
From: Laurie Martinez <hblmartinez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:21 PM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Moon Park Improvement Special Session

My home is located 7 houses down from Moon Park. I walk & bike ride through this park a few times per week. I see many people of all ages in our community of Mesa Verde North using it. And also people outside our community with bikes hitched onto their cars, to access the bike trail.

It's a popular park from early morning to evening. I would like to see lighting installed in the park for safety reasons. And necessary repairs or replacement for the moon sculpture & children's playground equipment. I request Moon Park to be prioritized in the citywide parks and playground assessment.

Thank you,
Laurie Martinez
3339 Nevada Ave Costa Mesa, CA

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From: Madeline Bury <mibury@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:00 PM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Moon Park Rennovation Request

Hi Pacs,

I'm writing as a resident who values our community spaces and would like to encourage the city to invest in renovating Moon Park.

Parks play an important role in the health and well-being of residents. Moon Park has the potential to be an even greater asset for families, children, and visitors if improvements were made to update its facilities, landscaping, and recreational areas. Renovating the park could help create a safer, more welcoming environment and strengthen community engagement.

Investing in our parks also demonstrates a commitment to quality of life in our city. Thoughtful upgrades—such as improved playground equipment, better lighting, walking paths, and seating—would make Moon Park a place that residents of all ages can enjoy.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do on behalf of our community. I hope the city will consider prioritizing renovations to Moon Park in future planning and budgeting discussions.

Sincerely,
Madeline Bury

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From: Evan Carey <evanpatrickcarey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:25 PM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed \$50,000 allocation for Moon Park. This amount does not represent a serious investment in the community located around Moon Park and will do little to address our serious safety and security concerns. Instead, it comes across as an insulting gesture to the residents around the park, who have been asking the City for years to address its condition.

Fifty thousand dollars does not meaningfully improve a park. It barely scratches the surface. What it does do is create the illusion of action while avoiding any real commitment to the community that surrounds Moon Park. The suggestion that more funding may appear in next year's Capital Improvement Program only deepens that concern. Promising money in a future budget cycle while offering a token amount today appears to be a tactic intended to quiet residents' growing concerns and voices going into election season. The community recognizes this approach for what it is: a delay that avoids meaningful action.

At the same time, the City is prioritizing significant investment in Harper Park, an area that is not a park desert. Within roughly a mile of Harper Park, there are already several parks available to residents, including Lions Park, Mariners Park, and Pinkley Park. Access to park space is not the issue in that neighborhood.

What the Harper Park investment will likely do, however, is increase property values along a key economic corridor. As those values rise, so do property tax revenues. But the residents who have lived in that neighborhood for years, many of them among the most vulnerable members of our community, are the ones increasingly being priced out. At this point, it is difficult to ignore the perception that special interests may be influencing the district representative in ways that accelerate the gentrification of our city in an effort to push marginalized communities out of Costa Mesa.

Parks should strengthen the communities around them, not contribute to their displacement. The residents surrounding Moon Park deserve a genuine investment and a clear commitment from the City, not symbolic gestures and promises deferred to future budgets. We are asking the PACS commission to make a meaningful investment in Moon Park and keep special interests out!

Respectfully,

Evan C.

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From: Daniel Hoffman <danhoffman7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:59 PM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Moon Park needs a makeover

Dear PACS,

I am writing to advocate for a comprehensive rehabilitation and upgrade of Moon Park in Costa Mesa.

The park serves as a monument to our country's history. Leaving it in its current state of disrepair is disrespectful to the legacy of those who engineered and sacrificed for the American space race. I believe a significant investment in this site is necessary to properly honor this history and serve our community.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request.

Best regards,

Daniel Hoffman

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From: Jennifer Daly <jen.e.daly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 5:05 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Moon Park

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Daly, I have a 3 year old son, and parks are important to us. We live on California Street in Mesa Verde and would absolutely love for Moon Park to be a safe and fun park for my family. The park currently is a rusted, outdated, and an unsafe park for my son. We have lived here for 5.5 years and my son has been to that park maybe 3 times! With the amount of property taxes we pay, it is very upsetting that a park less than half a mile from house is not safe.

