

AGENDA PPCC BOARD MEETING June 8, 2023

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- 1. Call to Order and Reading of Community Council's Mission. The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. See PPCC Bylaws: http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/.
- 2. Roll-call of Board members and Certification of Quorum.
- 3. Introduction of attendees
- **4. Approval of Minutes:** May 25, 2023 as posted: https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/May-25-2023-PPCC-Meeting-Minutes.pdf
- 5. Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings:

June 22: Guest speaker: Councilmember Traci Park (in-person meeting at the library with hybrid remote feature)

July 27th will be our only July meeting and will be the first of the next term of officers

August 24th will be our only August meeting. In September, we will begin meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Topics are only a partial list and may be amended.

6. Treasurer's Report.

- **7. General Public Comment.** This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC. Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.
- 8. Reports, Announcements and Concerns.
- 8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.
 - 8.1.1. PPCC/CD11/YMCA Safety Fair on June 10th at Simon Meadow PFC, Resilient Palisades, PPTFH and the American legion will also have booths. Many agencies incited, including LAFD and the horse mounted unit of LAPD. CD11 taking the lead but with PPCC support, Simon Meadow (YMCA). Safety Fair will feature a PPCC table. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer to be at the table.
 - 8.1.2. We have a Corresponding Secretary who will begin in the new term. I will into her to you all in July.
 - 8.1.3. FM as of June 25th is set
 - 8.1.4. Had a meeting with the PaliBu leadership and can report that they are working hard to get traction in the Palisades, are conducting outreach and are considering creating a separate Palisades board within the join t chamber with a specifically Palisades characteristic. I've also met with a group of Palisadians who'd like to see a Palisades chamber, perhaps recreated and are reaching out to business owners and past board members to see if there's any interest. If/when I hear more, I will keep the board abreast of developments. We think the joint chamber may come to PPCC in the fall with a presentation and an application to join our board on a rotational basis, in the Business & Commerce category. In the meantime, they've asked for Palisadians to volunteer as board members. Please email me with interest.
 - 8.1.5. Looking for funding and underwriters for the Anniversary celebration. Please reach out to mw with interest
 - 8.1.6. PAPA Parade is most likely happening for us (I need someone who can help with graphics for the banner please volunteer if you can.)
 - 8.1.7. Outreach Committee update PPCC 50th Anniversary Date is set for September 30^{th --} location will be Simon Meadow and we will be asking all member organizations to take part with a table and presentations. At our next meeting, we will be considering a program , a line-up of speakers, perhaps some presentations and other details like food and music. Please contact me with all ideas.
 - 8.1.8. Fire Road: at the last meeting the issue of the inaccessible fire road between Lachman Lane and Enchanted way came up. I have brought this up to thios board in the past and we have discussed the urgency of the matter. I have asked CD11 and LDWP to look into it. CD11 has thus far reported to me that they have not unearthed anything. LADWP, which some had suggested may have authorized the private gate that has been placed on the public access road, has said: "Our real estate division confirmed that the property is privately owned. LA DWP does have an easement but we do not have the authority to assign rights to any other entities."

8.1.9. At the last meeting something came up about a piece of land on Marquez in need of brush clearance. This is city owned land and even though there may be an entity tasked with clearing it, it has not been done for several years and so, it is being undertaken by LAFD Brush Clearance Unit.

8.2. From Officers and Chair Emeritus

- 8.2.1. Jenny Li
- 8.2.2. David Card
- 8.2.3. Beth Holden-Garland
- 8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives
 - 8.3.1. Kimberly Bloom, Area Five primary Rep, traffic on Temescal and light rotations.
- 8.4. From Organizational Representatives
 - 8.4.1. Barbara Kohn, PP Historical Society, announcement of new officers for the organization.
- 8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives
 - 8.5.1. Brian Espin, LAPD Pacific Palisades SLO
 - 8.5.2. Zac Gaidzik, District Rep, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
 - 8.5.3. Michael Amster, Field Deputy, Councilmember Traci Park
 - 8.5.4. Rad Norouzi, Field Staff, Senator Ben Allen
 - 8.5.5. Allison Holdorf-Polhill, Sr. Advisor, LAUSD Board Member, Nick Melvoin
- 8.6. From PPCC Advisors and WRAC Representatives
- **9.** Reports from PPCC Committees:
- 9.1. PCOC Sign Subcommittee report presentation, discussion and vote on signs (see below)
- 9.2. PFC, New Tree Plantings
- 9.3. PCOC, recent conversation with CD11 regarding coastal access
- **10.** Old Business:
 - 10.1. <u>Light Mitigation Motion</u> (*This is a WRAC recommended motion sponsored by the PPCC LUC, which has a July deadline for passage.*)

