

CITY OF WALNUT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WALNUT CITY HALL
21201 LA PUENTE ROAD, WALNUT
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.
2. FLAG SALUTE COMMISSIONER PEDERSEN
3. ROLL CALL COMMISSIONERS BRION, LEPP, MUNGUIA, PEDERSEN & POLLALIS
4. MINUTES REGULAR MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2024

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may present public testimony at this time. If any person wishes to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on any item on the agenda or on any other matter, please present your testimony at this time, and please limit your comments to three minutes. The Commission may choose to remove the item for discussion.

The Chairperson may impose reasonable limitations on public comments to assure an orderly and timely meeting. When addressing the Commission, please write your name and address on the sheet provided on the podium.

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Parks and Maintenance Report for January 2024

Recommendation: Receive and file.

B. Administratively Approved Park Use Requests January 2024

Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. Recreation Division Activities Summary January 2024

Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

9. DISCUSSION

A. Discussion Continuation Re: Dog Park

Recommendation:

1. Conduct an open discussion regarding a potential dog park in Walnut to gain feedback from the public; and
2. Receive and file this report.

10. COMMISSION ITEMS

11. STAFF ITEMS

- A. Upcoming Recreation Programs/Events
- B. Park Project Updates

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Parks and Recreation Commission
of the City of Walnut

A regular meeting of the City of Walnut Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by C/Munguia at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Munguia

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Lepp, Munguia, Pedersen, & Pollalis

ABSENT: Commissioners Brion

Also present at the meeting were Director Community Services Barcelo, Deputy Community Services Director Bumia, Maintenance Manager Martinez, Management Analyst Munoz and Executive Assistant Vermeer.

MINUTES:

C/Pedersen made a motion, seconded by C/Lepp and was carried 4-0 to approve the minutes on October 17, 2023.

AYES: Lepp, Munguia, Pedersen & Pollalis

ABSENT: Brion

ABSTAIN: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

C/Lepp made a motion, seconded by C/Pedersen and carried 4-0, to accept items 7A – 7D under Consent Calendar as recommended.

AYES: Lepp, Munguia, Pedersen & Pollalis

ABSENT: Brion

ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION:

DISCUSSION:

C/Brion made a motion, seconded by C/Lepp and carried 4-0, to have staff setup a community input meeting for a dog park.

AYES: Lepp, Munguia, Pedersen & Pollalis
ABSENT: Brion
ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION ITEMS:

STAFF ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant



AGENDA ITEM 7A

- Consent Calendar
- Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Melissa Barcelo, Community Services Director *MB*

FROM: Kenny Martinez, Community Services Superintendent *KM*

SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance Report for January, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file the Parks and Maintenance Report for January, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

This report is prepared and provided for the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and information on the current status of the maintenance and operations of the City of Walnut's Park system.

The Maintenance Division of the Community Services Department manages general park maintenance at all City parks. General maintenance is performed largely by a landscape maintenance contractor and some by the City staff. The general maintenance includes mowing, edging, hedging, pruning of shrubs and trees, as well as the monitoring of rodents and pests. It also includes irrigation audits and playground inspections. Restroom maintenance services are provided by the custodial contractor. Park restrooms are open and maintained seven days a week, with the exception of two holidays per year (Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

City parks with sports fields are maintained at an optimum level through the services of sports field specialists. City staff augments the maintenance services through regular inspections and audits of the fields.

City maintenance staff also performs special projects in all parks including graffiti removal and playground equipment repairs. In order to conform to California playground standards, staff performs playground inspections on a weekly basis.

Additional maintenance activities for the division in January included the following:

Arroyo:

- Treated for fire ants throughout the park.

Butterfield:

- Removed graffiti throughout the park.
- The toilet in the women's restroom was repaired.

Country Hollow:

- Conducted weekly inspections of the park.

Creekside:

- A new pullup bar station was installed in the exercise area.
- Treated for fire ants throughout the park.
- Replaced the upper portion of the spring toy in the playground.
- Re-keyed 4 restroom door locks and 1 equipment door lock for the new restroom building.
- Applied re-emergent on all baseball fields.

Heidelberg:

- Conducted weekly inspections of the park.

Lemon Creek:

- Removed graffiti throughout the park.

Ashley:

- Conducted weekly inspections of the park.

Snow Creek:

- Treated for fire ants throughout the park.
- Applied pre-emergent for the weeds on the baseball field.

Suzanne:

- Treated for gophers throughout the park.
- Treated for fire ants throughout the park.
- Removed graffiti throughout the park.
- Trenched and installed 80' of 1" electrical conduit with wires for a new 220V plug.
- Replaced light outside electrical room.
- Replaced light outside the gazebo restroom.
- Vandalism at the north snack bar: windows broken, rollup doors damaged.
- Repaired faucet in the gazebo restroom.

- Ruts were repaired in the turf due to the contractor's boom when they installed the new LED lighting.
- Replaced the loose hose bib and galvanized piping near the horse arena.

Walnut Hills:

- Conducted weekly inspections of the park.

Walnut Ranch:

- Treated for gophers through the park.
- Treated for fire ants throughout the park.
- Cleared clog in the men's restroom urinal.
- Aerated, top dressed with sand, and fertilized all 4 soccer fields.

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will enhance civic pride by offering superior facilities and programs.



AGENDA ITEM 7B

- Consent Calendar
 Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Melissa Barcelo, Community Services Director *MB*

FROM: Chris Vermeer, Executive Assistant *CV*

SUBJECT: Administratively Approved Park Use Requests – January 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file this informational report.

ANALYSIS:

Attached, please find a list of park use requests that were administratively approved during the month of January. In addition, staff included requests that were administratively approved since November and have been reviewed by the Commission during previous meetings.

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will enhance civic pride by offering superior facilities and programs.

Location	Date	Day	Start - End Time	Event	Attend/Qty	
Lemon Creek Picnic Area	Nov 4, 2023	Saturday	11:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Picnic	75	
	Nov 5, 2023	Sunday	12:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	45	
	Nov 18, 2023	Saturday	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Picnic	80	
	Dec 2, 2023	Saturday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Picnic	40	
	Dec 3, 2023	Sunday	10:00 AM - 06:30 PM	Birthday	65	
	Dec 10, 2023	Sunday	08:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Baby Shower	100	
	Dec 16, 2023	Saturday	02:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	50	
	Dec 30, 2023	Saturday	12:00 PM - 06:00 PM	Picnic	80	
	Jan 13, 2024	Saturday	11:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Birthday	20	
	Jan 14, 2024	Sunday	11:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Birthday	30	
	Jan 28, 2024	Sunday	01:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Picnic	50	
	Suzanne Picnic Area	Nov 4, 2023	Saturday	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Picnic	100
		Nov 5, 2023	Sunday	10:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Birthday	50
Nov 12, 2023		Sunday	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	45	
Nov 18, 2023		Saturday	10:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	80	
Nov 19, 2023		Sunday	10:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	40	
Dec 2, 2023		Saturday	12:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Picnic	149	
Dec 3, 2023		Sunday	09:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Birthday	60	
Dec 9, 2023		Saturday	10:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Picnic	80	
Dec 10, 2023		Sunday	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Birthday	50	
Dec 16, 2023		Saturday	11:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Birthday	45	
Dec 17, 2023		Sunday	08:00 AM - 08:00 PM	Birthday	65	
Jan 13, 2024		Saturday	12:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Birthday	70	
Jan 27, 2024		Saturday	07:00 AM - 10:00 PM	65th Walnut Birthday	150+	
Jan 28, 2024		Sunday	08:00 AM - 09:00 PM	Birthday	50	



AGENDA ITEM 7C

Consent Calendar

Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Melissa Barcelo, Community Services Director *MB*

FROM: Jamie Bumia, Deputy Community Services Director *JB*

SUBJECT: Recreation Division Activities Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

This report is prepared and provided for the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and information on the Recreation Programs that occurred during the month of January.

SENIOR PROGRAMS:

SENIOR DINE-IN NUTRITION LUNCH PROGRAM

The Senior Dine-In Nutrition program is open to seniors 60 years and older. Since the start of May, hot meals are being served Monday through Friday, on a first-come first-serve basis. To participate in this program guests must complete a YWCA intake form, check-in begins at 10:30 a.m. with meals served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or until food is available. Average attendance: 65

On Fridays, beginning January 5 through June 28, 2024 YWCA will be providing seniors ages 60 and older with seven(7) frozen meals to take home. Tickets to receive a take home box are first come first serve and check-in begins at 10:30 am. Boxes will be distributed at approximately 12:00 pm. A YWCA intake form is required. We are currently giving out 70 boxes per week.