In this neighborhood there is definitely a need for a safe and updated park. Obviously, our neighborhood is filled with young children that would enjoy the park as there is an elementary school AND a middle school down the street. This clearly indicates there are A LOT of families with young children in this neighborhood.

I would love it if the park was gated, had some lights, had updated play equipment, the sand was removed and replaced with either rubber tiles or poured rubber, and the grass was maintained so my son could run around safely. My biggest issue with the park is safety as it is very open to the river trail. There are some people who do not respect property, so by putting a gate around the park it not only keeps kids from running away but also keeps the people out who chose to vandalize our park (graffiti, trash, feces, drug paraphernalia, most recently it looks like someone started a fire, so there was a fire ring on the ground).

Lastly, it is my understanding that the park was built in the 60s and was a tribute to the moon landing. It has come to my attention that there was once a plaque on the moon explaining why it was built, it is now gone. It may be small but by that plaque being removed or stolen who knows how long ago goes to show how little this city has put towards this park over the years. The park is supposed to be paying tribute to something that was a huge part of our American history and it is has just gone to the wayside, is rundown, and been ignored for years.

I have seen the proposed numbers for the budget allocating money towards Moon Park over the next two FY, some for outreach to see what the community wants and the next year for the overhaul of the park. It is very important that this money stays allocated to Moon Park. There are multiple parks around the city that are being updated or have been recently updated that have most definitely received updates before Moon Park was even considered and were in much better condition, Shalamar Park and Baleric Park are just two examples.

I really hope for my son's sake that this committee sticks with their recommendations to the council and funds stay allocated to Moon Park. There is a definite need in this community and our outcries need to be heard.

I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Jennifer Daly

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Savannah Artukovich <savannah.worley999@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 8:39 AM
To: CITY CLERK <CITYCLERK@costamesaca.gov>
Subject: Regarding moon park

Hi my name is Savannah and I live right next door to moon park . I was just going to suggest there be a bathroom installed as well . I think it would be very beneficial for everyone .

Regards,
Savannah Artukovich

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From: q1busymom@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:44 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Moon Park-Citywide Parks & Playground Assessment

To whom it may concern:

Moon Park should be prioritized in the Citywide Parks and Playground Assessment due to multiple safety and usability concerns affecting children and families.

Key issues include the lack of adequate fencing, insufficient lighting, and playground equipment that may not meet current safety standards. The sand in the play areas is often unsanitary, and there are drainage problems around the moon crater structure that create additional hazards. Sidewalks throughout the park are cracked and uneven, creating trip risks for both children and adults.

The overall layout of the park also presents supervision challenges. Caregivers cannot see both playground areas at the same time unless they stand in the bushes or climb on top of the moon structure, which is clearly not practical or safe. Improving sight-lines and rethinking the layout would significantly increase safety and accessibility.

Moon Park has long been an important gathering place for our community. Our own children grew up playing there, and now our grandchildren love to play there as well. With thoughtful improvements and attention to these safety issues, Moon Park can continue to be a cherished and safe space for future generations of families.

Given these conditions, Moon Park should be treated as a priority site for safety improvements, redesign, and maintenance in the Citywide Parks and Playground Assessment process.

Thank you,
Deanne and John Quinlan
1799 New Hampshire Dr.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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From: Nathan Fisher <nafisher001@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:51 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Costa Mesa - Help Fix Moon Park

Hi PACS Commission,

My fiance and I live in North Mesa Verde just a few houses away from Moon Park. We have been residents here for about a year. Since we have been residents, we have become more and more uncomfortable with the activity that takes place at Moon Park. I hope to highlight a few primary concerns here as well as push for a better future for the park.

After the sun goes down, the park is very dark. There is one dimly lit lamp post that is not enough to identify risks if we want to walk our dog near the park. There is a lot of activity at the park during the day and especially on the weekends from people that come down the Santa Ana River Trail and at night, this creates risk for our safety as we don't know the intent of the individuals. Additionally, we have noticed people who have set up camps underneath the 405 freeway just above Moon Park. Again, this creates risk for the Mesa Verde residents, park goers, and especially for families who take their children to Moon Park.

Second, and further iterates the first point above, there is A LOT of graffiti activity at Moon Park. There is constantly graffiti with gang affiliated looking signs on the park signs, on the side of the 405 freeway (which might as well be part of the park), and MOST OFTEN inside the walls of the tunnel that Moon Park shares with the Santa Ana river trail. We can see the graffiti on those walls when we walk out of our front door and it's visible to anybody who is at the park. When the city paints over the graffiti, the same gang signs are back up 1-2 weeks later. Again, this creates risk for the residents in the neighborhood as well as families who take their children to Moon Park.

Third, the equipment and PPE within the common areas is old and rusted, and there are no designated play areas where parents feel safe with their children playing at the park. The playgrounds are old and dirty, the metal trash bins are rusted and tied to trees with rusted metal chains, and the moon feature causes visibility for parents to see their kids if they're playing at the playground on the other side of it (local parents have shared this with us).

It is time to push for new equipment, fence off the playground areas for safety, create a safer space and a better environment for all of us to enjoy what Moon Park has to offer.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns.

Nate and Sarah
Mesa Verde Residents

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From: Angi Vail Rizzo <design497@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:39 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Continued Support for Moon Park Funding: 03.12.2

Dear PACS,

As a lifetime Costa Mesa resident, I want to share how important Moon Park is to families in the State Streets and Mesa Verde neighborhoods, and how much I appreciate the City's efforts to keep it safe, clean, and welcoming. I strongly support continued funding through the Citywide Parks & Playground Assessment so this beautiful community park can continue to be maintained and enjoyed by residents for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Angi Rizzo

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From: Ralph Taboada <taboada1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:47 AM
To: FAUTUA, LAURA
Subject: PACS meeting
Attachments: Parks - Projects PACS 3-12-26.xlsx

Hello Laura

I am attaching an excel file that I would like to show at tonight's PACS meeting. Can you please have it available during public comments?

If any questions please let me know and appreciate it.

Thank you
Ralph

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Parks - Capital Improvement Program --			
FY 26/27 Forecasted vs Proposed Budget			
\$ Thousands	CIP 5-YR Forecast	Proposed Budget	Comments
<u>Parks</u>			
City Wide Tree Maintenance	200	200	Funding Source - Gas Tax
Fairview Park Master Plan Implementation #700135		100	5/25 \$153k balance, is funding needed in FY 26/27?
Fairview Park - Replace Service Road Asphalt	200		
Fairview Park - Vernal Pool Restoration #700132		80	5/25 \$103k balance, is funding needed in FY 26/27?
Harper Park - Playground Replacement		400	Is this the total estimated cost?
Moon Park - Playground Replacement		50	Initial funding... \$350K forecast in FY28/29
Parks Parking Lot & Playground Rehab	150	100	Why mix parking lots & playgrounds? Which parks ?
Park Security Lighting Replacement Program #700080	100	150	Which parks? 5/25 \$12k balance
Park Sidewalk Replacement #700128	75	50	5/25 \$177k balance, is funding needed in FY 26/27?
Shalimar Park - Expansion #700145	350		\$2.0M already approved, additional \$3.5M in future
Skate Park Parking Lot & Parking Lot Expansion	40		
TeWinkle Park - Skate Park Expansion #700027		500	Funding = \$2.2M, Is this additional cost or a scope change?
Tree Planting & Small Tree Care	150		
Totals	1,265	1,630	
<u>Facilities</u>			
Downtown Aquatic Center Pool Gutter Grates		100	In the current 5-yr was scheduled beyond 5-yr need
Senior Center - Facility Improvements		250	Was priority moved up due to Grant funded?
	0	350	
<u>Streets</u>			
Parkway & Medians Improvement Program	200	200	

From: Erica Villalpando <ericajmz@netscape.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:56 AM
To: PACS Comments; CITY CLERK; City of Costa Mesa Parks & Community Services
Cc: moonparkproject@gmail.com
Subject: Moon Park Improvemnets

Dear Costa Mesa City Clerk , Council Members and Parks and Recreation Staff

My name is Erica Villalpando and I live with my two school aged kids and husband in the Mesa Verde neighborhood on Iowa St. We own our home and have been living and paying taxes here for over twenty years. Over the years moon park has been become an eye sore with broken equipment, graffiti and many vagrants hanging out at the park. A park should be a place we can have our kids safely play at and meet our community.

We have joined efforts with other neighbors and community members to improve and reclaim Moon Park as our neighborhood park. Will you please consider allocating funding and time to make Moon Park a beautiful safe space? Fixing the park will not only create a fun, safe place for our families but will ensure our state street homes real estate keep their value . Mesa Verde is a highly sought out neighborhood to live in by young families and having a park in walking distance will increase that desire. Having a dirty, unkept, unsafe park filled with graffiti will surely keep them away.

Thank you for your consideration and for caring about Costa Mesa communities,

Erica Villalpando

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From: Jennifer Tanaka <jletanaka@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:46 AM
To: PACS Comments
Subject: Presentation for this evening's PACS Commission Meeting
Attachments: Harper Park Presentation for PACS 3-12-26.pptx

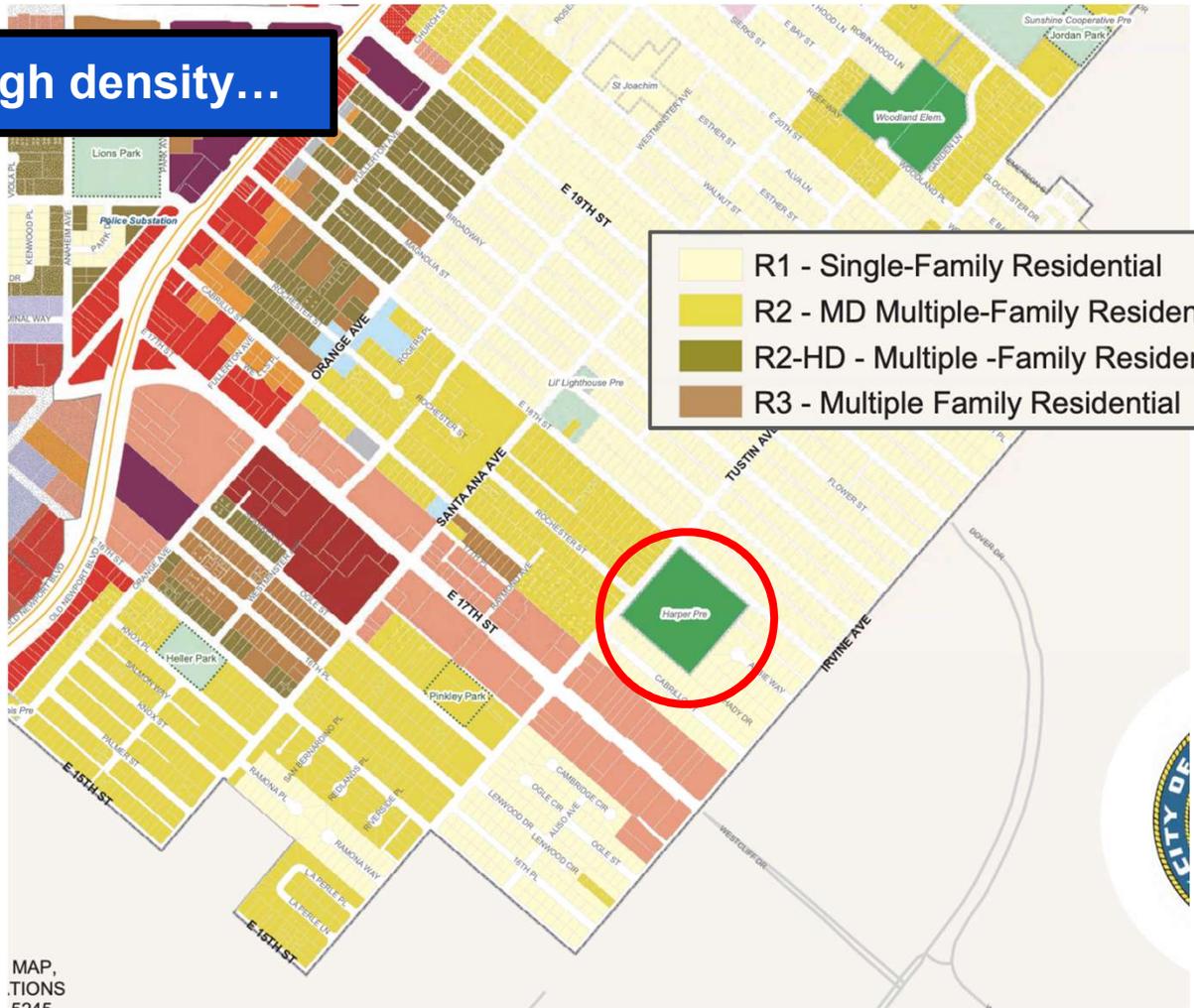
Hello, PACS Commission Members and Staff:

