

File No. 15-0571

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of the hours of operation at Alma Park as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino - O'Farrell):

1. ESTABLISH the hours of operation at Alma Park, located at the intersection of West 21st Street and South Meyler Street in San Pedro, as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to prominently post the aforementioned hours at Alma Park.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to add Alma Park to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 63.44.
4. REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Los Angeles Park Rangers to enforce the new park hours at Alma Park seven days a week.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On June 8, 2015, the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River Committee considered Motion (Buscaino - O'Farrell) relative to the establishment of the hours of operation at Alma Park as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset. The Motion states that residents of the neighborhood surrounding Alma Park have expressed concerns about illegal activity that appears to be taking place in the park after dark. On January 20, 2015, the Alma Park Advisory Board voted in support of changing the park closed hours from 10:30 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. to closed from sunset to sundown. The Motion also states that the Los Angeles Police Department Harbor Division and surrounding community is supportive of this change and strongly believes that this will allow the police department to more adequately curb illegal activities.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	VOTE
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O'FARRELL:	YES
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LABONGE:	YES
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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CEDILLO:	YES
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PRICE:	YES
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