



City Council Public Comment Updates



Public Comments



CITY COUNCIL MEETING



March 16, 2021

Proclamation

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month





Introduction

Youth Commission Chair & Vice Chair





Ordinance No. 1116 Home Gardens

1-Year Review (#2)

ITEM NO. 3

CITY OF PARAMOUNT



- Follow-up to 12/15/20 report to City Council
- Home Gardening Ordinance adopted 11/5/19 with City Council request for 1-year report for possible expansion of home gardening opportunities
- Ordinance expanded garden opportunities in residential zones & legal nonconforming homes in commercial zones
- City Council comments will be incorporated in draft new ordinance for Planning Commission review on April 13



Benefits of gardening

- Access to fresh food
- Open space
- Community resilience
- Encourages healthy eating habits
- Less chemical/microorganism contamination
- Fun social activity that positively engages a community
- Combating food insecurity









Combating food insecurity

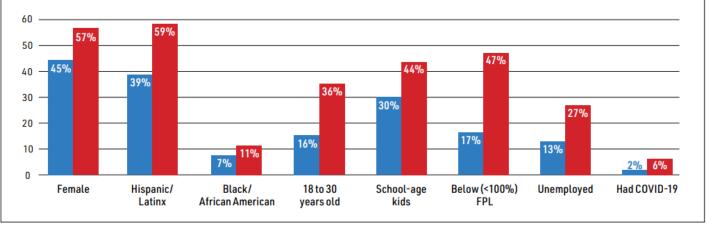


Overall, 39.5% of low-income households experienced food insecurity at some time between April and May 2020.

Figure 2. Profile of L.A. County populations with food Insecurity during COVID-19

Characteristics of people that experienced food insecurity from April to May 2020, compared to people who did not experience food insecurity during this time (food secure).

food secure (n=644) food insecure (n=262)



Source: University of Southern California's Understanding Coronavirus in America tracking survey





Approved in 2019

- Planter boxes in side yards in R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone properties
 - -Not allowed in the front yard in R-1 zone
- Raised garden beds in front & side yards in R-2 & R-M zones & nonconforming residential uses in commercial & industrial zones
- Front yard plant height
- Maintenance

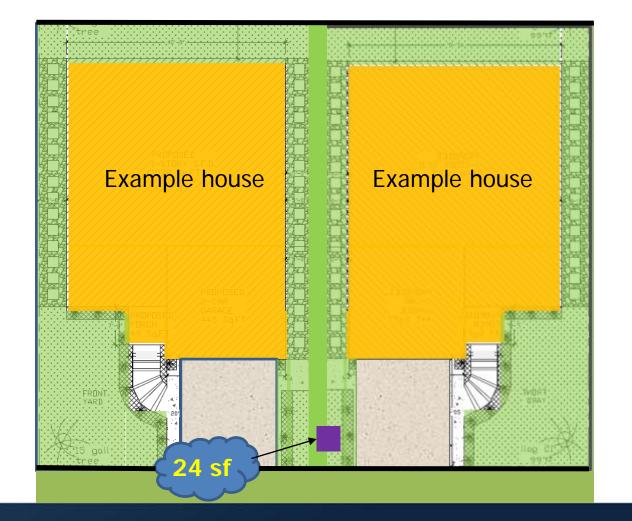






Approved in 2019

• Front yard raised garden bed area







Proposal Summary

Recommended

Greenhouses & hoophouses permitted Include courtyards/windowsills Expand to also allow in R-1 and PD-PS zones Expand to 50 sq. ft. raised gardens in front 15 feet Ground-level edible gardens ok beyond first 15 feet Allow up to 5-foot-height Encourage garden compost with storage requirements



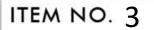


Proposal – Allow hoophouses; Explicitly note plantings on courtyards & windowsills allowed



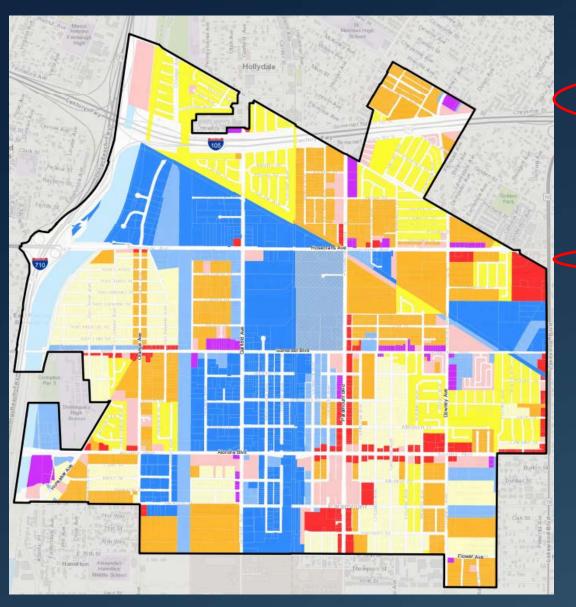


Graphic: BBC





Proposal – Allow in <u>all</u> residential zones

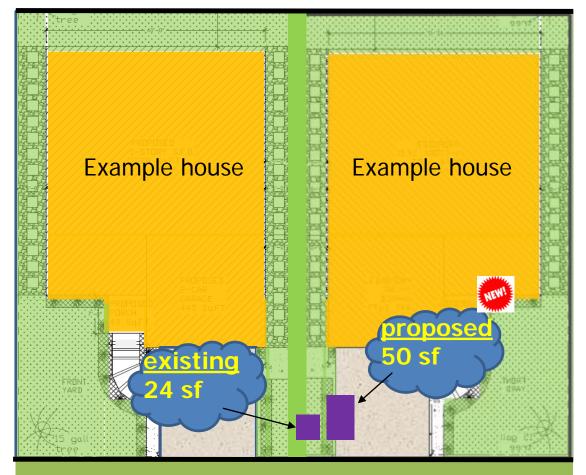






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Proposal – Expand Front Yard Raised Garden Area Increase allowable area from 24 to 50 square feet

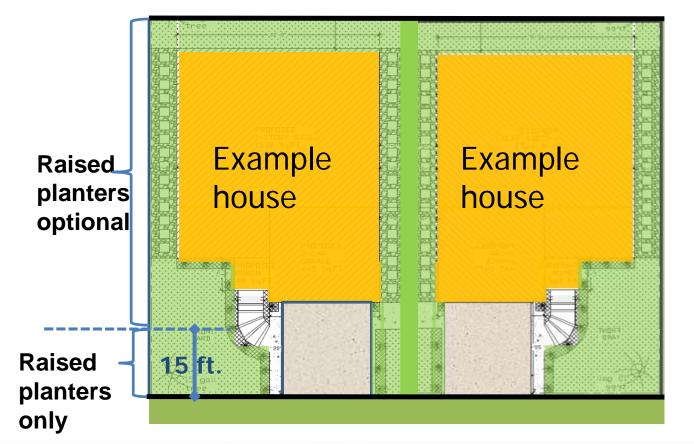






Proposal – Remove Raised Garden Requirement

Allow vegetable gardens in front yard areas without requiring raised planters after first 15 feet of the property

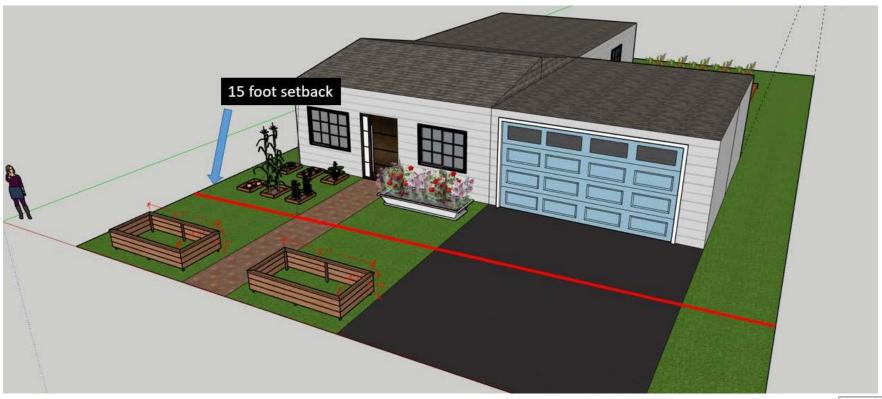






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Proposal – Change Maximum Front Yard Height Increase plant height from 3 feet to 5 feet in front yards

Existing Net gain <u>2 feet</u>



Proposed







Proposal – Composting

Encourage garden compost with storage requirements to control potential odor, visibility, and infestation issues









Timeframe

City Council 12/15/20 Study Session City Council 3/16/21 Study Session Planning Commission 4/13/21

