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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal

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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.

The CIS process was enabled by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 01/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number:

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At our regular meeting on January 14th, 2025, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board of Directors voted to submit a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 24-1366: Spring Street Park / Park Security / Downtown Los Angeles / Council District 14 / AB 1290 Fund. Please see the attached document for said statement.

Ref:MSG11743513

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January 14, 2024

Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 24-1366: Spring Street Park / Park Security / Downtown Los Angeles / Council District 14 / AB 1290 Fund

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regular public meeting on January 14, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement in **support** of CF 24-1366: Spring Street Park / Park Security / Downtown Los Angeles / Council District 14 / AB 1290 Fund.

Since the construction of Spring Street Park in 2013, Downtown stakeholders have been vocal about the challenges posed by the lack of capital investments to address inefficient designs, maintenance, and security.

Although TFAR funds were established early in the park’s history to provide contract security, various City Council District administrations and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) have struggled to maintain consistent funding streams given the rise of competing issues—ultimately, funding ran out in 2023 to support this service.

As such daily safety issues at Spring Street Park, including open drug use, lewd behavior, public defecation, vandalism, and fires, severely impair the park’s functionality, appeal, and accessibility in this underserved corner of DTLA. These safety challenges present current challenges to RAP maintenance staff and surrounding residential buildings including instances of violent crimes and break-ins.

In recent community surveys from community-based organizations, Downtown stakeholders overwhelmingly supported the need for addressing security at Spring Street.¹

¹ See the attached survey conducted by the *Spring Street Park Committee* in consultation with the *Spring Street Park Foundation* on October 13, 2024

By funding a dedicated security presence, the City can address safety concerns and restore the park's role as a secure and functional public space for visitors, families, and residents of DTLA. However, it is crucial that these efforts be accompanied by outreach, social services, and improved sanitation for the park's most vulnerable patrons. By meeting the needs of all park users—whether families, pets, or individuals experiencing homelessness—we can create a safe and inclusive environment for all Downtown stakeholders.

Sincerely,



Claudia Oliveira
President,
DLANC



Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

Cc:

Council District 14 (via email)
Department of Recreation and Parks (via email)
Historic Core Business Improvement District (via email)



Spring Street Park Community Survey Results

Conducted by The Rowan Park Committee Oct. 13, 2024

75 Responses

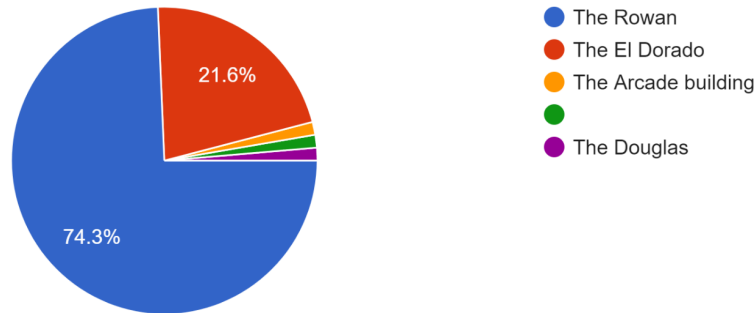
The Spring Street Park community survey was launched to identify key priorities and concerns from The Rowan and El Dorado residents. Results show the top priority within the community is the reinstatement of a security presence to address safety and cleanliness issues. The following pages summarize the survey results and community feedback to help guide future improvements.

Archived Survey:



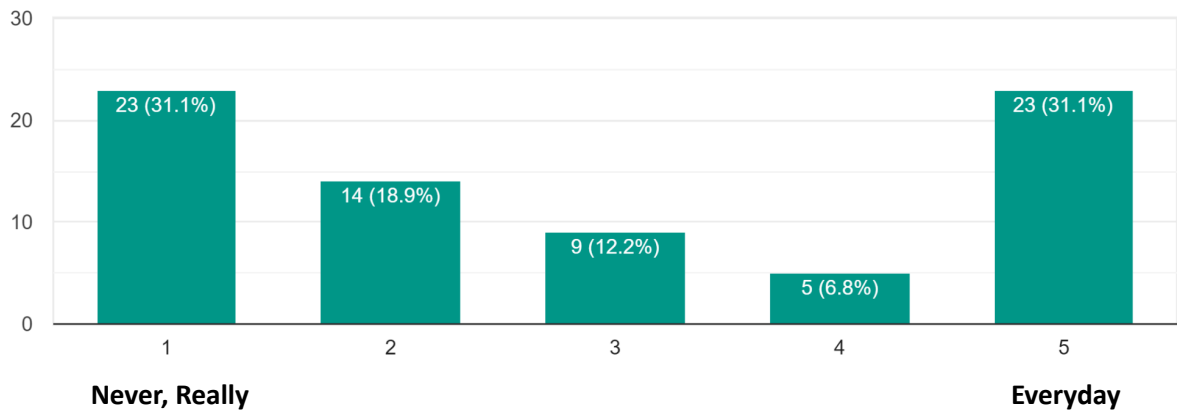
In which building do you reside?