Please find attached a presentation I intend to use with my comments for the meeting this evening.

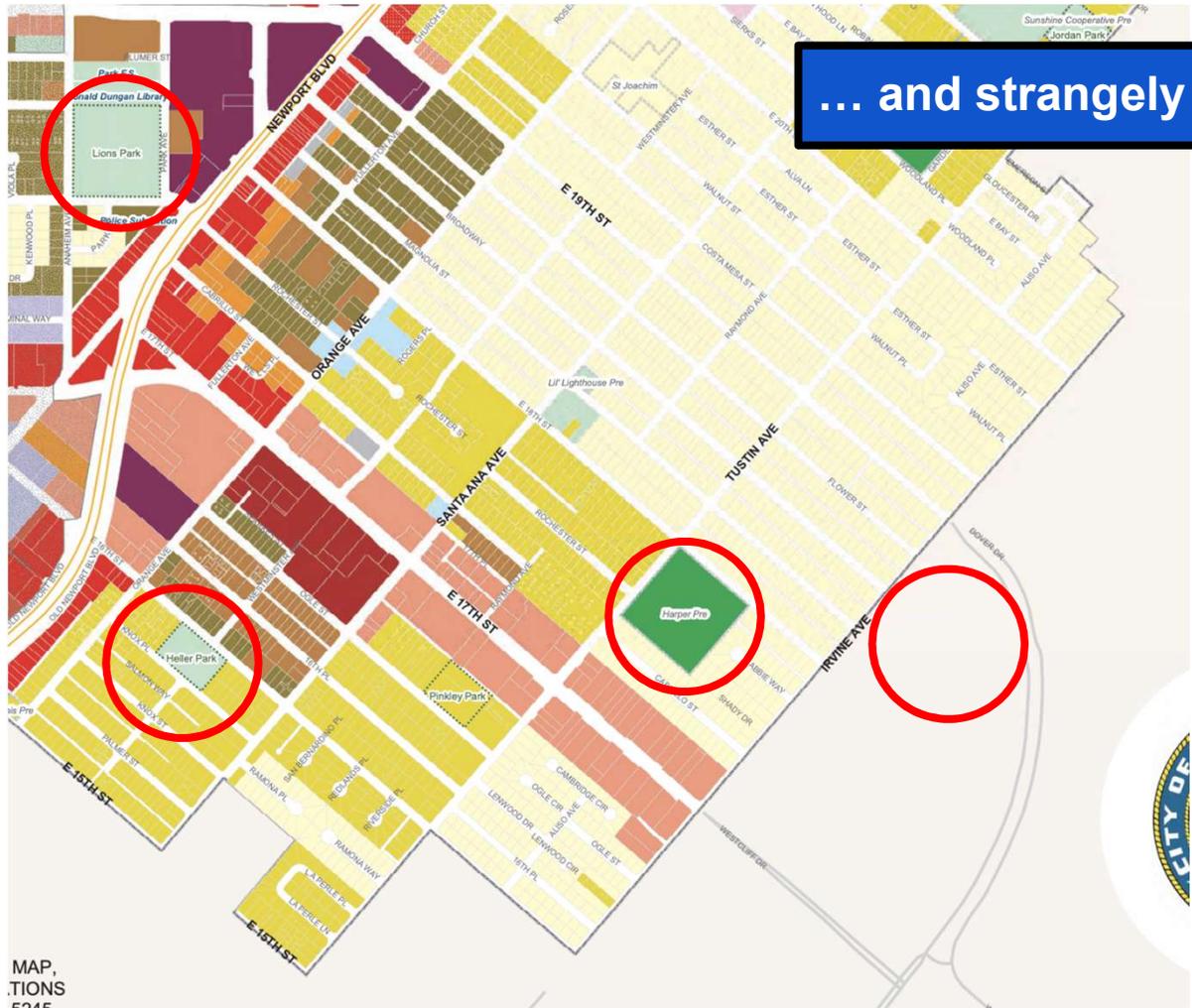
Best,