Recommendation to City Council (draft ordinance) City Council 5/4/21

Introduction of ordinance

City Council 6/8/21

Adoption of ordinance



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Proposal Summary

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Greenhouses permitted

Code "silent" on courtyards/windowsills

R-2 and R-M zones only

24 sq. ft. raised gardens only

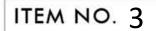
No ground-level edible gardens

3-foot height limit

Code "silent" on composting

Recommended

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Recommended Action

- Receive and file
- Direct staff regarding possible changes to home garden regulations for future Planning Commission and City Council review



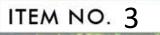




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Proudly Serving The City of Paramount



Encouraging Responsible Pet Ownership

Our Mission



"...SEAACA is committed to providing programs for the care of abandoned and unwanted pets; reuniting lost pets with their families; and matching new families with adoptable pets. SEAACA promotes all aspects of Responsible Pet Ownership..."



SEAACA's Team

Front Office

Animal Care



Field Services

Encouraging Responsible Pet Ownership

Veterinary Care

Licensing Services



Encouraging Responsible Pet Ownership





Encouraging Responsible Pet Ownership



Humane Education & Outreach Community Support







Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Licensing & Vaccination Clinic





Community Outreach













I LOST/FOUND A PET

VIEW OUR ANIMALS

NEWSROOM

Newsroom



In this portion of SEAACA's website, articles and information relevant to animal control and SEAACA are posted periodically providing information for the community.

READ MORE





SEAACA has a long standing commitment to reuniting lost animals with their owners and encouraging the public to visit our Animal Care Center to adopt a new member for their family.

To assist owners in locating their lost pets and to provide information to prospective adopters, SEAACA photographs pets as they enter our care center.

If you believe you have located your animal on our website, please give us a call so we can schedule an appointment. Providing vaccination

history, photos, and documents will expedite the claim process during your appointment. Please have those items readily available.

View Our Animals



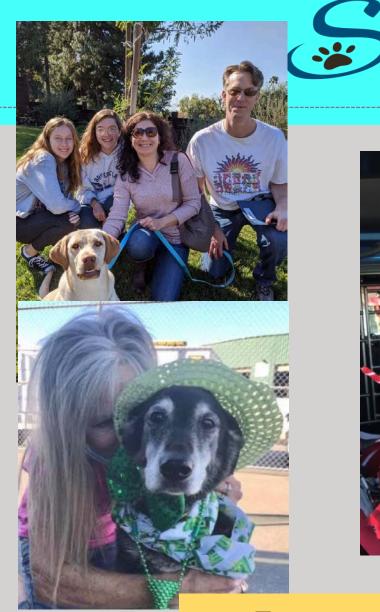
Every day SEAACA rescues animals. If you have lost your pet or want to adopt, these are the pets in our Care Cente...

- Download free smart device applications such as shadowapp.com to look for your lost or share a found pet.
- Alert your pet's microchip provider that the animal is missing. Ensure all of the contact information is up to date and accurate.
- If you have the found pet's microchip number, you can use tools such as AAHA Universal Microchip Lookup and Michelson Found Animals Registry to search for possible owner information
- Utilize social media lost & found community groups often titled, "Lost and Found Pet of (city/county name)".
 Additionally, post and view the information photos and

Lost/Found Pet Resources:













Adoption Partners



Community Kitten Care





The Big Meow







Love Your Cat - Email Today! APPOINTMENT Email: BigMeow@seaaca.org

This special program is available to you if you live within SEAACA's service area!









PETS 4 TROOPS

SOUTHEAST AREA ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY

HONORING OUR MILITARY



The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) honors and supports military personnel. "Pets 4 Troops" gives active duty or retired military personnel reduced pet adoption fees by 50%. Animals will be altered, microchipped and receive one set of vaccinations.

Applies to SEAACA's 14 Service Cities: Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Buena Park, Downey, Lakewood, La Palma, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, South Gate and Vernon. **Pet Adoption Fee** Reduced by 50% for Active Duty or **Retired** Military*

* Must show proof of active/retired military status Promotion valid for 2 animals per household

* Contact SEAACA for further details & information

9777 Seaaca Street Downey, CA 90241

www.seaaca.org (562) 803-3301



Pets 4 Troops



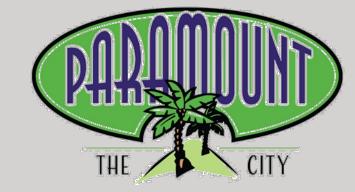
Animal Care Center





9777 SEAACA Street Downey





Denise Woodside, Executive Director

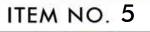
Donna Soriano, Manager, Outreach and Community Development

562-803-3301 www.seaaca.org





Resolution No. 21:007 Supporting Efforts to Declare the First Monday in March as National COVID Memorial Day









COVID-19 Commemoration

- March 2021 1 Year Anniversary
- National Effort
 - Local Cities
 - Non Profits
 - U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Resolution No. 21:007
 - City support for U.S. Conf. of Mayor
 - Directs staff to support other efforts in support
- City-specific activities





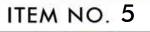
Recommendation

 Recommended Action: That the City Council read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21:007.