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

The City of Walnut Senior Center is now partnering with the Los Angeles County of Mental Health Department, on Mondays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm to offer a one-hour support group

for seniors allowing individuals to come together around a common activity to develop social connections. Here seniors are able to come and socialize, play games, share their stories, and explore different topics with the Department Staff and their fellow peers.
Average attendance: 15-20 participants

SENIOR SEMINARS / SPECIAL EVENTS:

Seminar: Senior Commission Breakfast Presentation on Senior Scams

January 3, 2024

Presented by : Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff Deputy CT McDonald and Volunteer Ann Hobbs
Info: Deputy CT McDonald and Ann Hobbs presented on Senior Safety and things that seniors should look out for on a daily basis. Seniors in attendance were able to ask the sheriffs questions and get clear answers on items they were experiencing.

Seminar: Memory Matters

January 30, 2024

Presented by: Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Info: Interested in learning how to care for your brain? Alzheimer's Los Angeles will show you how to talk to a doctor about memory concerns, what to do when you notice signs and symptoms of cognitive impairment, and why getting an early diagnosis can be helpful for overall health and quality of life

Senior Special Events:

No scheduled events for January.

OLDER ADULT CLASSES:

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Heart and Soul Line Dance classes started offering lessons twice a week. Monday classes are perfect for the working older adult and scheduled for 6pm. Thursday classes are perfect for the retired person, scheduled for the morning at 9:30 am. These classes are a perfect way to good heart health without the constant strain on joints and easy to follow. All levels are welcome and no partner is necessary.

Zumba Gold classes are now being offered at the Senior Center on Mondays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Zumba Gold is a lower impact dance class designed with seniors in mind. This fun and social class will teach different types of Latin and international dances. This class provides simple to follow Zumba choreography that promotes balance, range of motion, posture strengthening and coordination.

Young at Heart. The City of Walnut has partnered with Independence at Home and the Young at Heart Healthy Aging Association to offer a 32 week program that can improve upper and lower body strength, balance, reduce stress, improve mental health, and reduce the risk of falling. Class is full with 21 participants.

GROW GROUP COUNSELING

The Senior Group GROW Group Counseling program has continued to be in person, since the transition of the virtual forum. GROW meets the first Friday of every month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Participants ages 55 and older are welcome and encouraged to learn new skills that will allow them to GROW.

TEEN CENTER:

The Teen Center is open from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm for teens in 6th through 12th grades. They are able to enjoy activities including sports, crafts, board games, movies, air hockey, table tennis, foosball and pool. Homework assistance is available to those who wish and new this year the Teen Center's Computer lab reopened with 10 new computers for the teens to utilize for homework and games. Teen Center membership for the school-year will be \$120 for the year or \$75 for each semester. Currently there are 206 Teen Center members registered.

The ever so popular Special Day treats continued through the remainder of the Fall Session. A new thing added in October to the Snack Bar was 'Limited Edition' items, which were speciality items or those that staff thought members would like to test run the popularity before they purchase in bulk for the remainder of the school year.

The return of Teen Friday Nights (TFN's) continued through the fall. In October we were to have a Monster Mash Dance but do to low enrollment we had to cancel it. Instead we were able to have the DJ and do all the activities planned for the dance on Halloween in the Teen Center. Members got to dance to the latest hits and games such as Best Zombie Walk and Best Scream were played. The third of Teen Friday Nights (TFN's) of the semester occurred in November. Teens went on an Excursion to Lost Worlds Laser Tag where they got to play three games of laser tag and had a pizza dinner at the Teen Center prior to leaving to Lost Worlds. Staff is preparing for the second semester of school and upcoming TFN's.

Youth and Family Group Counseling

This program is conducted every Monday at 6:00 pm at the Walnut Senior Center.

AQUATICS:

The Recreation Division Sharks Swim Team began their Fall Conditioning practices September 11th; practices are held Monday through Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Sharks Swim team conditioning program allows participants from the summer swim team and new possible members to work on their strokes and fitness in the off season of

competition. On November 4th to conclude the program they held an inter-squad meet to test the progress of their times over the last two months.

SPORTS LEAGUES & CLASSES:

Open Gym hours for Table Tennis, Badminton, and Basketball are available in the morning from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Walnut Gymnasium and volleyball on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Additional hours for those activities have been added on to Saturdays and were open until November.

Uptempo Basketball Academy held the two camps during the Fall; one in November of the Thanksgiving break and one in December prior to the holidays. The November camp was held November 23 - 25 and hosted 46 participants. The second camp was held December 21-22 and hosted 43 participants. The camp ran from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and participants were engaged in multiple skill learning drills and scrimmage games on a daily basis.

WALNUT YOUTH BASKETBALL (WYB)

Walnut Youth Basketball (WYB) fall season started registration on September 25th for Walnut residents and will open October 2nd for non-residents. Practices for the 26 teams we have for for children in grades K thru 8th began in November and games began December 9, 2023.

