

Thanks for letting us respond.

The Parks in our area are so important to the neighborhoods yet are neglected in so many ways. There is the good – we have some nice pools that are accessible from our area and there are some parks with active sports utilization in NELA. But there is so much wrong – a significant frustration that we have is the lack of Park Advisory Boards to communicate and work together to fix things.

Here is the detailed feedback for the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Area:

Debs Park – a significant open space for hiking and viewing that contains the Audubon Center

- We need Full Time Rangers for this park. There are Public Safety issues, primarily related to the homeless.
- The drainage system, originally a WPA project that was installed in the 1930s needs to be restored. Every year that we have significant rain, streets including Griffin get flooded, massive amounts of mud wash down from Montecito Drive, requiring street services cleanup. In the park, the drainage problem erodes the trails, creating deep fissures that endanger hikers and make it impossible for the fire trucks to reach higher parts of the park where fires usually occur. The infrastructure is there--it just needs to be restored.
- Copper wiring throughout the park should be replaced with fiber optic wiring for LED lighting. IN EVERY PARK
- Protection to hikers and the infrastructure from the homeless
- install metal toilets -water source needs to be plastic tubing for toilets rather than copper
- Better brush clearance – this park burns frequently

- Repair the railroad tie steps in the parking lot off Monterrey Road – they are totally corroded

Montecito Park

- We need full time staff at this park. 7 days a week. There are soccer groups that come from other cities to play at the park on weekends – they are charged no fees and ruin the fields
- The park is filled with gopher holes which is true at every park on the list
- The dog park needs more frequent maintenance, and it would be nice to get a water faucet for the dogs

Sycamore Grove

- Fix the Gopher holes that are so bad that one cannot walk across the park
- Fix the bathrooms and think about the design: Facet vs urinal – which is which; unknowable if you are blind!
- Update the Band Shell Lighting so we can have events at night
- Get more lighting -there are safety Issues at this park at night

Carlin G Smith As a Neighborhood Council we have provided this feedback to Rec and Parks with no response. This park is one of the two parks in this city that has the original structure – it is historic and it looks like an abandoned property.

- The grounds are generally overgrown in a high fire area. The city needs to commit to a significant clearing of the overgrown brush and trees over the entire 2 acres.
- The usable grounds need some thought put into paths, planting, etc
- The Basketball Court needs tall fences on one side – making fencing on all sides! Resurfacing
- Consider a focus on multi-use (tai chi, pickleball, events) rather than solely catering to the basketball demographic.
- The community is restricted from using the Recreation Center because the city has decided to grandfather the bathroom/stair situation.
 - The city needs to remedy this or we'll make an issue of the lack of ADA accessibility.

Moon Canyon

- The bottom of the canyon is one of the flattest public spaces on the hill.

- With little effort and minor earth moving, it could probably be formed into a more useful "park space" rather than just being a vista or hiking area.
- The kids and families on the hill would love a space to be able to lay out a blanket, toss a ball or frisbee, etc.

Bud Wiener -Via Marisol

- Millions of Gopher holes – cannot walk on the holes
- Add amenities to the park...