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**GREENING SCHOOLS & CLIMATE RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 18 2023

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## **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Review of Survey**.....Dr. Rocío Rivas  
Chairperson
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Presentation**
1. [Community School Parks Presentation](#)..... Al Grazioli  
Director, Real Estate and Business Development
- IV. Committee Discussion**
- V. Closing Remarks**
- VI. Adjournment**

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# Community School Parks

**Greening Schools & Climate Resilience Committee**

**October 18, 2023**

**Facilities Services Division**

# Community School Park Concept



Goal – Increase Public Access to Open Spaces, Parks, and Playgrounds, Particularly for Residents in Low-Income Communities, by Allowing the City to Utilize School Sites

- School Sites Can be Open to the Public During Weekends, School Holidays, and Vacation Periods
- Programmed and Staffed by City of LA Recreation and Parks(RAP) Department for Recreational Activities at no Cost to the Public
- City is responsible for operation, maintenance, security and staffing
- No Cost to LAUSD

# Community School Park History



- April 2017 – BOE Authorized Staff to Execute the Community School Parks (CSP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a One-Year Pilot Program
- November 2017 – Board of Rec and Park Commissioners (City) Approved the MOU
- December 2017 – City and LAUSD Executed the MOU
- January 2018 – RAP Opens 4 CSPs to the Community

# Identifying CSP Sites

- RAP Identified Park-Poor Areas and Ranked Them Based on a Set of Criteria Including:
  - Lack of Green Space and Tree Canopy
  - Located in Park Deficient Areas
  - Located in Disadvantaged Communities
  - # of Residents Served Within a ½ Mile (10 Minute Walk)
  - CalEnviroScreen 3.0 – Environmental Justice Tool
- Working With LAUSD Staff, Identified Schools That Align with RAP Priorities



# Community School Park Program



- RAP Selected School Sites From Their Priority List:
  - Highest Overall Score (Based on Multiple Factors)
  - Ability to Provide Access to Highest Number of Nearby Residents
- By Early 2018, RAP Had Opened 4 CSP's
  - 75<sup>th</sup> St. Elementary School
  - Cahuenga Elementary School
  - Harvard Elementary School
  - Leo Politi Elementary School
- Schools Were Open On Saturday and Sunday 10AM–4PM



# RAP Lessons Learned – Pilot CSPs



- Lack of Awareness that Schools Were Open for Public Use
- Need to Provide Consistent, Structured Recreational Programs
- Elementary School Play Yards not “Park Like”
  - Lacking Grass Fields, Landscaping, and Recreational Space
- Program Suspended During COVID and Post-COVID RAP Having Difficulty Hiring Staff for the Program

# Lessons Learned Shifts RAP Focus

- RAP Focusing on Middle Schools and Sites with More Recreation Space
- Currently Open Saturdays at:
  - Obama Global Prep MS
  - Bethune MS
  - Northridge MS
- Providing Structured Recreational and Cultural Activities
- Improved Engagement and Marketing



# Considerations Going Forward



- Expanding Involvement with Other Cities, Community Based Organizations (CBO's), and Stakeholders
- Review 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Permits, Licenses on School Sites
- Distribution of CSP Sites to Ensure Geographic Equity
- Overlay of RAP Priorities and LAUSD Priorities
- Ability to Identify Funding to Enhance Viability/Success of the Program
- RAP Ability to Staff the Program, Including Supervisory Structure

# Next Steps for LA City – LAUSD



- LAUSD and City Enter Into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to Support CSP Program
  - Provides All of the Terms and Conditions for Use by RAP of LAUSD Schools
  - Confirms Costs RAP Will Cover – No Cost to LAUSD
  - Provides for Process to Identify Schools and Resolve Disputes, if any
  - Flexible Master Agreement Allowing Sites to be Added or Removed Depending on Viability of Programming, Ability to Staff and Funding at Each Site
- Seek BOE and City Council Approval in Q1 2024



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# Questions and Discussion