



London N. Breed, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

Date: August 9, 2018

To: Recreation and Park Commission
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

From: Beverly Ng

Subject: Buena Vista Park Operational Park Hours

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution to change operational hours at the Buena Vista Park located at Buena Vista and Haight Street.

Strategic Plan Reference

Strategy 1- “Inspire Place” Keep today’s parks safe, clean and fun; promote our parks’ historic and cultural heritage; and build the great parks of tomorrow.

Objective 1.3- Steward and promote good park behavior

Background

In 2013, the Board of Supervisors passed a legislation (Board of Supervisors File No.130766) amending the Park Code to establish hours of operation for all City parks for all City parks from 5:00 a.m. to midnight in a new Park Code Section 3.21. Subsection (b) of enacted Park Code Section 3.21 authorizes the Recreation and Park Commission to set different hours of operation for any park or part thereof based on operational requirements or neighborhood impacts via Commission Resolution.

The Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA) and at large community has voiced concern on the neighborhood impacts of late-night vandalism, quality of life issues, and illegal activity in the park due to the 5:00 a.m. to midnight park operation hours. **BVNA and the community are proposing that Buena Vista Park operation hours be changed to 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

BVNA has hosted 2 public community meetings to discuss the proposed park closure hours in detail. March 26, 2018, was the first public community meeting with 14 public attendees and then-Supervisor Breed, S.F.P.D. Captain Bailey, and Park Ranger Lieutenant Santiago in attendance. April 18, 2018, was the second public community meeting with 50 public attendees and then-



Supervisor Sheehy, S.F.P.D. Captain Bailey, and Park Service Area Manager Carol Sionkowski. Both meetings showed wide support for the proposed park closure hours

The meeting notices were delivered to all residences within 300' of the park as well as digitally sent to the contacts of active stakeholders and community members. Based upon the support from community members, organizations, Supervisor, and Recreation and Park Department staff, it was determined that the hours of the park should be set as defined above.

Staff Recommendation

To set the Buena Vista Park operation hours be changed to 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., seven days per week.

Supported By:

Department Staff

Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA)

then-Supervisor Sheehy

then-Supervisor Breed

Opposed By: None Known

Attachments:

Letter of support from Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA)