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To: PACS Comments
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Subject: Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission Written Comment

Dear Costa Mesa Parks and Community Services Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns and suggestions regarding Moon Park. As a resident of the State Streets neighborhood, I have noticed several issues that need immediate attention to make the park a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone.

Firstly, Moon Park is in dire need of updating. The current equipment is outdated, rusting, sun faded and, in some cases, unsafe. I propose that new playground equipment be installed and positioned away from the freeway to provide a safer environment for children and less noise exposure. Additionally, the installation of a fence to separate the park from the Santa Ana River Trail would greatly enhance safety and prevent unintended access to the river trail area by children using the park.

The park would also benefit from the addition of a multi-purpose court that could accommodate basketball, mini soccer, and pickleball. This would provide much-needed recreational opportunities for both children and adults in our community. This would also help reduce the number of improvised pickle ball and basketball courts spread throughout the neighborhood.

Security is another major concern. There is an urgent need for security lighting throughout the park. The current lack of lighting makes the park unsafe, especially in the evenings. Enhanced lighting would deter inappropriate activities and ensure the park is welcoming to families at all times.

I must also want to bring to your attention the ongoing issue of unhoused individuals using the park for camping. While this is a complex social issue, it significantly impacts the safety and cleanliness of the park. There have been multiple incidents of people drinking and using drugs in the park daily. Unfortunately, many of these individuals then leave their cans and other trash on the playground. This behavior is not only illegal but also creates an environment where families do not feel safe.

It is disheartening to see that, despite many young families moving into the neighborhood, they feel extremely unsafe using Moon Park. This park has the potential to be a central hub for community activities and family gatherings, but its current state is far from that vision.

I urge the PACS Commission to prioritize the renovation of Moon Park, including new equipment, security lighting, and measures to address the issues caused by unhoused individuals. By making these improvements, we can transform Moon Park into a safe, vibrant, and welcoming space for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. I look forward to seeing positive changes in our community park.

Sincerely,

Evan Carey

From: Jennifer Daly <jen.e.daly@gmail.com>
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Subject: Topic for 6/27 Parks & Rec meeting

Hello,

I am a resident of Costa Mesa and more specifically Mesa Verde. At the meeting this coming Thursday, I would like to address the issues with Moon Park in Mesa Verde. This park is maintained VERY poorly and I do not feel comfortable having my child play at his neighborhood park. We want to be able to have a safe and clean park for the neighborhood children to play at and Moon Park is not that park. There are so many young and growing families in this neighborhood, there is no reason to not have a safe environment for our children to play in. Our request is for the park to be cleaned up, all new play equipment, replace the sand with the soft padding, gates to avoid homeless people entering the park as they please, and more park benches. I am sure you have heard this countless times, but we pay enough in taxes that our parks should be up to par without question.

Also, there is absolutely no reason why Shalimar park would be updated and cleaned up before Moon Park. I have seen the plans for this park and those funds should be diverted to Moon Park.

I look forward to the meeting this coming Thursday.

Thank you.
Jennifer Daly

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