Total attendance for Friday Fun: 109 people. This month’s topics were Wiggly Worms and Clouds & Rain.
- February 8’s volunteer-run Nature Story Time program was full. 36 kids and adults were in attendance.
- The Night Hike was cancelled due to rainy conditions. The Henrietta Basin tour was cancelled due to docent unavailability.
- Discover Torrance came to the Preserve on February 7, just after the heavy rainfall, to record a feature on the Marsh with CitiCable and Pat Pattison. They interviewed Manager Liz Evans.


- Sciences Coordinator Miriam Taeubel judged the Palos Verdes High School Science Fair on February 8. Two of Miriam's students, who study invertebrates in the Preserve's vernal pools, placed 2nd in the competition.
- Estimated volunteerism during February: 134.25 hours, 38 volunteers. This number is expected to rise once all the volunteers have reported their February hours.

Assignment	Hours	Volunteer Count
Advanced Restoration Crew	27:47	4
Animal Care	13:19	3
Docent (tours/outreach)	9:20	3
Education Programs	38:39	3
Gift Shop Clerk (must be 21 or older)	32:27	6
Habitat Support & Maintenance	6:45	2
Native Plant Propagation	1:07	1
Nature Center Maintenance Support	8:14	1
Preserve Entrance Greeter	74:46	10
Reception Desk Greeter	77:43	8
Restoration Program	96:36	26
Research Assistant	12:02	1
Special Assignment	97:54	2
Outreach (events & schools)	20:22	1
Total	517:01	59 individuals

Respectfully submitted,

 by Jeff Bischoff for
Tracy Drake
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:



TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for January 2024:

FACILITY BOOKING AND REGISTRATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Kenita Trinidad, Facility and Registration Program Coordinator and Suzy Corzine, Senior Program Specialist*

Facility Booking:

During the month of January:

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 115 short-term permits for fields
 - Long-term field users were issued 400 permits
 - There were 0 softball tournaments held at Wilson

- Picnic Reservations:
 - 9 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	9	285
El Nido Park	0	0
El Retiro Park	0	0
Hickory Park	3	105
Lago Seco Park	0	0
McMaster Park	2	50
Paradise Park	3	150
Torrance Park	1	50
Victor Park	0	0
Walteria Park	0	0
Wilson Park	4	175
Total	22	815

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	January 2024	2024 YTD	January 2023
Attic	\$239.75	\$239.75	
Facility Reservations	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,374.52
Field Lights/Support	\$7,669.28	\$7,669.28	\$6,513.63
Field Prep			\$22.50
Filming Permits			
Hockey Rink			\$7,725.00
Picnic Reservations	\$6,130.00	\$6,130.00	\$2,030.00
Pool Rental	\$ (761.25)	\$ (761.25)	\$12,945.00
Special Events	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sports Center	\$107.58	\$107.58	\$1,440.00
Torrance Art Museum			
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$16,914.74	\$16,914.74	\$24,009.71
Weddings			
Monthly	\$31,200.10	\$31,200.10	\$56,360.36

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 439 enrollments for a total of \$51,329.66 during the month of January 2024:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Enrollments	January 2024 Total Fees	January 2023 Total Fees
Total	254	185	439	\$51,329.66	\$64,247.95
Staff	109	39	148	\$11,904.63	\$23,898.40
Web	145	146	291	\$39,425.03	\$40,349.54

In January we continued registration for Winter Classes and Winter Adult League.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Justin Ferneau, Recreation Supervisor; Jacob Castillo, Recreation Supervisor and Traci Fuentes, Senior Program Specialist

Aquatics:

- Swim lessons for children and adults have begun. For Sunday lessons that did not fill, we were able to add additional Private Swim Lessons.
- The drop-in lap swimmers accounted for 1,051 pool visits.
- Recreational swim had 25 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental group *Swim Torrance* had 2,056 swimmers this month and *LAPS Masters Swim Team* had 62 swimmers.
- P.A.L.S. Swim Team continues their weekly workouts.
- One lifeguard has accepted a conditional job offer.
- Interviews for the Assistant Pool Managers have been completed, and three candidates have accepted the conditional offers.

