

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to establishing hours of operation at West Lakeside Street Park.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez - Lee):

1. ESTABLISH the hours of operation at West Lakeside Street Park, located at 15625 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, CA 91342 in Council District Seven (CD 7) as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to prominently post the hours at the park as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add West Lakeside Street Park to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44.
4. REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to concur with the above recommendations; and, instruct the Park Rangers to enforce the new operating hours at the park listed above seven days a week.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 1, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Lee) relative to establishing hours of operation at West Lakeside Street Park. According to the Motion, LAMC Section 63.44 B. 14(a) states that all parks shall have the operating hours of 5:00 am to 10:30 pm with the exception of the parks listed in LAMC Section 63.44 B. 14(c). Parks in this Section close at various times and include parks that open at sunrise and close at sunset (sunrise to sunset operating hours).

The operating hours for West Lakeside Street Park, located at 15625 Bledsoe Street in Council District Seven should be changed to open at sunrise and close at sunset. Located just east of the interchange of the Interstate 5 and Interstate 405, West Lakeside Street Park will sit on the Lakeside Debris Basin in Sylmar in CD 7. The park sits in close proximity to overhead transmission lines owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Additionally, the park abuts nine private homes just to the east side on Amboy Avenue. Given the close proximity of private homes and power lines in LADWP's private property West Lakeside Street Park poses safety concerns, among them night dwellers, encampments, fires in the sunset hours of the night due to an unavailability of 24 hour security presence. As an unstaffed, passive park it is recommended that the use of the park be restricted to only daylight hours. With the

imminent opening of the park, it is now necessary to implement LAMC 63.44 B. 14(c) which shall institute hours of opening from sunrise to sunset. After consideration and having providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez, Chair
Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee

MEMBER:
HERNANDEZ:
LEE:
HUTT:

VOTE:
YES
YES
YES

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