

Supplemental Information Packet

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Meeting of May 10, 2023

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Parks and Recreation Commission
April 2023

Hello Commissioners,

I just wanted to reach out and commend you and to bring your attention to two upcoming developments.

1st. I appreciate and commend you on your goals and plans for 2023, particularly the requirement for commissioners to attend 4 city council meetings, Parks & Rec community events /department events, and a minimum of one attendance for each community council. Way to bring community to the community!

These requirements alone make you stand out among all of Ventura's committees and commissions. You are a shining example of what the others should be, including City Council itself.
~ Thank you!

2nd. I want to bring to your attention a large project working it's way through the Development Department, the Anastasi Project #15022, slated for the vacant lot on Seaward Ave, Harbor Blvd, and Pierpont Blvd.

City Staff are recommending that the developer be allowed to rip out the 12 mature Washington Palms lining Harbor Blvd! These palms create a stunning seaside corridor. Once stretching from the State Beach to the west, and east all the way to the Santa Clara River, now only one side of the street or the other have these iconic trees lining both sides of Harbor Blvd, EXCEPT for this section from San Pedro to Seaward. This is the Scenic Route.

I also think they may be considered historical and included in the City Tree Master Plan of 2020. There is also a lovely cluster of 5 mature palms on Seaward they want to remove. This cluster would be an ideal focal point to incorporate into the entrance into the new development. Maintaining these trees will also aid in minimizing the 52-foot-tall massing of the development.

Please, I urge you to reach out to the Interim Community Development Director and ask her to not allow these trees to be removed. If they want to supplement new trees in between, fine, but please keep this precious, visual resource available for generations to come.

~ Thank you!





Palm lined corridor on Harbor Blvd.

3rd Last but not least, with the possible development of the old lemon plant at 2325 Vista Del Mar Drive, please designate the Eucalyptus and 11 mature Ficus trees as protected themed street trees. The Ficus are gorgeous and homes to 100's of birds. The Eucalyptus are vital habitats in which the monarchs depend on to survive.



Ficus and Eucalyptus on Vista Del Mar Drive

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.
I sincerely appreciate all that you do for protecting and improving our parks and urban forest.

Kind Regards,
Amy Cherrie
Ventura Resident

P.S. What is the process for having a street designated as a “Scenic Drive”, or “Scenic Route”? I would like to have Vista Del Mar Drive designated as Scenic before all the new development blocks the ocean and island views from our coastal bluff. ~ Thanks again!



View from Vista Del Mar Drive/Bluff

“Themed Street Trees – The City Tree Master Plan 2020

The City Tree Master Plan provides an overview of 28 selected arterial streets (Appendix “B” Theme Street Tree Well Replanting). These streets receive some of the highest levels of traffic flow and therefore are most observed by the public. This report serves to establish these streets as Theme Streets. Recommendations for theme planting came from the original field survey on the Theme Streets conducted in fiscal year 1978-79 **which identified 21 arterial streets; subsequent surveys identified and additional 7 arterial street identifiers. For example, the unique character of the Pierpont Keys Community is recognized, and efforts have been made to maintain the coastal-beach theme of the area.** Some of the streets surveyed, or sections of them, have been subject to ongoing or future development including widening, improvement or other conditions. Specific recommendations for tree planting in these site locations must be determined when information is available, such as during the development process. Some of these streets **have a number of species which have required years to accomplish desired uniformity**, while others were completed in less time. It is recognized that additional streets

may also be worthy of consideration to be designated as theme streets now or in the future. It is the intent of this report to increase and maintain awareness of these situations and guide staff in developing future tree plantings and to ***bring old and established areas into harmony*** with current practices and needs with the least cost and confusion.”

