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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

**Chaminade College Preparatory -- Condon Center, 2nd Floor
23241 West Cohasset Street, West Hills, CA 91304**

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In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and LA City Council File 23 1114, the West Hills Neighborhood Council Beautification Committee Meeting, will be conducted in person. All are invited to attend and participate.

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting may be asked to complete a Speaker Card. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of the January 2026 Meeting
3. Comments and Announcements from the Chairs
4. Public Comment
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Cleanup Events for February 2026 and March 2026
6. Discussion and Possible Action on:

Council File 20-0190, Armed While on duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal code (LAMC) / Section 63.41 / Amendment (Lee - McOske)

The original motion was introduced February 11, 2020 and a new motion pertaining to the same subject matter was introduced January 21, 2026, and referred to the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee. The motion is instructing the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Police Department (LAPD), to prepare and present an ordinance to amend Municipal Code Section 63.41 to authorize Park Rangers to carry a firearm while on duty, as allowed for under state law.

7. West Hills Park Updates – if available
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Spending Requests
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Right-Of-Way (ROW) Letters
10. Strike Team Reports
11. Suggestions for the March Agenda
12. Adjournment

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet- based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of in internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5).

A legislative body that provides a time public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A).

A legislative body that does not provide a time public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise to be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

Public Input: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, an issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the committee.

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JOINT BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE/BOARD ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
revised January 21, 2026

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Beautification Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Attendance: Brenda Citrom, Glenn Jennings, Kim Koerber, Heidi Manning, and Brad Vanderhoof
Other Board members present: None

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was established.

The October meeting minutes were approved.

Comments and Announcements from the Co-Chair(s): None

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. Future Cleanup Events for January and February 2026:

The plan for the January cleanup is to join the VCC effort at Shadow Ranch Park, on Monday, January 26, from 8:30 to 10:30. VCC requires a signed waiver. The waiver is available on their website.

[Volunteers Cleaning Communities Waiver Form](#)

The February Cleanup will be February 21, 8:30-11:30 AM on Valley Circle between Ingomar and Dorie.

6. West Hills Park Updates: Orcutt Ranch is having their one-hundredth anniversary this year. CD12 and Rec. and Parks are organizing a committee to plan a celebration.

7. Spending Requests: None

8. Right-Of-Way (ROW) Letters: Glenn and Brad will deliver brochures. No new suggestions.

9. Strike Team Reports: Heidi has done a lot of work dealing with palm fronds on March.

10. Suggestions for the February Agenda: None

Co-chair Brad adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is February 17, 2026, 6:30 PM, Chaminade Condon Center.



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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-0190

1 message

LA City SNOW <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, LAFDFireCommission@lacity.org, RAP.Commissioners@lacity.org, lindag@lakebalboanc.org

Wed, Oct 8, 2025 at 6:16 AM

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Lake Balboa

Name: Linda Gravani

Email: Lindag@lakebalboanc.org

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/03/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 10/08/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, Fire Commission

Council File Number: 20-0190

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Until the homeless find other locations to live, the Sepulveda basin is a dangerous place. The parks are for the use of all stakeholders, however in the current conditions we don't feel safe to walk around the park. The park rangers don't feel safe either. LBNC has been asking for this for many years apparently now someone is going to do something about it. PASS THIS Council File.



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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-0190

1 message

LA City SNOW <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
Reply-To: LA City SNOW <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>
To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, chase.puskar@losfeliznc.org

Tue, Nov 4, 2025 at 10:11 PM

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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Los Feliz

Name: Chase Puskar

Email: chase.puskar@losfeliznc.org

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/21/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 11/05/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0190

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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mental illness. We encourage the city to continue working to streamline unarmed response protocols in our city rather than expanding access to firearms.

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-COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT-

Council File: [20-0190](#)

Title: Armed While On Duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 63.41 / Amendment

Position: Not in Support

Summary:

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MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY
ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND
COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

The City's Park Rangers are sworn law enforcement officers and authorized to enforce the law and make arrests under Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.41. These Officers are graduates of the Police Academy, where they are trained alongside Police Department (LAPD) recruits. In addition, Park Rangers are required to have a four-year degree, a higher standard than many other law enforcement agencies in the State. Despite this, these officers are prohibited from being armed while on duty, while other park jurisdictions, including the State Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority have armed Park Rangers.

The City's Park Rangers face numerous threats while carrying out their duties. Between January 2021 and October 2022 there were 21 assaults on police officers and Park Rangers in the City's parks. Rangers have frequently had to call on LAPD due to gun, knife or shooting incidents in City parks, and hundreds of firearms have been recovered in the City's parks by law enforcement over recent years. Given these threats to Rangers and the general public using the City's parks, and the continued reductions in the number of sworn LAPD officers, Park Rangers should be authorized to be armed while on duty.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Police Department (LAPD), be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to amend Municipal Code Section 63.41 to authorize Park Rangers to carry a firearm while on duty, as allowed for under state law.

I FURTHER MOVE that RAP and the LAPD be directed to establish policies and procedures through Memoranda of Understanding to be followed by armed Park Rangers, and to establish any necessary use of force policies, training and investigatory standards needed to ensure that armed Rangers are trained and held to the same standards as sworn officers in the LAPD.

PRESENTED BY:


JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:

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