

MOTION

Currently a vehicular gate at the intersection of Deronda Drive and Mulholland Highway (the Deronda Gate) controls access to Griffith Park and the 5600-5900 blocks of Mulholland Highway, which lie within Griffith Park. Currently, only authorized vehicles with need to access the Communications Facility at the top of Mt. Lee, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) vehicles, or other authorized vehicles are supposed to pass through this vehicular gate. Despite that the roadway is used solely for authorized vehicles and that the gate regulates access to the City's Griffith Park facilities, nearby property owners hold existing revocable permits to maintain this vehicular gate as part of a larger original revocable permit that includes separate walls and a parking pad, among other features. Additionally, this roadway is a popular access point for pedestrians into Griffith Park and the City should take steps to convert it into a pedestrian mall to definitively close off private vehicular access to ensure the safety of residents accessing the park. The City should also take over the responsibility of the vehicular gate since it controls access to Griffith Park, and since RAP is the managing entity of Griffith Park and has performed work on the gate in the past, RAP is best suited to take over the vehicular gate.

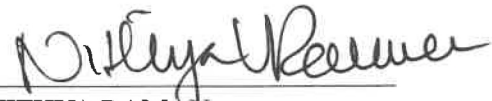
Under the State Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960, State Streets and Highways Code Division 13, the City is authorized to close a street to vehicular traffic and to establish a pedestrian mall to protect the public safety or otherwise to serve the public interest and convenience. Pursuant to State Streets and Highways Code Section 11200, if the City determines that the public interest and convenience require the establishment of a pedestrian mall and that vehicular traffic will not be unduly inconvenienced thereby, it may adopt a resolution declaring its intention to establish such pedestrian mall.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Planning Department, prepare a Resolution of Intention to initiate proceedings to establish a pedestrian mall on the 5600-5900 blocks of Mulholland Highway (east of the Deronda Gate) to ensure that this area will consistently be available for safe public pedestrian use and access to Griffith Park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to identify funding to conduct any necessary environmental review for establishment of a pedestrian mall on the 5600-5900 blocks of Mulholland Highway (east of the Deronda Gate).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering be instructed to revoke or amend any existing revocable permits, or issue any new revocable permit(s) or encroachments necessary to modify the existing gate at this location, allow for separate pedestrian access, limit private vehicular access, and establish conditional rights and responsibilities for the permittee(s).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks be requested to assume responsibility of the existing vehicular gate (the Deronda Gate) and install a pedestrian gate within that gate at the intersection of Deronda Drive and Mulholland Highway.

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