

MOTION

Runnymede Park is located at 20200 Runnymede Street in Winnetka, in Council District 3, nestled within a residential neighborhood and immediately abutting many single- and multi-family residences. Between May and October 2022, the Los Angeles Police Department received 44 calls for service at this location, as well as numerous other telephone and e-mail complaints from nearby residents, relating to excessive noise, fights and narcotics use, with a concentration of calls in the hours following sundown. There is also an issue with fires set by people using the park during late evening hours. Through targeted community outreach, a large majority of nearby residents expressed support for earlier closure hours for this park. The Winnetka Neighborhood Council also voted to support earlier closure hours.

Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 B.14(a) states that all parks shall have the operating hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. with the exception of the parks listed in LAMC Section Code 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 Runnymede Park located at 20200 Runnymede Street in Council District 3 should be changed to close at 8:30 p.m.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to set the operating hours for Runnymede Park, located at 20200 Runnymede Street, Winnetka, CA 91306, in Council District 3 to open at 5:00 a.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to prominently post the hours at the park listed above.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add the park listed above to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.44.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Park Rangers to enforce the new operating hours at the park listed above seven days a week.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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