Youth Sports:

- Staff are excited to have started Winter Basketball! We have 1,062 participants join this winter, 105 teams and 100 volunteer coaches.
- Staff had another successful coaches meeting going over this season's rules, practice schedules and game schedules.
- Staff also hosted their Officials Training which was very successful. There was a large group of staff who participated in preparation for the busy league.
- This season practice and games are taking place at various middle schools including Magruder, Madrona, Calle Major, Jefferson, and J.H. Hull. Practices and games are also held at the Dee Hardison Sports Center at Wilson Park.
- Youth Cheerleading is back for the winter. They will be cheering during the youth basketball games.

Adult Sports:

- The Adult Basketball program began their seasons this month. All have been smooth, but the program has finally been hit with a shortage of referees due to the high school seasons beginning.
- The Roller Rink is getting an upgrade to a new sports court surface. The rink is set up to re-open mid-February.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have also continued to be strong throughout the month, and all patrons have shown, or expressed their satisfaction.
- Judo and youth cheerleading have been using the MPR frequently this month, and all have been enjoying their time while at our facility. Kendo has also returned to the MPR this month, and has expressed their happiness to be back at our facility.
- The Adult Softball program is set to start in February. The season for softball is only going to be a 6 game season due to the predicted watery season.

REC.US:

Rec generated \$3,913 revenue for the City of Torrance in Q4'2023, primarily driven by pickleball programming. Rec introduced multiple new play formats for the community including private lessons, and tournaments. We were excited to bring tennis programming back to the City of Torrance, and while there is still room for increased marketing to drive awareness, growth has continued into Q1'24.

Highlights

- +30% in programming revenue by introducing tournaments, tennis and private lessons.
- 6 sold out free community pickleball classes, sponsored by Rec.
- +7 new instructors on boarded across pickleball and tennis to serve the Torrance community.

- +10 new multi-week tennis classes, 3x-ing the capacity available to the Torrance community.
- 5 private lessons booked with Rec instructors within 4 weeks of the program launching.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- Total rounds of golf played at *Sea-Aire* for January were an impressive 2,450 for the winter season. January had a number of cold windy rainy winter days which affected overall *Sea-Aire* attendance.
- The newly planted enlarged putting green has finally taken root and was opened this month. Patrons are excited to now get some pre-round putting practice in before they play the course.
- *Sea-Aire* has new benches, flag poles and new signs that have been added. New sand trap rakes were purchased to replace the old worn out rakes.
- The Seniors Golf Club held their very difficult annual one club only tournament.
- The Women's Golf Club held alternating low gross and low net tournaments throughout January.
- On January 19, the Saint James Junior Golf Team held a golf challenge at *Sea-Aire*.
- Park Services had a big project fixing a pipe leak under the concrete base that the main water pump sits on.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / PARK DROP-IN / DAY CAMPS / VIRTUAL RECREATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Nicole Madera, Recreation Supervisor and Anthony Chavez, Senior Program Specialist*

After School Club Program:

The New Year started off with festive crafts and game challenges at the After School Club. There are 278 participants currently enrolled. There is one final session of this school year that will begin March 11 ending on June 13, the last day of school.

Each After School site was challenged to add to our social media content and create a “Reel” showcasing the program. The winner was Arnold Elementary, and they received a pizza party as their prize! The videos will circulate on our social media pages in the upcoming week. Give them a like!

Staff continue to be recognized on social media for mentions on parent surveys or receiving a Staff of the Month award. The participants at the sites are beginning to work on creating Valentine’s Day cards for the clients of Torrance Meals on Wheels. These cards are very well received and loved by the organization. The After School Club loves putting smiles on the faces in our community!