The PPCC requests that the City Council open a Council File such that:

- 1. The City implements the Five Principles of Responsible Outdoor Lighting aimed at minimizing light pollution by following these guidelines (adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society and the International Dark-Sky Association):
 - All lights should have a clear purpose
 - Light should be directed only where needed

- Light should be no brighter than necessary
- Light should be used only when it is useful
- Use warmer color lights where possible
- 2. The City enacts/codifies these principles through its departments and agencies for City facilities and properties such as buildings, parking lots and parks, the streetlight system, the airport and port, and for private development.
- 3. Community Plans and Specific Plans also enact similar dark sky practices and include limitations on bright lights, light trespass, and illumination of building facades.

See also: Light Pollution:

https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/minimize-light-pollution/

11. New Business

11.1. Election of PPCC Officers for 2023-2024 term beginning on July 1, 2023:

Election of PPCC Officers Nominees: (a) Chair – Maryam Zar; (b) Vice-Chair – Sue Kohl; (c) Recording Secretary – Beth Holden-Garland; (d) Treasurer – Jenny Li.

Since there have been no nominations to contest the slate recommended by the PPCC Nominating Committee in May, this uncontested election may take place by acclamation (per bylaws).

11.2. SB 423 – discussion & motion sponsored by At-Large Rep, Chris Spitz

Proposed Motion:

Motion to Oppose SB 423 (Wiener) Unless Amended to 1) Maintain the Coastal Zone Exemption, and 2) Provide for an Unconditional Exemption for the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).

Discussion:

Substantial portions of Pacific Palisades are located in the coastal zone (much of PPCC Areas One, Two, Four, Six and Seven, and portions of Area Three). Pacific Palisades (Los Angeles) does not have a certified Local Coastal Program (LCP). Under SB 423, multi-family/mixed-use projects in the coastal zone that would otherwise be subject to Coastal Act review would proceed via a streamlined, "by right" (ministerial) permitting process, with no notice, hearing or review of environmental and public safety impacts as otherwise required by the Coastal Act. An example: Had SB 423 (as proposed) previously been the law, the former "Jack-

in-the-Box" mixed use project on Sunset Blvd. in PPCC Area One would not have required a Coastal Development Permit nor any discretionary process (no notice, public input, hearing or review under the Coastal Act).

Additionally, as PPCC has repeatedly emphasized, the *entirety of Pacific Palisades is in the VHFHSZ* and therefore at risk from added density during emergency evacuations.

Overview: This bill would effectively eliminate Coastal Act review for certain multifamily projects in the Coastal Zone in Los Angeles and other areas of the state. Currently, the League of California Cities opposes the bill, as do many other entities and groups statewide. The California Coastal Commission (CCC) is considering a motion on its June 7 agenda (recommended by CCC legislative staff) to oppose SB 423 unless amended to restore the exemption for the Coastal Zone (similar to the position recently taken by the CCC on AB 1287). PPCC also expressly opposed AB 1287 on these grounds: see PPCC Opposition 1287. And of course, at the direction of the Natural Resources Committee, Coastal Zone protection (the "Coastal Act savings clause") was restored in AB 1287.

See important information:

https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Background-SB-423-Rev.pdf

- 11.3. Discussion and motion(s) regarding needed signage for George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon, proposed by PCOC Sign Subcommittee.
 - 11.3.1. Passive Park Signage (Board of rec and Park Commissioners must approve. Our vote will refer the matter to the Commission.)
 - 11.3.2. Meet George Wolfberg Signage (Board of rec and Park Commissioners must approve. Our vote will refer the matter to the Commission.)
 - 11.3.3. Rules Signage (Board of Commissioners approval not necessary. These will be referred directly to RAP.)
 - 11.3.4. Park Closed from Sunrise to Sunset signage (Board of Commissioners approval not necessary. These will be referred directly to RAP.)

See information and exhibits below.

1. Adjournment

For additional information see www.pacpalicc.org or e-mail info@pacpalicc.org

"New Business" motion for the June 8, 2023, Agenda of the Pacific Palisades Community Council

<u>Discussion and possible motion(s) regarding needed signs for George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon.</u>

BACKGROUND:

Pacific Palisades Community Council applauds the opening of "George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon" in Pacific Palisades on December 10, 2022. When homes slid into the canyon decades ago, the city settled the lawsuits, bought the canyon land and much of the canyon rim, installed a drain, filled the canyon, stabilized the slopes, and designed and built a park.

