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RE: Del Rey Parks Needs Assessment

The Del Rey Neighborhood Council (DRNC) offers the following description of park facilities in Del Rey maintained by the Recreation and Parks (RAP) Department.

Bill Rosendahl Del Rey Park, 4601 Alla Rd.

Bill Rosendahl Park (fka Glen Alla Park) is considered a "pocket park" according to the Department of Recreation and Parks. It consists of a hilly green area, a young children's enclosed play area with shade canopies and trees, two tennis courts, basketball courts, three pickle ball courts, and two dog parks (one for small dogs and the other for dogs of all sizes). The park is 4.8 acres.

The park is adjacent to a large Tesla facility and a light industrial site, near an additional light industrial site (which includes Electronic Arts), across from a large condo complex and across the street from single family homes/small multi-family homes. Two elementary schools are within walking distance to the park—Ocean Charter School (K-8) and Short Avenue Elementary School (TK-5). Marina Del Rey Middle School and Goethe Charter School (K-8) are approximately 1 mile away. The park is the site of family outings, "play-dates", and school field trips.

Location:

Bill Rosendahl Park is located at the intersection of Glencoe Ave. and Alla Rd. There is considerable traffic commuting to either the 90 freeway or to Culver Blvd to access communities to the South.

Facilities:

The park has a structure with 2 ADA compliant bathrooms. There is lighting on half of the pathway, but no lights are provided along the direct path from the dog parks and the pickleball courts to the majority of parking on Glencoe. There is no lighting in the dog parks or the children's play area. There is light on the pathway to Alla Rd., where there is limited parking. Gym equipment (outdoor) and several benches and picnic tables are available inside and

outside the enclosed young children's area. Several picnic tables and benches have been installed but without canopy/tree protection. There are no other facilities/services provided.

Concerns:

- Gophers have taken over the green area of the park, creating a multitude of holes which hinder activities.
- The bathroom building is in need of repair and renovation.
- Insufficient lighting in the children's area and along the pathway or dog park—part of the dog park is lit by the pickle ball courts.
- No areas for older children and adults to have a place to meet in small groups or individually to read or socialize.
- There are no fields for playing sports, for holding community meetings, no recreation or senior citizen facilities.
- The park is in need of beautification. There are no garden spaces and minimal trees for shade. There is an opening next to the dog park for truck/car access with a shed and old tables. It needs to be renovated and may be an ideal area for beautification and a more creative use.
- The dog parks need more benches and also needs the Pampas Grass removed so that it
 doesn't grow through the fences and spread. Pampas Grass is dangerous for dogs since
 ingestion can cause injuries to throats and digestive system, injury to eyes, and has been
 known to result in surgery to remove from their stomachs.

Culver / Slauson Park, 5070 S Slauson Ave.

Culver/Slauson Park is a 3.27 acre park located at the end of Slauson Avenue adjacent to the Ballona Creek bike path on a cul-de-sac, where several parking spaces are provided. This entrance is wheel-chair accessible. The park also buttresses on Coolidge Ave. and Berryman Ave. There is no official entrance or parking on these streets. The park includes the Culver Slauson Recreation Center offering programs and meeting space.

Facilities/programs

Culver/Slauson Park has many Sports programs, including Soccer, Volleyball, baseball/softball, and fitness exercise. The Recreation Center also has afterschool programs and enrichment classes (e.g. cooking, music, and Enrich LA). The Facilities include barbecue pits, outdoor lighted basketball courts, outdoor fitness equipment for various age levels, and children's play areas. There are numerous trees for shade and picnic benches for getting together. Dogs are allowed in this park.

Concerns:

- This park is located at the Eastern edge of Del Rey, with limited access by car/public transportation and not within walking distance of the majority of Del Rey residents.
- It also has limited parking for those who wish to use the park (no street parking and approximately 8 parking spaces adjacent to the park entrance). Parking is also shared with the MVFC Day Care Center.
- The park also is accessible on foot from Coolidge Avenue and Berryman Avenue, however neither of these streets has ADA accessible access. The stairs on one street are not well maintained and the other is accessible by walking around a gate.
- In years past, there have also been safety issues accessing areas around the park.
- Bathroom access has been reported to be hindered by occasionally closed bathrooms.

Sincerely,

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