Gracie Vega

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:59 PM
To: Britni Quintana; Nancy O'Connor; Gracie Vega
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Name	James Whitney
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Recommendation	Support Recommendation
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Written Comments	I recommend using some of the funds resulting from the X Games to restore the tennis courts at Camino Real Park.
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Gracie Vega

From: noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:56 AM
To: Britni Quintana; Nancy O'Connor; Gracie Vega
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Meeting Date 5/10/2023

Select a Topic: Agenda Item Number/Topic

Agenda Item Number/Topic 2-Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (tennis and pickleball courts at Camino Real Park)

Name Anneli and Bruce Labins

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Recommendation Support Recommendation

Written Comments We are in support of Parks and Rec pursuing application for this grant, and City Council approval to apply for the grant.

The Grant would help achieve replacement of the existing tennis courts at the park, and the construction of dedicated

pickleball courts of which we are in great need due to increasingly high public interest and demand. Camino Real Park would be an ideal and convenient location for this.

Thank you for your attention and pursuing the LWCF grant; to include these purposes.

Anneli and Bruce Labins, on behalf of Ventura Pickleball

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Gracie Vega

From: Trevor Gotsman
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:13 PM
To: Gracie Vega
Subject: -EXT- Public Comments Parks and Recreation Meeting - May 10 2023

Honorable Parks and Recreation Commission, Director and Managers.

I am writing to both inform you of my recent Harry A Lyon Park incident and to request that the Parks and Recreation Department modify how they maintain these public places.

Today at approximately 10 am my dog, Yeti, dragged me through my neighborhood around the Harry A Lyon park. A Parks and Rec.maintenance worker using a gasoline powered weed-whacker indiscriminately splayed debris, oblivious to any public use of the park. This dangerous practice needs to stop. Either schedule park maintenance when parks are legally closed and advertised to the public, or use manual tools that are safe and nontoxic.

I suggest all maintenance work be done with environmentally friendly equipment whose exhaust is the workers CO2, not the toxic fumes of internal combustion motors. This is long overdue.

The Mayor last night at the City Council meeting asked that All City Departments set up a Volunteer Corp of interested community members to learn about and assist that department in their daily operations. This in response to the successful completion of the Police Department;s first 10 week volunteer program.

I am offering you my service as a volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Department Volunteer Corp. I hope you will honor your duty to the community by respecting their need to recreate and allow them the opportunity to appreciate the efforts your department makes to maintain these essential playgrounds.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in recreating the new, low tech, high efficiency, normal.

Sincerely,

Trevor Gotsman
May 9, 2023

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Meeting Date 5/10/2023

Select a Topic: Agenda Item Number/Topic

Agenda Item Number/Topic Pickleball

Name Eric Burton

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Recommendation Support Recommendation

Written Comments Thanks for considering this funding option for a long term solution for Pickleball. Also please consider short term options of painting court line on existing outdoor facilities owned by the City and developing a Use Agreement for Ventura Unified District tennis courts. These courts used to be open to the public pre-CoVID and are now locked. Balboa Middle School

tennis courts were painted by the Parks Department but access has been denied for us to use these courts as originally agreed. Thanks for considering all options.

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Gracie Vega

From: Trevor Gotsman
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 12:42 PM
To: Gracie Vega
Subject: -EXT- Parks and Rec Public Comment for May 10, 2023

Parks and Recreation Commission, Director and Management

It is May 10, 2023, and I am following up on my letter to you dated May 9, 2023. Today at the public park across from the Post Office on Santa Clara St. I was once again deafened by your maintenance workers indiscriminately and disrespectfully destroying the quality of life for all creatures.

I have asked you to stop using these noxious tools and respect the environment inherited from our ancestors. We have the choice. I choose to respect ALL creatures and ALL Creation. I cannot abide by the superiority of man and machine over other forms of creation.

This is my personal mission. I am alone in this as it seems all others have been conformed into a lesser being than that their ancestors I believe hoped for.

Please respond to this incident and the incident yesterday at HARRY A LYON publicly with the Parks and Recreation's point of view on this.

I believe it is my responsibility to bring this to your attention and the attention of those willing to argue for or against, but argue their personal points of view so we may know the truth of the matter, rather than avoid it.

I hope this letter makes it into your packet for the scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 4pm today.

Sincerely,

Trevor Gotsman
May 10, 2023 at 12:34 pm.

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