The Coastal Commission permit required a restoration of the canyon with all native plants and trees, to re-create a natural habitat, with trails, for passive park uses. In 2004, Council District 11 member Cindy Miscikowski appointed a 15 member Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee of Pacific Palisades residents (confirmed by City Council and Mayor), led by George Wolfberg, to advise the city on what passive park uses the Palisades community wanted.

The Coastal Commission required that at least 9.7 acres of the over 40-acre park be a restoration of riparian habitat with native flora, and that the park allow only passive recreation, not active recreation, making this new park very different from most city recreation parks. Within those limitations, and after 3 years of monthly public meetings, the Advisory Committee reached a community consensus on passive park uses in its 2008 final report. Much of the Advisory Committee's design recommendations have been followed by the city's Recreation & Parks Department and Bureau of Engineering.

See the accompanying "George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon" sign previously approved by RAP Board of Commissioners which is on both kiosks, showing a brief history of the canyon and a map of the park (the "Map Sign").

PASSIVE PARK SIGN:

By design and as required by the Coastal Commission's permit, the Park is a habitat restoration, for use as a passive park. As a mile long park of trails through an all-native habitat restoration throughout the canyon, park visitors need to know what activities they can and cannot do in a passive park.

The Park's design and the Passive Park sign come from the Advisory Committee report's community consensus of what constitutes passive uses. Anya McCann, George Wolfberg's daughter, designed the 24"x36" sign, which should be placed at every entrance to the Park. There is currently no signage in the Park about the Coastal Commission's permit requirement of passive recreation use.

The main service road (12' wide, soil cement surface) and the trails (5' wide, decomposed granite surface) are where people can walk, hike, run, and walk dogs on leash. The main service road was also designed for emergency and enforcement vehicles (LAFD, LAPD, park rangers), maintenance vehicles and bicycles. But the narrow side trails were not designed for vehicles or bikes. To protect the habitat restoration, park users must stay on the road or trails.

The Passive Park sign lets visitors know how to use the main service road and trails. It also points out the acceptable passive uses for the road and trails.

The top of the Park has a mowed lawn area (community lawn on the map) that may also be used for passive play, relaxation, and quiet uses. The Passive Park sign gives some examples. Organized sports and loud activities are not permitted. The lawn is not a dog park. All dogs must be on leash. Fires and vehicles are not permitted.

MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG SIGN:

The Park was named after George Wolfberg by the RAP Board of Commissioners and LA City Council. His family, PPCC, and Council District 11 councilmember (CD11) initiated and advocated for George to be so honored because of his decades of leadership in pushing the Park to completion, as both the Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, appointed by the LA City Council and Mayor, and as a Palisades community leader for many years. He was LA City's Chief Administrative Analyst, brought women's cycling into the '84 Olympics, implemented anti-apartheid contracting provisions, was a long time PPCC officer (4-time Chair) and representative, taught AYSO referees, member of the Rustic Canyon Park Advisory Board, and much more read the sign for a much-abbreviated list of his work as a City executive and as a community servant. The Wolfberg family and PPCC want visitors to the Park to know why it was named for George and to show how anyone can be a community activist in many different ways to improve our lives, help people, and bring people together. The sign provides that example and inspiration.

Anya McCann, George's daughter, designed the sign with some comments from the Wolfberg family and others in the community. Though the first version was approved by RAP staff and the RAP Facility Repair and Maintenance Commission Task Force, the RAP Board decided over a year ago to table consideration of the sign, on the grounds it had too many words and photos. The PPCC worked with Anya to reduce the wording by

half and reduce the number of photos by half. The 24"x36" sign presented now will go on each of the two Kiosks (at the entry at the tennis courts and at Friends St.), next to the map/history sign.



Kiosk at main park entry (at tennis courts). Meet George Wolfberg sign will go next to the history/map sign. Same for the Kiosk at the Friends St. entry.

MOTION: MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG and PASSIVE PARK Signs

"Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) urges the Board of Commissioners of the City Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to approve two necessary sign designs for the unique passive park that recently opened in Pacific Palisades, the 47-acre George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon.

"PASSIVE PARK SIGN: The Coastal Commission's park permit requires that the park be used for only passive recreation to protect the restored native habitat landscaping and trails of the park. The proposed Passive Park sign reflects the community's support of those passive uses, which became the basis for the landscape design of the park. There are no signs now in the park telling visitors what is either encouraged as passive uses or what is discouraged or prohibited as active uses. The Passive Park sign is tailored to this unique park.