Jenn Tanaka
321 Broadway

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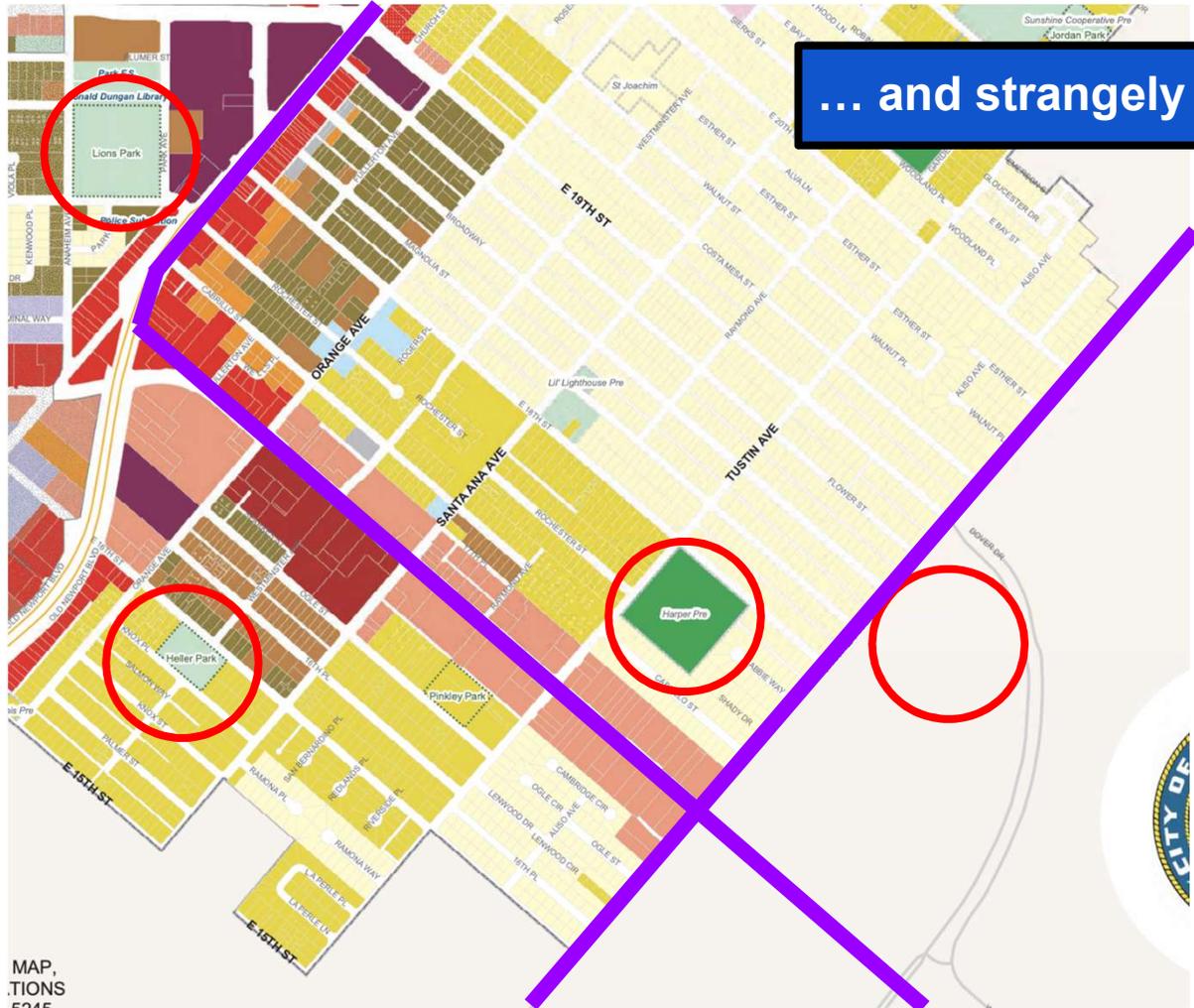
Weirdly high density...