74 responses



How often do you visit Spring Street Park?

74 responses



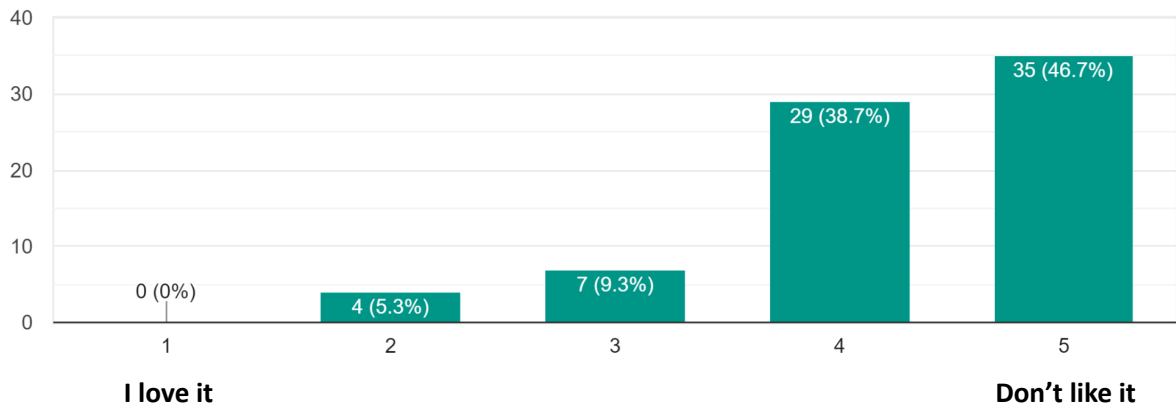
What is your primary reason for visiting the park?

75 responses



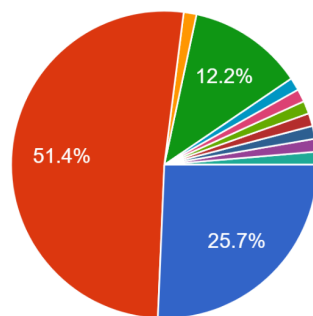
How do you currently feel about the overall condition and atmosphere of the park?

75 responses



FIVE YEAR VISION: In five years' time, I would love to see Spring Street Park...

74 responses

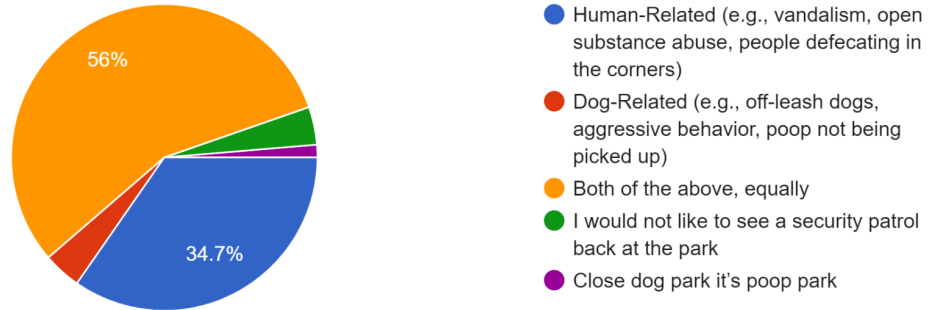


- ...as vibrant, dog-friendly space where...
- ...transformed as a green space, with t...
- ...as a family destination, with the cent...
- ...as a center of creativity, with the cen...
- ...remain more or less as is.
- A combination on all of these.
- For both dogs and families.
- Would love to see a beautiful mobile/p...

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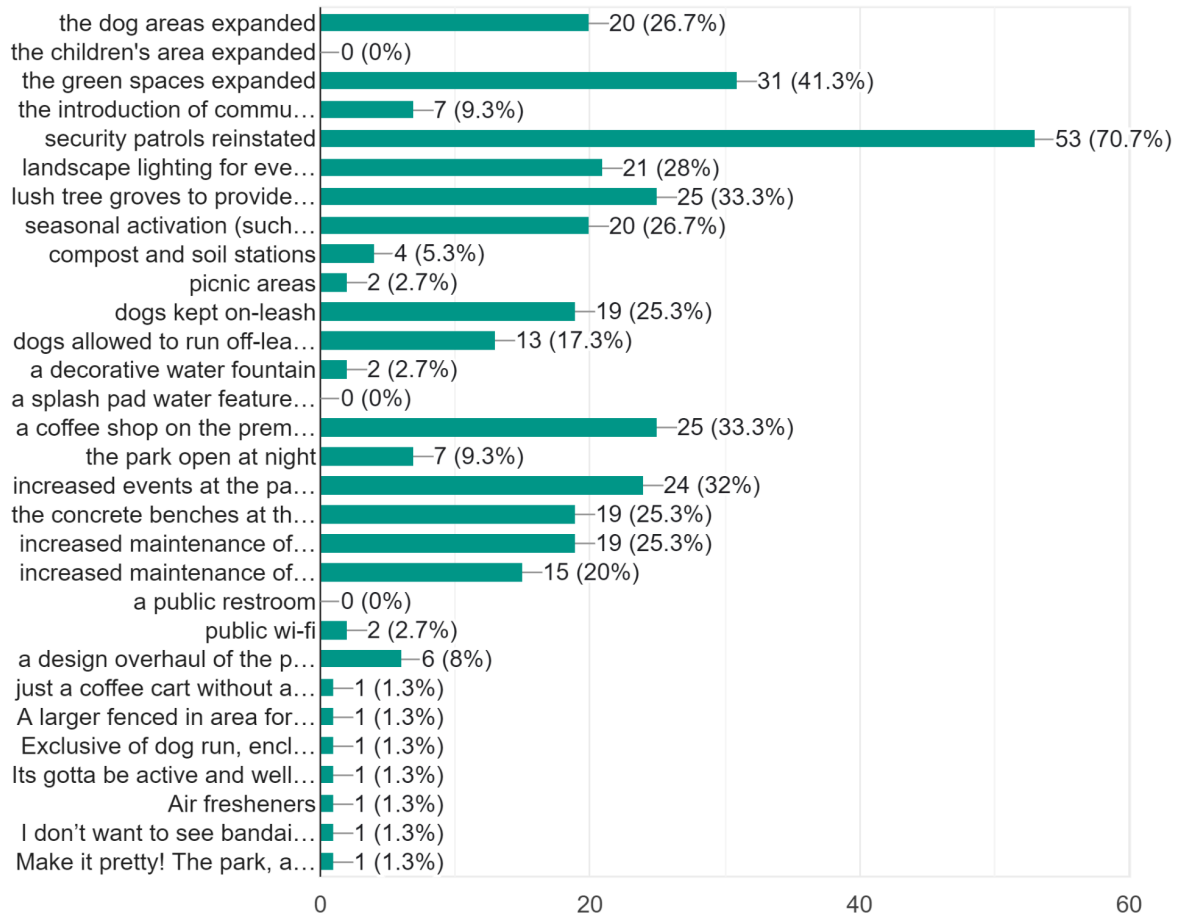
🛡️ If a security patrol were reinstated at Spring Street Park, what specific areas or issues would you like them to focus on?

74 responses



👁️🌳🌟 I would like to see... (choose up to 5)

75 responses



Long-Answer Question:

The once-grassy mound at the heart of the park which is now a dirt mound, what should be done with it in the short term?

Answers Condensed:

1. **Grass Solutions**

Many respondents want the space to be revitalized with grass or drought-resistant plants. Some suggest planting hardy vegetation or even using artificial turf to withstand heavy dog use. Others propose temporary installations or fencing to allow grass to regrow or to protect it from dogs.

2. **Dog Management**

A significant number of responses focus on the impact of dogs. Some suggest banning dogs from the area or creating separate spaces for dogs to run. There's also a call for stricter enforcement of leash laws and fines for not picking up after pets. Fencing, security, and designated dog areas are recurring themes.

3. **Landscaping and Redesign**

Many suggest rethinking the park's overall design, adding more trees, pathways, benches, and areas that can accommodate both human and on-leash dog traffic. There's also a call for professional landscaping with integrated landscape lighting for night-time ambiance when the park is closed.

4. **Temporary and Interim Solutions**

While waiting for long-term changes, some respondents propose temporary solutions like installing artificial turf, temporary art displays, or maintaining the current dirt mound until more substantial changes can be made.

5. **Maintenance and Cleanliness**

Cleanliness is another concern, with several respondents mentioning the need for better maintenance, including cleaning up after dogs and reducing dust and dirt. Some also mention the need for air fresheners or keeping the area clean to improve the overall experience.

Anything else you'd like to share?

1. **Security and Cleanliness**

The most frequent concern, with many respondents calling for better security and cleanliness, particularly to address issues like drug use, defecation, and safety. The need for regular patrolling, enforcement of rules, and maintaining the park's environment was emphasized.

2. **Park Design and Functionality**

There was a strong call for redesigning the park to make it more functional and inviting as a park in the traditional sense. Suggestions included adding trees, shaded areas, seating, landscape lighting at night, and spaces that can accommodate both dogs and people organically. Several respondents also mentioned adding retail or café spaces to activate the park.

3. **Dog Management**

Several responses mentioned issues with off-leash dogs and dog waste. People either want a

better-managed dog area or are concerned about the safety of having dogs roam freely. The need for fenced or designated areas for dogs was a common theme.

4. **Homelessness and Social Services**

A significant number of respondents expressed concern about homelessness in the park, with suggestions ranging from security enforcement to community outreach and support (e.g., providing water, Narcan, and necessities).

5. **General Support and Encouragement**

Many respondents expressed gratitude for the effort to improve the park and showed excitement for its potential. They appreciate the initiative and are hopeful for positive changes.