

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

March 13, 2013

Agenda Item #9

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## **MOTION TO REPEAL EARLIER MOTION ON ARTIFICIAL TURF SOCCER FIELD AT WESTWOOD PARK AND TO ADOPT A NEW MOTION**

### **TO REPEAL THE FOLLOWING MOTION OF WWNC WHICH WAS ADOPTED ON JUNE 13, 2012:**

“The WWNC supports the AYSO Region 70 project to build a fenced-in artificial turf field at Westwood Park funded by up to \$450,000 in designated Quimby funds with the understanding that the City of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation is committed to maintaining the field year round.”

### **AND TO ADOPT IN ITS PLACE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:**

The WWNC joins the Westwood Community Council and Westwood Homeowners Association in calling for the following from the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Fifth District Council Office prior to the allocation or expenditure of any Quimby funds for any proposed artificial turf soccer field at Westwood Park:

1. Creation of a Master Plan for Westwood Park/Westwood Recreation Center identifying and prioritizing comprehensive needs of the park, and a timetable and plan to realize these improvements.
2. This Master Plan must provide for an equitable allocation of Westwood Quimby Funds across all needs and all park users, and also ensure equitable allocation of Westwood Quimby Funds to Holmby Park and Westwood Gardens Park to meet the needs of those two park facilities as well.
3. Capital Improvement Funds must be allocated in a planned and orderly manner to improve the entire park.
4. The Master Plan must address existing public health and safety issues at Westwood Park, and other problematic issues including: repairing, restoring and securing the outdoor public rest rooms (men’s and women’s), installation of security cameras near the exterior of the outdoor restrooms, repair and/or resurfacing of the eight tennis courts, repairing walkways, repairing drinking fountains, repairing/restoring the signature “sculptural” climbing element and removing the chain link fence surrounding it.

5. A Park Advisory Board, with broad community-wide representation, must be immediately reconstituted and reestablished to develop this Master Plan in partnership with the Park Director.
6. WWNC does not support spending all, or nearly all, of the available Quimby Funds on one project when there are so many other existing needs at Westwood Park.
7. WWNC is open to working with AYSO to support their objective of securing properly maintained field space.
8. Support the idea of repositioning/reallocating some existing uses (i.e., possibly converting three of the existing tennis court to a U-10 Artificial Turf Playing Field, leaving five tennis courts).
9. WWNC does not support installing artificial turf in areas that are currently natural turf (vs. installing artificial turf on existing concrete pads/asphalt, which does not reduce green space) until such time as a Master Plan that identifies and prioritizes all needed park improvements is adopted, after public input.
10. Need to support the “Friends of Westwood Park” similar to “Friends of Westwood Library” to raise increased private funds to support the needs of Westwood Park, including better field maintenance.
11. Ask the Council Office and Department of Recreation and Parks to refrain from spending any Westwood Quimby Funds at Westwood Park until a full assessment of the comprehensive needs at Westwood Park is completed and this Master Plan has been produced, with ample public notice and input from, and reporting back to, the WWNC, Westwood Community Council, Westwood Homeowner Associations, and other interested Westwood stakeholders..