Social Media/Virtual Recreation:

Torrance social media and virtual recreation continues to gain followers and provide content and program information to residents. This month's social media content included:

- Staff of the Month for ASC – program spotlight
- Centenarian – program spotlight
- Arnold After School Club – program spotlight and story
- Youth Basketball Photo Challenge – participation
- Winter Swim Classes – program spotlight
- Youth Basketball – program spotlight and story
- People with Purpose Award – program spotlight
- Centenarian – program spotlight
- Winter Camp DIY – program spotlight

TEENS/CO-REC / YOUTH COUNCIL / SENIOR CITIZENS / COMMISSION ON AGING
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson, Recreation Supervisor Senior Programs; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist Senior Programs; Nena Davis, Senior Program Specialist Teen Programs

Special Events: No events were held in the month of January.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- Early Childhood Education classes started their winter session on January 8.
- Everyone was ready to return and get back into the swing of things. Both classes are full this session.
- They have been busy working on winter-themed crafts such as snowmen, snowflakes, penguins, and polar bears, as well as name recognition, shapes, cutting, and counting. They are also making some Valentine's crafts and getting ready for February.
- We had four volunteers, volunteering a total of 10 hours in January.



Adaptive Recreation:

- On January 8, the PALS members gathered at the McMaster Park PALS room for a fun game night! Everyone had the opportunity to catch up after the busy holiday season, play board games, and enjoy each other's company.
- Over twenty PALS members and many family members met for dinner at Shakey's Pizza. The staff at Shakey's were very patient as each person individually ordered and paid for their food. Working on independent living skills is an essential part of the PALS program's community activities.
- The PALS members have received the McMaster Park room very well. It is a new home base for gathering and socializing. On Monday, January 29, the first movie night will be offered. Everyone is looking forward to it.
- The Adaptive Sports and Special Olympics season kicks off on Sunday, January 28. The spring season sports are swimming and basketball. To say the athletes are excited is an understatement!
- Over 85 PALS members have enrolled in the 2024 membership in January. This includes existing members who are re-registering from 2023 and brand-new members.



THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- **THE ATTIC** was closed to students on January 1-5th for the Holiday break and on January 15.
- **THE ATTIC** was open to students on January 24-26, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for early dismissal, and continued with regular hours, 3:30 – 7 p.m. throughout the rest of January. For January, **THE ATTIC** Teen Center had a total attendance of 938; this includes guests and members.
- On Monday, January 22, **the ATTIC** staff held a bingo game, and the students had the opportunity to win an **ATTIC** Café voucher. The Bingo game was a great hit amongst the students!
- ATTIC staff held game day Mondays for the members to participate in each week. Mondays' games were "Dungeons & Dragons," "Pusoy," and "Hot Takes."
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Joel Gaxiola- "Karaoke Time" and Ryan Locano- "Guitar Hero Battles" Ryan Locano, Joel Gaxiola, and Nena Davis "Karaoke" "Clue" "Outdoor Chalk Art" and "Origami."
- Friday Movie days featured "Nope," "Sign," and "Twilight."



ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, January 8, 2024, **THE ATTIC Advisory Committee** held their monthly meeting at **THE ATTIC** at 6:00 pm. There were 17 committee members present and two guests.
- Agenda items included the December Holiday Mixer debrief, Fundraiser event, MADD event, Pancake Breakfast, and Glow in the Dark Sports Night preparation.
- **THE ATTIC** Advisory Committee hosted a Glow in The Dark Sports Night on Wednesday, January 31, at 5:00 pm. Students joined in a friendly sports competition. The activities were "Sports Pictionary," "Soccer Tournament," and "Nation Ball" winners won some festive glow-y prizes. The dress code was to wear white and neon to elevate the glow-in-the-dark glow theme!
- Students enjoyed great music, fun sports games, and snacks! The Glow in The Dark Sports Night at **THE ATTIC** had 60 people in attendance.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in **THE ATTIC** multi-purpose room.

Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The TYC went dark for the January 3, 2024, meeting, but met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, to conduct regular business.
- TYC members discussed and organized the final pieces for the upcoming Senior Citizen event scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, January 20, TYC members met at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center at 8:00 a.m. for their first Senior Tech Day. Despite weather conditions, the Senior Tech Day event was well attended by the community.

Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission went dark in January 2024, so their next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room.
- The fourth Torrance Centenarian, Margaret H. Partsch, was honored at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
- A fifth Torrance Centenarian, Catherine U. Ogbuka, was honored on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.