THE ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE (ABL)

The Fall ABL for Wednesday and Thursday began in September and ended in December with 16 teams playing on Wednesday and 14 teams on Thursday including 6 all female teams. With the popularity of the Ladies league on Thursdays we will continue that in the next season in 2024.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY EXCURSIONS:

<u>Senior Excursions:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Fantasy Springs Resort Casino	January 30	55 (FULL)

<u>Community Excursions:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>
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No Community Excursions scheduled for January.

RECREATION CLASSES:

Webby Dance Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop and Creative Dance, Young Rembrandts Drawing classes, Da Hula Studio, Heart and Soul Line Dance and International Line Dance continue to

hold strong numbers for the beginning weeks of the spring session. Classes are offered both at the Senior Center and Gymnasium.

CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS:

City of Walnut's 65th Birthday Bash

The City of Walnut's 65th Birthday Bash was held on Saturday, January 27, at Suzanne Park from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event kicked-off with the 1K Bubble/Color Run, Walk and Roll around the entire park area. Following the 1k event, the attractions and stage areas began their operations. The attractions consisted of a 100 ft. Super Slide, 45' Ferris Wheel, the popular Euro Bungee Bouncers, Snow Sledding, Snowball Battlefield, Trackless Train Rides and 8 fun Carnival style games.

The stage area had 3 exciting bands, which included, the Blue Breeze Band, a Motown, funk and R&B genre band. The Filharmonic, 90's style acapella band, and concluding the night Cold Duck, a top 40 crowd favorite.

Lastly, the City of Walnut unveiled their big birthday surprise with a giant birthday cake created by City staff; a birthday song sung by the Filharmonic; and an absolutely mesmerizing flying drone show.



AGENDA ITEM 9A

- Consent Calendar
 Discussion

WALNUT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

VIA: Melissa Barcelo, Community Services Director *MB*

FROM : Jamie Bumia, Deputy Community Services Director *JB*
Corinne Munoz, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Discussion Continuation Re: Dog Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Conduct an open discussion regarding a potential dog park in Walnut to gain feedback from the public; and
2. Receive and file this report.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has considered dog park development in past years, most recently in October 2022 and January 2020. The Commission has supported the idea, even including it as a proposed amenity in the Walnut Ranch Park Expansion Environmental Impact Report.

At the August 15, 2023 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, Mayor Pro Tem, Linda Freedman requested the Commission revisit the topic of a dog park and discuss the feasibility of constructing one in Walnut. Staff was directed to come back to the Commission with specific information regarding a potential dog park in the City.

At the January 16, 2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, the Commission asked staff for a Community Meeting to be held in conjunction with the February Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to engage with the public and hear their feedback regarding a Dog Park.

ANALYSIS:

At a previous Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on October 17, 2023 staff proposed four (4) potential sites with the Commission:

1. North 40 located at Walnut Ranch Park
2. Country Hollow Park
3. Snow Creek Park
4. Suzanne Park

While discussing the site(s) and other related factors, it was recommended by the Commission to host a Community Meeting in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission to receive input from the residents of Walnut regarding a potential Dog Park.

As such, staff created a flyer to promote the Community Meeting, along with a survey to receive specific input related to a potential Dog Park. The following questions were listed on the survey:

1. Would you like to see a Dog Park in the City of Walnut?
2. Any specific location in Walnut you think a Dog Park would be best?
3. Would you support a Dog Park in your neighborhood?
4. Any specific amenities you would like the Dog Park to have?
5. Name and Address of Resident who is completing this survey.

Staff promoted the Community Meeting at the 65th Birthday Bash which was held on Saturday, January 27, 2024. A total of 69 responses were collected from that event.

Further, staff promoted the Community Meeting and survey on our City Website and Social Media outlets. To allow all survey submissions to be accounted for, the final survey responses will be highlighted during the PowerPoint presentation at the Community Meeting.

RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:

We will collaborate by encouraging open discussion.

Attachment:

1. Community Workshop Meeting Flyer

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

**CITY OF WALNUT
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
21201 LA PUENTE RD WALNUT, CA 91789**

Scan the QR Code to take a Survey!



**Does Walnut
need a Dog Park?**



Would you like to see a dog park in Walnut?
Join us to discuss a potential Dog Park in Walnut with
your Parks and Recreation Commission!

**You can also submit any feedback or
suggestions to Corinne Munoz:
909-598-5605 or cmunoz@cityofwalnut.org**