"MEET GEORGE WOLFBERG SIGN: The RAP Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the naming of the new park in Potrero Canyon after George Wolfberg. As Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, George led the Palisades community in monthly public meetings over 3 years to reach consensus on how Palisades residents wanted to use the park, given the design direction of the Coastal Commission

and the City. PPCC and the Wolfberg family want park visitors to know why the park was named for George. We believe that the sign will serve as an inspiration to park visitors, to understand the value of service to not only to the community but also as a personal rewarding endeavor."

OTHER SIGNS:

RULES (GREEN & WHITE) sign:

This is a standard park sign, but the RAP sign shop did make some changes to fit the Park. That is what's up in the Park entrances now. We propose making further changes to those Rules signs to make some corrections and to further conform to what is needed for this unique passive park. This sign is used by LAPD, RAP Park Rangers, and other safety officers for enforcement of the law. The sign shows citations to the LA Municipal Code.

Change 1: Delete one line, and Add "No Firearms or Fireworks" and add the LAMC ordinance. We made room for a rule on a problem we have now with our children setting off fireworks in the Park and Rec Center. It's illegal and a fire hazard.

Change 2: Delete the exception for approved stoves and heaters. It will then read, "No Tents, Stakes, Camping, Open Flames" and add the LAMC ordinance.

Change 3: Delete one line, and Add: "No Motorized Vehicles. Ride Bikes, E- Bikes and Other Non-Motorized Vehicles on Main Service Road Only" and add the LAMC ordinance.

The main service road or fire road is 12' wide with a soil cement surface, a mixture of both to make it hard and strong. The surface is not smooth, it's a little rough. That main service road was specifically designed by the City for LAFD fire engines and ambulances, LAPD police cars, bicycles, runners, hikers, and dog walkers. The Advisory Committee approved of bike use on the main road. The Coastal Commission envisioned bicycle use on that road as a passive use.

The 5' wide trails are surfaced with decomposed granite (DG), which is basically large sand bits that compact together to make a hiking trail. Over time DG wears and needs replenishment, especially after a hard rain or rainy season. The narrow trails are not designed for bikes.

MOTION: RULES sign (Green & White)

"Pacific Palisades Community Council supports the proposed changes to the Rules (Green & White) sign to reflect the unique uses and requirements of this habitat restoration and passive park. Fire is a real danger in Pacific Palisades, with its combustible native chaparral in the Santa Monica Mountains and coastal bluffs and canyons. Fireworks, fires of any sort, and camping are potential threats to the rim residents and the community. All Pacific Palisades is in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

"From the beginning, the main service road was envisioned by the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee and Coastal Commission as being usable by both people on foot and on bikes. The 12' wide main service road (fire road) through the Potrero Canyon was designed to be used not only by LAFD, LAPD and maintenance staff, but also for all potential park visitors on foot and on bicycle. The 5' wide side trails were designed for only people on foot. The Rules sign should reflect that.

"PPCC supports the changes proposed for the Rules sign, including several corrections to ordinance citations."

PARK CLOSED FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE sign

This sign should be posted on the fence next to each entry gate. Visitors need to know that they should be out of the Park during nighttime hours. This simple, bold sign was found on the internet, so either it can be ordered there, or the RAP Sign Shop can make it up.

MOTION: PARK CLOSED FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE:

"PPCC supports the addition of signs on fences or gates at each entry stating the hours of the park, such as the one found on the internet: Park Closed from Sunset to Sunrise."

EXHIBITS TO SIGN MOTION

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George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon

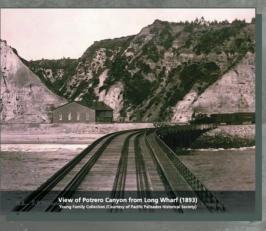


Canyon History

- 1900 1920s Potrero Canyon was surrounded by agricultural land and open fields.
- 1920s 1950s The Canyon was increasingly surrounded by residential and commercial development.
- 1950s 1980s Homes along the rim of the Canyon experienced varying degrees of damage due to erosion and instability of the Canyon slopes. The City of L.A. purchased the Canyon land in 1964.
- 1980s 2022 After a lawsuit settlement, the City purchased multiple residential lots along the rim of the Canyon and developed a plan to stabilize the slopes and restore habitat in the Canyon. The park you see today is the result of those efforts.

Historia del Cañón

- 1900 1920s El Cañón del Potrero estaba rodeado de tierras agrícolas y campos abiertos.
- 1920s 1950s El Cañón estaba cada ano más rodeado por el desarrollo residencial y comercial.
- 1950s 1980s Las casas alrededor del Cañón fueron dañadas debido a la erosión e inestabilidad de las laderas del Cañón. La ciudad de Los Ángeles compró los terrenos del Cañón en 1964.
- 1980s 2022 Después de un acuerdo judicial, la Ciudad compró múltiples lotes residenciales alrededor del Cañón y desarrolló un plan para estabilizar las laderas y restaurar el hábitat del Cañón. El parque que se ve hoy es el resultado de esos esfuerzos.