Focal Point on Aging:

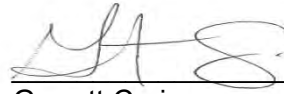
- The board met on January 19, 2024, and the speaker for the meeting was Heather Baker from Caring Transitions. Her organization helps seniors relocate/move to another location from their home and senior living facility. The Services provided are organizing, sorting, downsizing, packing and unpacking, estate sales, and home cleanouts. They charge by the hour.
- Focal Point received 78 phone calls and received 73 web inquiries in January.
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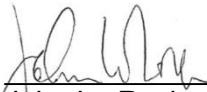
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Respectfully Submitted,



Garrett Craig
Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:



John La Rock
Community Services Director

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: GARRETT CRAIG, RECREATION SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECREATION SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

The following is information regarding Recreation Division programs and facilities for February 2024:

FACILITY BOOKING AND REGISTRATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Kenita Trinidad, Facility and Registration Program Coordinator and Suzy Corzine, Senior Program Specialist*

Facility Booking:

During the month of February:

- Field Bookings:
 - Staff issued 50 short-term permits for fields
 - Long-term field users were issued 362 permits
 - There were 0 softball tournaments held at Wilson

- Picnic Reservations:
 - 21 bouncer permits were issued

Park	Picnics	Guests
Columbia Park	16	815
El Nido Park	4	300
El Retiro Park	6	300
Hickory Park	6	300
Lago Seco Park	6	300
McMaster Park	3	75
Paradise Park	8	400
Torrance Park	0	0
Victor Park	0	0
Walteria Park	5	250
Wilson Park	13	370
Total	67	3110

- Facilities Revenue Report:

	February 2024	2024 YTD	February 2023
Attic		\$239.75	
Facility Reservations	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,360.00
Field Lights/Support	\$4,777.59	\$12,446.87	\$7,564.03
Field Prep	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$90.00
Filming Permits			

Hockey Rink	\$(780.00)	\$(780.00)	\$822.00
Picnic Reservations	\$850.00	\$6,980.00	\$2,490.00
Pool Rental	\$12,741.25	\$11,980.00	\$13,150.00
Special Events		\$300.00	\$200.00
Sports Center	\$1,552.42	\$1,660.00	\$1,260.00
Torrance Art Museum			
LA Galaxy Sports Complex	\$12,109.28	\$29,024.02	\$22,850.98
Weddings			\$750.00
Monthly	\$31,885.54	\$63,085.64	\$50,537.01

Registration:

Registration processed a total of 1,503 enrollments for a total of \$282,998.51 during the month of February 2024:

	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Enrollments	February 2024 Total Fees	February 2023 Total Fees
Total	1,448	55	1,503	\$282,998.51	\$205,802.29
Staff	278	47	325	\$168,445.24	\$116,562.36
Web	1,170	8	1,178	\$114,553.27	\$89,239.93

In February we started Spring class registration and had 1,062 enrollments on the 1st day totaling \$104,164.82.

We are continuing to take the 3rd payment for afterschool.

YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTS / AQUATICS / SEA-AIRE – Allison Saufua, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Justin Ferneau, Recreation Supervisor; Jacob Castillo, Recreation Supervisor and Traci Fuentes, Senior Program Specialist

Aquatics:

- The drop-in lap swimmers accounted for 1,329 pool visits.
- Recreational swim had 46 swimmers.
- Long-term pool rental group *Swim Torrance* had 1,764 swimmers this month and *LAPS Masters Swim Team* had 90 swimmers.
- P.A.L.S. Swim Team continues their weekly workouts.
- The Lifeguard and Aquatics Instructor positions are open.
- Spring *Learn to Swim* lessons filled quickly, with only a few spaces still available.

Youth Sports:

- The Youth Basketball League is winding down, with the younger divisions ending on March 2. The older divisions are finishing up playoffs, and the championship games will be played the first week of March. All of the players are excited and can't wait to represent their schools.
- The TUSD gymnasiums helped a lot with indoor practices and games. The weather cancelled a lot of our outdoor activities, but using these facilities was a great resource.
- Basketball surveys were sent out and there has been plenty of positive feedback on the program.
- Volleyball registration just opened for residents and non-residents and the numbers look great. The program begins in April.

