



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Public Services

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2016

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AGENDA LOCATION: AR-3

TITLE: Installation of a Temporary Restroom at Julian Fisher Park

OBJECTIVE: To provide feedback from residents about installation of a portable restroom at Julian Fisher Park.

BACKGROUND: Julian Fisher Park experiences a high volume of usage due to the three full-length basketball courts in the park. On average, there are 60 patrons utilizing the park's amenities at various times throughout the day. City staff is currently working on plans to renovate the park by improving the basketball courts, lighting, benches, and installing restrooms.

The high volume of patrons and the lack of restrooms pose a health concern to those using the park. Staff identified a permanent solution to this problem with the installation of a prefabricated restroom. Improvements to the park will begin in March of 2017.

During the October 11, 2016 Community Services Commission meeting staff proposed the installation of a portable restroom in Julian Fisher Park with the following three options for maintenance of the restroom:

Frequency	Monthly	Total for 6 months
Option 1: Maintenance three times a week	\$265	\$1,590
Option 2: Maintenance two times a week	\$200	\$1,200
Option 1: Maintenance one time a week	\$135	\$810

Before making a decision on whether the restrooms should be installed and the frequency of maintenance, Commission asked that staff survey the residents to determine if they approved the installation of a portable restroom.

ANALYSIS: Staff developed a short questionnaire to collect and record data received from residents. The questionnaire (Attachment A) asked for the name of the resident, address, phone number (in case staff needed to provide follow-up), and a space to record comments. In order to reach as many residents as possible, staff went to door to door during the week and during the weekend. The dates of outreach were Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Staff went to door to door on the 400 Block of Almond Avenue, 900 Block of California Avenue, and the 400 Block on Maple Street. During those two days staff visited 23 homes and made contact with six (6) residents on Almond Avenue (1), California Avenue (4), and Maple Street (1). The responses were as follows:

Almond Avenue 400 Block

- Good idea but could increase the homeless population, youth/teen hangout is of concern, unsure about a permanent restroom, but try the portable restrooms to see how that goes, would like restrooms locked at night

California Avenue 900 Block

- If it helps the community I approve of a restroom. Personally would not use it since she lives across the street
- Concerned about homeless issues, dogs off leash, low attendance from families, suspicious activity in the early morning, thinks restroom is a good idea, but is worried about questionable behavior from teens and homeless
- Believes every park should have a restroom
- Loves the idea of adding a restroom as long as it is locked when the park is closed in order to prevent teens from smoking in there

Maple Street 400 Block

- Neutral – only issue is people hanging out at the park overnight or past 10:00 p.m., concerned about park rules and regulations and if they are being enforced

Based on the feedback received residents are not opposed to a restroom in Julian Fisher Park. Staff provided follow-up phone calls to address resident’s concerns and coordinated more patrols around Julian Fisher Park with the Monrovia Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding, for the portable restroom, will be allocated from the Park Maintenance budget.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Staff is requesting that the Community Services Commission discuss the options presented and provide a direction.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be to discuss the options presented and provide direction.