Meet George Wolfberg



The Wizard of the Palisades



Potrero Canyon Park was born under the careful guidance and leadership of George S. Wolfberg. A renowned public servant and Pacific Palisades community volunteer, George devoted his life to the people and open spaces of Los Angeles. He treasured our City's multicultural fabric and advocated for accessible parks, beaches, bike paths, and nature trails for all to enjoy.

As the City of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Analyst, George worked in quiet ways leaving an enduring mark. In preparing the successful bid for the 1984 Olympics, he added women's cycling. He also implemented a contracting policy modeled throughout North America to see an end to Apartheid in South Africa.

As Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, George led a collaborative, community-driven effort that spanned decades. In addition to his wealth of experience working for the City, his toolkit included active engagement, perseverance, a steady temperament, and a deep well of patience. Under his guidance, the park not only serves area residents but also provides a destination for all Angelenos. George embodied what any citizen and activist can achieve. He strove to leave everything he touched better than he found it. We invite you to do the same and to enjoy your visit here.

April 22, 1938 - February 5, 2020

For more details visit: www.wolfbergparkpotrero.org





El Mago de las Palisades



Potrero Canyon Park nació bajo la atenta dirección y liderazgo de George S. Wolfberg. Funcionario público de renombre y voluntario de la comunidad de Pacific Palisades, George dedicó su vida a la gente y a los espacios abiertos de Los Ángeles. Atesoró el tejido multicultural de nuestra ciudad y abogó por parques, playas, carriles bici y senderos naturales accesibles para el disfrute de todos.

Como Analista Administrativo Jefe de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles, George trabajó de forma discreta dejando una huella perdurable. En la preparación de la exitosa candidatura para los Juegos Olímpicos de 1984, añadió el ciclismo femenino. También puso en marcha una política de contratación que sirvió de modelo en toda Norteamérica para ver el fin del apartheid en Sudáfrica.

Como Presidente del Comité Asesor Comunitario de Potrero Canyon, George dirigió un esfuerzo de colaboración impulsado por la comunidad que se prolongó durante décadas. Además de su dilatada experiencia trabajando para la ciudad, su kit de herramientas incluía un compromiso activo, perseverancia, un temperamento firme y una gran paciencia. Bajo su dirección, el parque no sólo sirve a los residentes de la zona, sino que también es un destino para todos los angelinos. George encarnaba lo que cualquier ciudadano y activista puede conseguir. Se esforzaba por dejar todo lo que tocaba mejor de lo que lo encontró. Le invitamos a hacer lo mismo y a disfrutar de su visita.

22 de abril de 1938 - 5 de febrero de 2020



Changes proposed to the Rules sign

Notes re suggested revisions to existing RAP sign:

1) Delete: "No blocking pathways," etc. – the cited LAMC provision has been suspended.

Add: "No firearms or fireworks" (with citation to LAMC 63.44.B.21).

That section provides:

63.44.B.21:

"No person shall carry or discharge any firearms, firecrackers, fireworks, rockets, model rockets, torpedoes, airgun or slingshot."

2) Delete: "except on approved portable stoves or hearths" – there are **no approved** portable stoves or hearths in Potrero.

Add: Additional citation to LAMC 63.44.P.1.

That section provides:

64.44.P.1 -

- "P. Within the limit of any park designated by this subsection as being in a high fire hazard zone and between April 1 and November 1 of each year:
- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, no person shall light, ignite, set fire to, or burn any substance, or maintain an open flame of any kind for any purpose, including but not limited to cooking and barbecuing, except in areas specifically designated and posted to allow open flames."

[Note also: "Potrero Canyon Park" is designated under LAMC 63.44.P.3 as one of the LA parks located in a "high fire hazard zone."]

3) Delete: "No events may extend into tree," etc. – citation unknown, no such LAMC provision.

Add: "No motorized vehicles," etc., with additional relevant citations.

Those sections provide:

63.44.B.16 -

"No person shall drive or ride any cycle or vehicle, whether powered by a motor or human power, except on paths, roads or drives designed and provided for such purposes."

64.44.B.7 -

"No person shall use any area or facility set aside, used, maintained or designated for a specific recreational or park purpose by the Board, Department or Commission, where reasonable notice of such designation or purpose is given by signs posted thereon, for a purpose contrary to or inconsistent with such specific or designated purpose."



Current Rules sign in the Park now