Adult Sports:

- The Adult Basketball program has had very successful nights. Still having a problem with the referee shortage due to high school games but they should all be returning for the summer season.
- The Roller Rink new floor looks amazing and so far, the people are loving it. The roller hockey rental group is very satisfied with the results. We hope this helps bring in more programs.
- Private gym and field rentals for basketball, baseball, softball and AYSO soccer have also continued to be strong throughout the month, and all patrons have shown, or expressed their satisfaction. Rentals have also been affected by the weather and several were moved to other fields or cancelled.
- Judo and youth cheerleading have been using the MPR frequently this month, and all have been enjoying their time while at our facility. Kendo has also returned to the MPR this month.
- The Adult Softball Program has been delayed several times due to weather conditions. The Schedules have been modified and updated. Program will now finish at the end of March.

Sea-Aire Golf Course:

- *Sea-Aire* Golf Course saw a lot of rain fall throughout the month of February.
- All the wet weather cut into the total number of rounds played at *Sea-Aire* for February.
- The total number of rounds played were still an impressive 2,560 considering the wet weather.
- The new enlarged practice putting green was opened for play in February.
- Golf patrons were very happy to use the new putting green and get some practice putts in before their golf rounds.
- The *Sea-Aire* Women's golf club held their annual Winter golf tournament on February 29.
- The *Sea-Aire* Seniors golf club held their monthly golf challenge on February 2.
- The cell phone tower contractors showed up to tighten and refasten any loose fake pawn frowns on the cell tower.
- On February 22nd, the new last tee off time was moved out to 4:30 p.m. due to the longer daylight hours.
- Some bids came in for the *Sea-Aire* tree trimming project but no date for the work is set yet.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB / PARK DROP-IN / DAY CAMPS / VIRTUAL RECREATION – *Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Nicole Madera, Recreation Supervisor and Anthony Chavez, Senior Program Specialist*

After School Club Program:

Beginning March 11, the After School Club is in the final session of the school year. Throughout the rainy month of February, staff have had to get creative with ways to keep the participants busy and having fun. Favorite indoor games are Trivia, Scattergories, Art Challenges and Word Games.

The participants created and sent Valentine's Day cards to the clients of Torrance Meals on Wheels. These continue to be very well received and appreciated, and we were sent a certificate of appreciation by the organization.

We will begin program registration earlier for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, starting in April instead of May. Similar competing programs and parent requests have led us to this decision. This comes with great benefits including, providing assurance to parents that childcare is secured in addition to allowing us to staff more efficiently.

Spring Day Camp:

Spring Day Camp and Teen Camp will be held at Greenwood Park April 1- April 5, 2024. Registration began on February 27 and we hope to reach maximum enrollment.

Social Media/Virtual Recreation:

Torrance social media and virtual recreation continues to gain followers and provide content and program information to residents. This month's social media content included:

- Adaptive Recreation– program spotlight
- We're Hiring ASC– spotlight
- Sea-Aire upgraded greens– program spotlight
- Spring Seasons– program spotlight and story
- Seniors DIY Craft- program spotlight
- Richardson After School Club– program spotlight
- Staff of the Month for Youth Sports– program spotlight
- Youth Cheerleading– program reel
- Staff of the Month for ASC– program spotlight
- Centenarian– program spotlight
- Hickory Video ASC– program spotlight

TEENS/CO-REC / YOUTH COUNCIL / SENIOR CITIZENS / COMMISSION ON AGING**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor; Patti Goldenson, Recreation Supervisor Senior Programs; Charlene Walker, Program Coordinator; Linda Wilson-Gray, Senior Program Specialist Senior Programs; Nena Davis, Senior Program Specialist Teen Programs

Special Events: No events were held in the month of February.

Early Childhood Education (ECE):

- February has been a fun month in Early Childhood Education. All the classes have been busy making winter crafts and crafts for Valentine's Day.
- All the classes had Valentine's Day parties and handed out Valentine's cards to their classmates.
- The Lollipop Tree class made some marble painted hearts, igloos, and a winter sensory bottle. Staff continue to teach the children how to sit on the mat, raise their hands and to use their manners. They also continue to work on their scissor skills, shape, and name recognition.
- In Fun & Friends, students are making alphabet crafts letters M-P. They are working on tracing, letter, and sound recognition.
- We are lucky to have some faithful volunteers in all our classes. In this session we had 10 Volunteers help with 25 hours in the classroom for the month of February.