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Neighborhood Permit Parking Request for 8056 and 8102 Rosecrans Avenue







- » The City Council adopted Resolution 20:029 on October 2020
 - Amended the procedures for establishing permit parking in the City





- » In 2015, the City Council approved permit parking for the 14300 block of Orizaba Avenue and 8100 block of 144th Street
 - Parcels 8056 and 8102 Rosecrans Avenue were not included



Proposed Permit-Parking Parcels

8102 Rosecrans Avenue

8056 Rosecrans Avenue



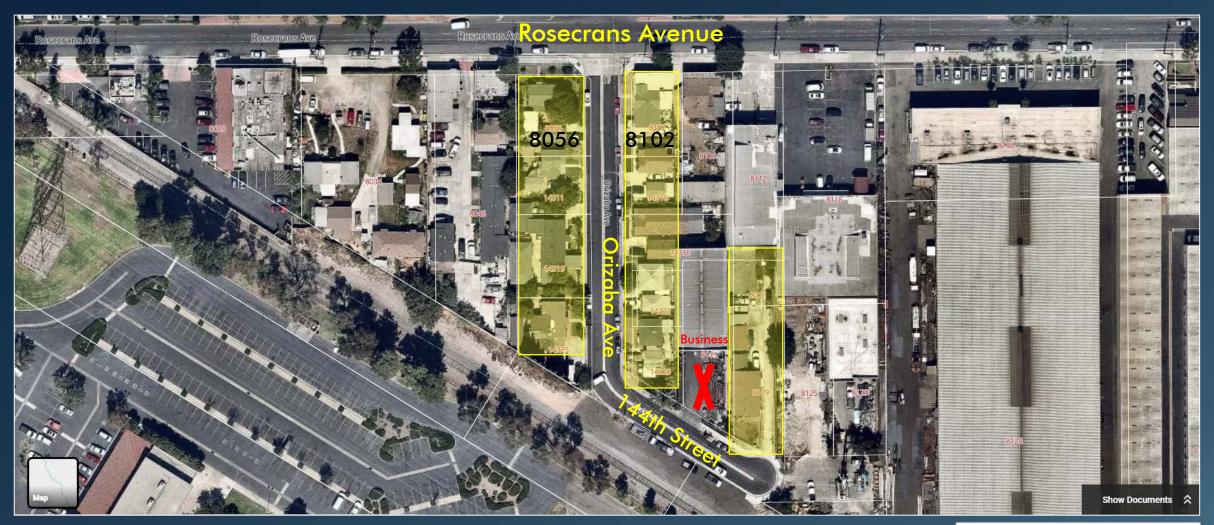
Orizaba View

Rosecrans View

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Proposed Permit-Parking Parcels (Cont'd)

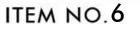






Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize Neighborhood Permit Parking for parcels 8056 and 8102 Rosecrans Avenue, which will be effective immediately.







Neighborhood Permit Parking Request for 8056 and 8102 Rosecrans Avenue





Community Services & Recreation "Going from 0 to 100"



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Department Role

- Social support programming
- Physical activity programming
- Education support programming
- Event/Facility programming
- Services for infant to seniors: "0 to 100"



Services to our minor age population

- Independent youth leagues
- YMCA sports and after school the care
- YMCA swim
- Instructional classes
- STAR after school program
- Summer Day Camp
- HEY! Summer Program



MCA











Special Olympics Southern California





Services to our minor age population

- Mommy & Me
- Spane Learning Center homework help
- Adaptive Recreation (upcoming)
- Park amenities
- Special events











Paramount Education Partnership

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Services to our Teen population

- Youth Commission
- Teen programming
- Paramount Education
 Partnership (PEP) Scholarship
 Program
- Transit Program





Services to our adult/family population

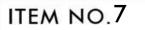
- Park amenities
- Facilities rentals
- Transit programs
- PEP Learning Center
- Community Organizations
- Historical Society









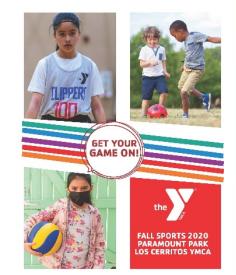




Youth Sports

- YMCA Youth Futsal League
- YMCA Basketball League
- Paramount Swim Club
- Independent Youth leagues
- Paramount Cup League







Adult Sports

- Adult Softball League
- Beach Soccer League
- Handball at Roosevelt
- Futsal at Paramount Park
- Pop-up fitness classes
- Open Gym at Paramount Park

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Services to our senior population

- Elderly Nutrition program (ENP)
- Special events
- Senior transit programs











All Photos taken Pre-COVID





Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.