... and strangely park-poor



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Playground is just worn out. Parts are rusted, sand is messy and depleted





Retaining wall is crumbling on edges and showing rebar



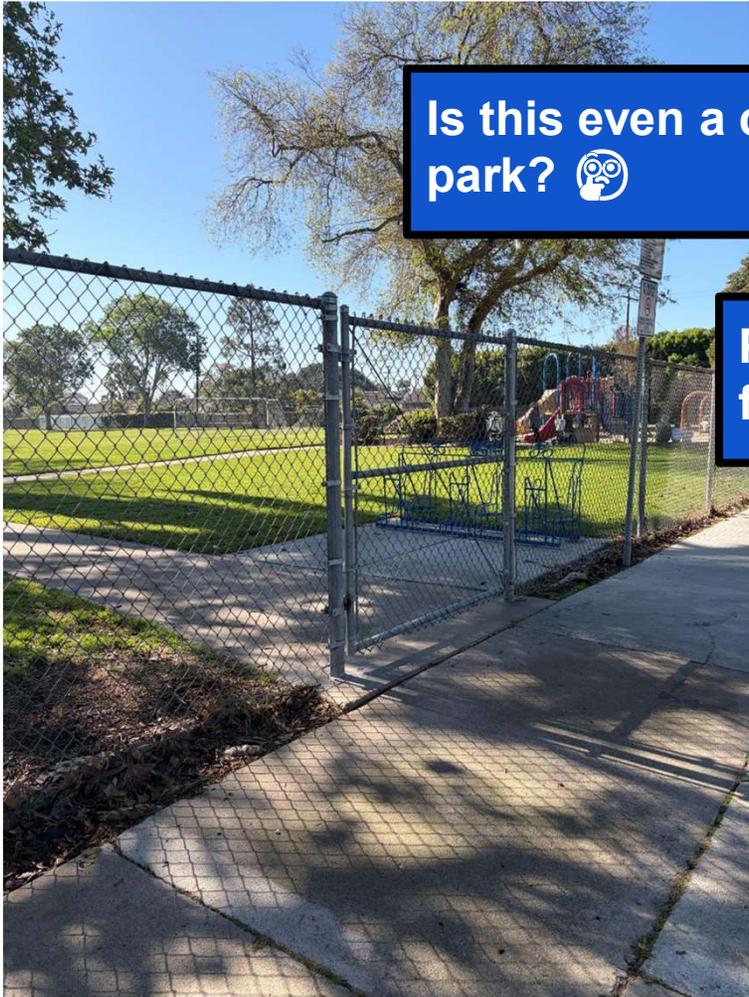


Things get taken out but not replaced

Missing tree



Missing bush



Is this even a city park? 🤔

Park sign is 20-30 ft from actual entrance



HARPER PARK
Costa Mesa
425 E. 18TH ST
THIS PARK IS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT
DIRECT COMMENTS REGARDING THIS PARK TO:
Park District 714-948-2222
MAINTENANCE CONCERNS:
714-948-2222
AFTER HOURS CONCERNS:
714-948-2222