Adaptive Recreation:

- On February 5, PALS members met at Board and Brush in Torrance to prepare a beautiful Valentine's Day themed art project.
- The projects were outstanding; everyone was treated like family when they visited the Board and Brush facility!
- The Valentine's theme continued with a movie and Valentine's party on February 13 at McMaster Park. Everyone is enjoying the new dedicated space for the Adaptive Recreation program.
- Rizzo's Pizza hosted 25 PALS members on Monday, February 26.
- With the addition of many new PALS members this year, the social and sports programs have been more significant than ever!
- Special Olympics Basketball and Swim prepare for April's first LA County tournament. Practices are filled with physical conditioning, skill building, and teamwork.
- Over 100 PALS members have enrolled in the 2024 membership as of February. This includes existing members who are re-registering from 2023 and brand-new members.



THE ATTIC Teen Center:

- **THE ATTIC** was closed to students on Monday, February 12 and Monday, February 19, due to the holiday.
- **THE ATTIC** continued with regular hours 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. throughout the rest of the month of February. For February, **THE ATTIC** Teen Center had a total attendance of 915; this includes guests and members.
- On Wednesday, February 14, **THE ATTIC** staff held a Valentine's Day party for students. The students got to enjoy a Cream soda float and play Trivia!
- **ATTIC** staff held game day Mondays for the members to participate in each week. Monday games were "Chess Game" and "Mafia."
- Staff held different activities throughout the month to give participants further recreational opportunities. Activities included Joel Gaxiola- "Riddle Hunt" and Ryan Locano- "Spikeball" Ryan Locano and Joel Gaxiola "BINGO"
- Friday Movie days featured "Girl Interrupted" "50 First Dates" "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" and "Along Came Polly."

ATTIC Advisory Committee:

- On Monday, February 5, 2024, **THE ATTIC Advisory Committee** held their monthly meeting, which was held at **THE ATTIC** at 6:00 p.m. There were 17 committee members present and 2 guests.
- Agenda items included Glow in the Dark Sports Night debrief, MADD event, Pancake Breakfast, and preparation for February fundraiser event.
- After the meeting **THE ATTIC Advisory Committee** filmed a P.S.A. video "Rethink Your Drink" MADD (Mothers against drunk driving) event set for March 21, 2024.
- **THE ATTIC** Advisory Committee hosted a February fundraiser Event "Hearts and Crafts" on Wednesday, February 21st at 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Students joined in an act of kindness making cards and Bracelets. All materials and light refreshments were provided. Cards were donated to Torrance Memorial and Bracelets were donated to Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude is an organization that proudly delivers care packages to deployed troops, military children, recruit graduates, and veterans. Students enjoyed working together for a great cause, great music, and snacks! There were 56 students in attendance.
- The next *Advisory Committee* meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in **THE ATTIC** multi-purpose room.



Torrance Youth Council (TYC):

- The TYC met on Wednesday, February 7 and 21, 2024, to conduct regular business.
- The TYC members discussed and scheduled the upcoming Senior Citizen Tech Day events for the month of March at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- The Youth Council continues to meet in committees to plan for their upcoming events. Saturday, February 24, TYC members met at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center at 8:00 a.m. for their second Senior Tech Day of the year. The Senior Tech Day event was well attended by the community with over 25 plus seniors.



Commission on Aging (COA):

- The commission met on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the West Annex Commission meeting room at 9:30 a.m.
- The commission discussed the Older Americans Award program that is currently accepting nomination applications. Deadline to submit a nomination is Thursday, March 21, 2024.
- A presentation by Mr. Plunkett, City of Torrance Home Improvement Program (HIP) supervisor, was given to the commission and attendees on what programs they offer to the Torrance Community.

Focal Point on Aging:

- The board met on February 16, 2024, and the speaker for the meeting was Avi Kapul, a Public Affairs Specialist from Affordable Living for the Aged. They serve those 55 years and older who are facing housing instability. The Shared housing program matches seniors needing support with low-income housing seekers. The benefit of home-sharing is that the senior is aging in place, offers companionship, and is affordable.
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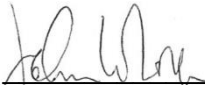
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CONCUR:


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