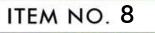
Community Services & Recreation "Going from 0 to 100"



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Mini-Pitch Pilot Reservation Program at Dills Park



- US Soccer Foundation Grant/Target Corporation
- New Mini-Pitch Court at Dills Park North Field
- Amenities
- Parking concerns









Pilot Program

- Goal prevent parking issues
- Reservation time slots 30 min-1 hour
- Program available families, players of all ages within walking distance of the court
- No cost permit
- Applicant must be 18 years or older and will be responsible for anyone under age
- Reservations need to be made in advance

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Pilot Program

- Reservation times Monday through Friday (3pm-8pm) Saturday & Sunday (Noon-5pm)
- City staff will be onsite 1 hour prior to the first reservation of the day
- Courts remain open to general public outside any reservation times
- Review after 3 months





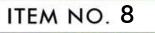
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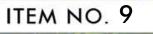


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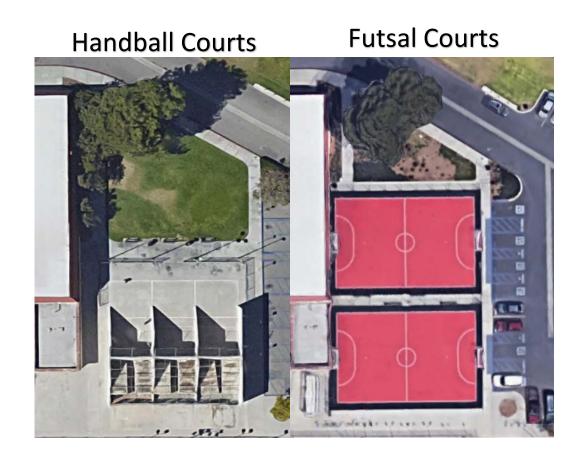




Summary of Handball in Paramount and Proposed Roosevelt Handball Courts Pilot Reservation Program



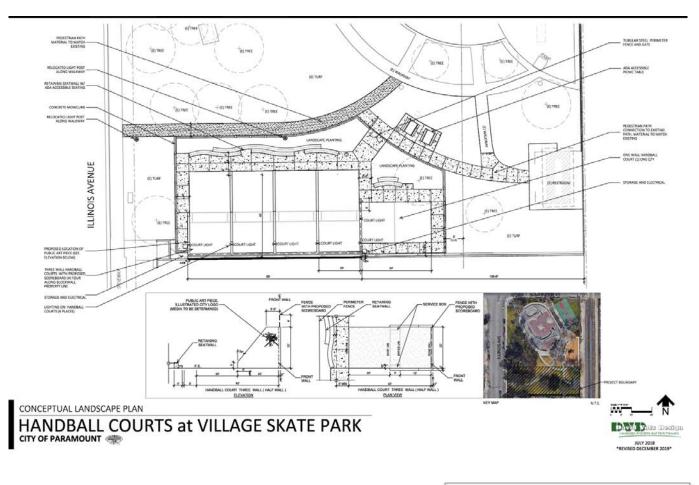
- Paramount Handball Court Background
 - Summary
 - 6 Total courts
 - 2002 South facing courts blocked
 - 2012 Public meeting
 - 2014 Meeting with handball advocate
 - 2015 Survey
 - 2015 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
 - 2016 City Council authorization
 - 2017 Futsal courts completed
 - Issues
 - Behavioral
 - Public Safety







- 2018 Developed design and construction plans for handball court project at Village Park
 - \$44,000
- 2019/20 Village Park Handball Courts grant
 - \$700,000 construction cost
 - Unsuccessful Prop. 68 project