**Tiny, shadeless
hang-out space**



**Back corner just
collects trash
and debris**





Intersection with Rochester needs work, too

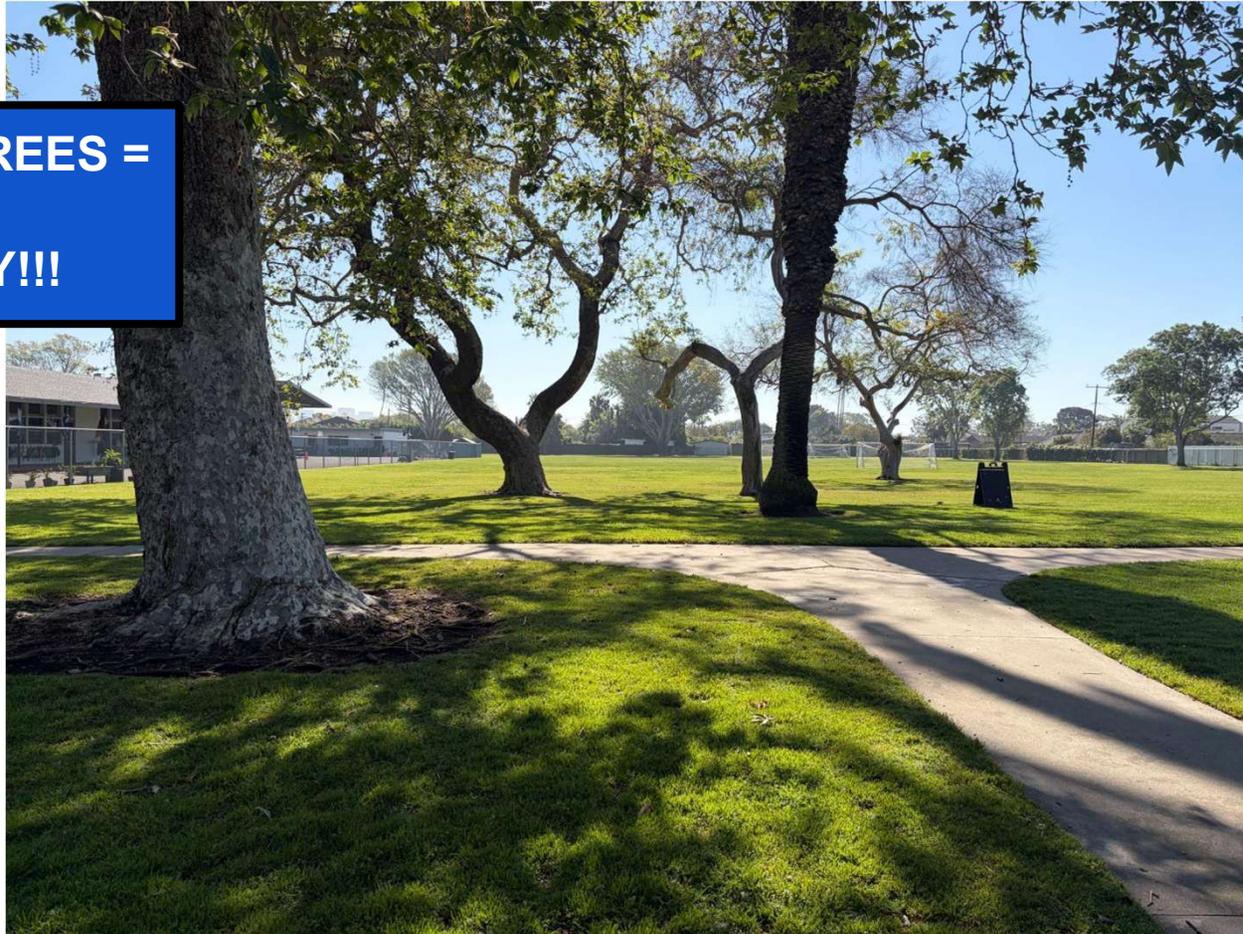


Any solution for kids and dogs darting from behind parked cars would be great!



**Transitions need
work and not ADA
compliant**

**FABULOUS TREES =
WILD MISSED
OPPORTUNITY!!!**



From: debra marsteller <debmarst@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 12:41 PM
To: PACS Comments; CITY CLERK
Subject: Save the Moon

Dear parks committee

Thank you for the service you provide our community.

I just want to reiterate my preference for keeping Moon Park as is. Save the moon. Save the hills. Save the tranquility. If the toddlers parents want a fenced in protected park, they could go around the corner to suburbia 2 park. It is fenced in already and we can have playgrounds there. Fencing would prevent all of the marathon water stations from being accessible and just really isn't necessary. I live right on the park and have for 30 years. I have never once worried about security. We have a lovely little spot and don't need more lighting or more development of any kind. We can upgrade the drinking fountains!

Thanks again

Debbie Marsteller
3374 California St, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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