

MOTION

The Sepulveda Basin, a vital recreational, environmental, and flood control resource in the San Fernando Valley, has been the focus of multiple significant projects involving various City departments and government agencies. These include the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) ongoing capital planning and programming, the Bureau of Engineering's (BOE) Vision Plan and river de-channelization work and numerous capital projects, LA Sanitation and Environment's (LASAN) oversight and upgrades to the Donald C. Tillman (DCT) Water Reclamation Plant, LA County Flood Control District's projects for the L.A. River, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Sepulveda Dam Master Plan for flood control and environmental sustainability.

However, there have been persistent communication challenges between the public, City departments, federal agencies, and community stakeholders regarding what is happening in this space. This challenge is all more apparent as the Basin will host three events during the LA28 Games, as attendees for Basin LA28 events have no central source of updates. It is essential that the public has access to accurate, timely, and clear information. Furthermore, active community groups like the Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, and Encino Neighborhood Councils, Friends of the LA River, the Audubon Society, and the Basin Wildlife Steering Committee play important roles in the Basin's development and should be fully integrated into communication efforts. A dedicated website, modeled after Griffith Park's website would serve as a centralized hub to address these communication gaps, ensuring the public, City departments, and federal agencies can access and share critical information. This will enhance transparency, community engagement, and efficient coordination among all parties involved in transforming the basin for LA28 and beyond.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks with the assistance of the Information Technology Agency, the Bureau of Engineering, LA Sanitation and Environment, and the City Administrative Officer to report within 60 days with a work plan to develop a website for the Sepulveda Basin, a plan for coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a timeline for completion, staffing needs, and the anticipated budget for the development and maintenance of the website, including using in-house staff versus external contractors, as well as potential sponsorships tied to the 2028 Olympics, grants, and collaborations with local organizations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the website include:

- a) Existing recreational facilities, events, and programming within the park, including community activities, festivals, sports leagues, and Olympic-related events.
- b) Construction and infrastructure projects updates including updates from the BOE on the Vision Plan and river widening efforts, LASAN on the DCT Plant, Metro's G line improvements, USACE on the Master Plan's implementation, and other projects in planning from RAP or other departments.
- c) Transportation and navigation within the park, including a virtual map, information on parking lots, major paths, and Metro and DASH bus access.
- d) Emergency alerts related to safety concerns, natural disasters, or traffic impacts, especially as the area prepares for the Olympics.

- e) Volunteer and community opportunities to engage in basin cleanups, tree planting, and other efforts related to Olympic preparations.
- f) Ongoing sustainability initiatives, including environmental restoration projects and flood control improvements, in coordination with the USACE and other relevant agencies.
- g) Links to active community groups such as the Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, and Encino Neighborhood Councils, the Audubon Society, and the Basin Wildlife Steering Committee, to ensure local stakeholders are integrated into communication efforts and the public can engage with these groups.
- h) Environmental and sustainability efforts, highlighting improvements tied to the Vision Plan and the USACE's Master Plan, ensuring that the basin remains a key flood control and environmental asset.
- i) Multilingual features on the website to make information accessible to diverse communities and international visitors expected during the 2028 Olympics.
- j) Community input to ensure the website meets the needs of local park users and international visitors, with a special focus on accessibility during Olympic preparations, public safety, and implementation of the Vision Plan and the USACE's Master Plan.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, and LA Sanitation and Environment coordinate with the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympics to ensure the website provides comprehensive and timely information on Olympic preparations, park improvements, and Master Plan milestones.

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