- 2019 Adult Sports Survey
 - Conducted at Friday Night Markets
 - Halloween Festival
 - Results (592 resident responses):
 - Soccer 48%
 - Slo-Pitch Softball 48%
 - Basketball 45%
 - Dodgeball 26%
 - Handball 21%
 - Flag Football 20%
 - Futsal 16% **
 - Other 23 write-ins for volleyball
 - Most Desired Adult Sports:
 - Soccer/Slo-Pitch/Basketball
 - Issues

Survey





- Roosevelt School handball courts
 - Restricted Access
 - Pilot weekend use offered October 2019- February 2020
 - Results
- New Effort to Make Handball Accessible
 - Site improvements-FY 20/FY 21 Budget
 - Reservations
 - Parking no neighborhood impact
 - Restrooms
 - Controlled space







PILOT RESERVATION PROGRAM

- Facility rental application process
 - All ages can use the courtsreservation by an adult
 - Weekends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Each reservation max one hour
- Staffing
 - Open the gates to the courts
 - Open restrooms
 - Supervise the use of the courts







PILOT RESERVATION PROGRAM

- Marketing
 - All social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
 - Short video about the pilot program
- Review after 3 months
- PUSD school site permit required







Recommendation

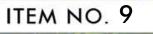
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Summary of Handball in Paramount and Proposed Roosevelt Handball Courts Pilot Reservation Program





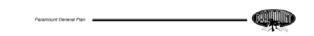
General Plan Annual Progress Report Calendar Year 2020



Background

Every city and county in California is required to have a General Plan

- Comprehensive long-range planning document
- Serves as guide for development and land use



Final Paramount General Plan



City of Paramount Community Development Department 16400 Colorado Avenue Paramount, California 90723

> Adopted: August 7, 2007

> > Final – August 2007 Page 1

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Background

 State requires <u>Annual Progress Report</u> to the City Council, Governor's Office of Planning & Research, and CA Dept. of Housing & Community Development



- Reports the status of the Paramount General Plan for calendar year 2020
- Reports the progress made in implementing the various General Plan elements
- Grant funding contingent on filing review by April 1



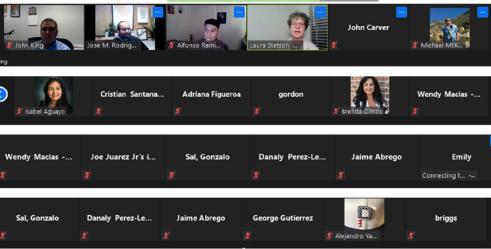


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Background

- 7 General Plan <u>elements</u>:
 - 1. Land Use
 - 2. Economic Development
 - 3. Housing (update in progress)
 - 4. Transportation/Circulation
 - 5. Public Facilities
 - 6. Health and Safety (update in progress)
 - 7. Resource Management
- Environmental Justice Element (new, in progress)

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Housing & Environmental Justice Element Workshop 2/1/21

Land Use

- Zone changes
- Home Improvement Program
- Commercial Rehabilitation Program
- Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments
- Gateway signs

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Economic Development

- Business attraction & retention
- COVID-19 business resources
- Established Business Recovery Committee
- Implemented temporary outdoor dining program (Paramount Al Fresco)
- Design review

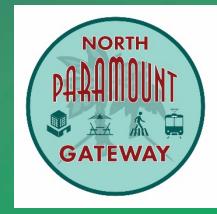




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Housing

- Housing Element update began
- 35 housing unit applications approved (entitled) for 45 housing units (including 33 ADUs)
- North Paramount Boulevard Gateway Specific Plan underway
- SCAG finalized 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) – <u>364 units</u> for next 8 years



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Transportation

- Fixed-route transit
- Elderly Nutrition Program transit services
- College transit services
- Dial-A-Ride & Medical Taxi
- Bicycle/active transportation plan & infrastructure
- Bicycle racks
- West Santa Ana Branch light rail





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Public Facilities

- Schools Paramount Education Partnership (PEP); Youth Commission; Joint Use Agreement
- Water continued progress with Well 16; drought tolerant landscaping; superior water infrastructure





Health and Safety

- Extremely important in 2020
- Disaster preparedness & response
- Code Enforcement
- Coordination with regulatory agencies
- Noise ordinance
- Animal control

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Recommended Action

Receive and file the calendar year **2020 General Plan Annual Progress Report** and file the report with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)





General Plan Annual Progress Report Calendar Year 2020





Rejection of Bid for the Renovation of City Bus Shelters (City Project No. 9153)





Proposal from Wildan Engineering to Provide Professional Engineering Design Services For Alondra Boulevard Widening Project (City Project No. 9136)





Comments/Committee Reports



Adjournment