

Park & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting of August 26, 2021  
Public Comment

From: MICHELLE ARRIAGA [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:53 PM  
To: Wanden, Aaron <[awanden@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:awanden@brentwoodca.gov)>  
Subject: Dolphin Park Public Comment

CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER

There are many concerns when it comes to Dolphin Park, especially for the homeowners living directly around the park. Parking illegally, double parking, burning out, additional traffic, especially on weekends, loud music coming from idling cars and violations of almost everything on the signage. Because it is a free water park, attendees have come from as far as Stockton to use it. This was told directly to me when I was setting up for National Night Out. The water runs all day, 7 days a week, which seems useless. Maybe if we had a better way to use it, or could limit the days and hours that the water was on or have an app or some registration method, where if you live in the City of Brentwood, you use the park free, but if you were from out of the City, you had to purchase “time” to use the water feature. The park is funded by City funds, so residents of Brentwood have already “paid” to use it, either in property taxes or some other sort of tax. Non Brentwood residents, have no vested interest in the park as it is not in their neighborhood/city so it is not a big deal to leave dirty diapers in the gutters or in front of someone’s house or actually have their child urinate on the curb when there is a perfectly good bathroom at the park. During the evening hours, people come and park, drink and smoke drugs, and then crawl into the play structure to do other things. The police have been called numerous times, and either drive by and see the vacant car and keep on driving, or talk to the individuals and just send them on their way. Tickets or citations have not been issued. As many of us in the neighborhood have cameras, it is all on tape and it is a little frustrating. It seems pointless to add additional signage if there are no consequences other than “have a nice day” when items are violated. It is stated in the Staff Report, “Dolphin Park was not designed or intended for large groups or organized parties” however, weekly, passenger vans come sometimes from as far as Concord (it says it on the vans) with 40-60 kids ranging in ages from 7 to teens. On many occasions, I have seen smaller children on the play structure playing and when these vans come and unload the larger kids, they go and take over the play structure and just sit at the top of the slide so no one can use it. The neighboring children and their families, just pack up their belongings and walk home out of fear of confrontation. We all take pride in our neighborhood and homes and have worked hard and spent a lot to live here, yet sometimes it feels as if the level of services we receive are not comparable.

**From:** [Wanden, Aaron](#)  
**To:** [McGurk, Elaine](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: AGENDA ITEM FOR ZOOM MEETING TONITE  
**Date:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 11:54:25 AM  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 11:41 AM  
**To:** Wanden, Aaron <[awanden@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:awanden@brentwoodca.gov)>  
**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM FOR ZOOM MEETING TONITE

**CAUTION – EXTERNAL SENDER**

ATTACHED IS AN AGENDA ITEM TO BE ADDED TO TONIGHTS' MEETING ABOUT DOLPHIN PARK FROM A HOMEOWNER THAT ASKED THAT I WOULD FORWARD TO YOU. THEY WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS. THANKS.

|-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM FOR DOLPHIN PART ZOOM MEETING TONITE

## **DOLPHIN PARK PROBLEMS FROM HOMEOWNER**

PARK CLEANERS DO NOT DO A THOROUGH JOB OF CLEANING! THEY HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY WILL NOT PICK UP DIRTY DIAPERS IN THE GUTTERS – THAT IS NOT THEIR JOB. I HAD AN INDEPTH DISCUSSION WITH HER AND SHE WAS ADAMANT THAT SHE WOULD NOT PICK IT UP! I SAID YOU WANT ME TO PICK IT UP? SHE DIDN'T CARE IF I DID OR DID NOT – SHE WOULD NOT DO IT. AND SHE WASN'T WORRIED THAT I WOULD REPORT HER! THIS IS DISGUSTING. I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO EVEN SEE A DIRTY DIAPER EVER.....

THEY SHOULD ALSO CLEAN THE EXTREMELY DIRTY TABLES AND BENCHES AND HOSE DOWN THE CEMENT UNDER AND AROUND THE TABLES WITH CLEANER THEY ARE INFESTED WITH ANTS.

WE HAVE A NEIGHBOR WHO WALKS HER DOG EVERY MORNING AT 5:30 BRINGING ALONG A BLACK GARBAGE BAG AND CLEANS UP WHAT SHE SEES (FOOD, GARBAGE, TOYS, ETC)

A WHILE AGO, SHE OBSERVED SOMEONE COME OUT OF THE RESTROOM AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING. IF THE BATHROOMS ARE SUPPOSEDLY LOCKED HOW DID HE GET IN THERE?

WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO POLICE PRESENCE AROUND THE PARK. IF THE PATROLS WOULD JUST DRIVE BY MORE OFTEN IT COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SAY ONCE AN HOUR – JUST A DRIVE BY WOULD IN MY OPINION MAKE US LOOK LIKE THE POLICE ARE WATCHING THE VISITORS.

WE ARE EXHAUSTED WITH THIS PARK. AS A HOMEOWNER WE HAVE NO “DOWN TIME” WEEKENDS PEOPLE START SETTING UP PARTIES AT 6:00 A.M. AND DON'T LEAVE TIL 9:00 P.M. OR LATER. HOURS NEED TO BE SHORTENED AND MAYBE EVEN CLOSE THE PARK ON SUNDAYS. A COMMUNITY SERVICE PERSON SHOULD COME BY AND ENFORCE PARK RULES.

WE HAVE ASKED THAT YOU LEAVE THIS PARK OUT OF ANY PUBLICATION TO LESSEN THE USE. WHY CAN'T THIS BE DONE?

WE PAY EXTRA TAXES TO OWN OUR HOMES IN THIS AREA, WE ARE GETTING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN RETURN FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE PAY TO LIVE HERE. SOME BIG CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE