

GRAND JURY COMPLAINT FORM

PERSON OR AGENCY ABOUT WHICH COMPLAINT IS MADE

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NATURE OF COMPLAINT (Describe events in the order they occurred as clearly and concisely as possible. Also indicate what resolution you are seeking. Use extra sheets if necessary and attach copies of any correspondence you feel is pertinent. Documentation becomes the property of the Grand Jury and will not be returned. *Please note: The Sacramento County Grand Jury has no jurisdiction over state or federal agencies, the courts, judicial officers, private companies or most organizations.*)

Please accept the following documents as supplementary attachments to the initial College-Glen Neighborhood Association complaint filed on February 16, 2016. The attached 3 documents support that the (exceptions) to the use of cell tower funds by the Mayor and City Councilmembers in and after 2013 were in direct conflict with the intent of the June 4, 2002 City's Amended Resolution No. 2000-342 and the January 31, 2012 Resolution No. 2012-020 repealing Resolution No. 2000-342. The attached documents support Councilmember McCarty's position as paraphrased in Attachment 10 of the CGNA complaint: "it was not appropriate for the cell tower monies to be taken out of the general fund and put in his slush fund." If it was the position of the City Manager, City Clerk, Director of Finance, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Mayor and six members of the City Council after June 2013 that the General Fund was no longer in need of the cell tower funds to "assist in the closing the City's budget shortfall," then those funds should have been returned to the communities to begin the process to "address the negative effects on neighborhoods from cell towers," as noted on (Page 4 of Attachment 7). The CGNA's April 28, 2014 letter with an attachment depicting a number of the Oki and Glenbrook Park needs document the deteriorated state of our neighborhood parks when Councilmember McCarty gifted his 7.7% of the Mayor and Council's budget increase to other than the cell tower accounts within our neighborhood. (Attachments 13 & 14) However, the May 6, 2014 reply from Parks suggest that the 2013/14 Operating and Capital Improvement Program did not adequately address the need of all departments within the City. (Attachment 15) While we disagree with former Councilmember McCarty's gifting of his 7.7% of the 2013/14 budget increase for the Mayor and City Council, we believe that his basic position was appropriate. It is also difficult, given the limited recovery of resources for Parks how anyone in City Management would support a document that removed an amount equal to the cell tower funds for any use other than for the restoring of the terms and conditions of Resolution 2002-342.

In closing, I restate, my request that the Sacramento County Grand Jury review and evaluate the actions of the Mayor and City Council with respect to basic management of the City's revenues and specifically the possible impermissible gifting of public funds and misuse of public funds for political purposes.

WHAT PERSONS OR AGENCIES HAVE YOU CONTACTED ABOUT YOUR COMPLAINT?

Person or Agency	Address	Date of Contact	Result
Mayor Kevin Johnson	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	1/28/2016	No Reply to date
Councilmember Eric Guerra	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	1/28/2016	No Reply to date
All Councilmembers	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	2/4/16	No Reply to date
John Silva	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	2/12/2016	No Reply to date

WHO SHOULD THE GRAND JURY CONTACT ABOUT THIS MATTER?

Person or Agency	Address	Telephone No.
Department of Finance	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	(916) 808-8491
City Manager	915 "I" Street 5th Floor	(916) 808-5704
Department of Parks	915 "I" Street 3rd Floor	(916) 808-4070

YOUR NAME: Annette Deglow
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The information I have submitted on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Annette Deglow
 Complainant's Signature

2/29/16
 Date

College/Glen Neighborhood Association

February 13, 2014

To: Kevin McCarty
Councilmember District 6

James Combs
Director Parks & Recreation

From: College-Glen Neighborhood Association Board
Annette Deglow, President

Subject: Glenbrook Dog Park

It has been brought to the attention of the Neighborhood Association that the Glenbrook Dog Park would benefit from some basic maintenance and up grades. While reviewing the current maintenance needs of the area we have been reminded that the initial intent was to incorporate an area specifically for small dogs. With this in mind we thought if up-grades such as plumbing were under consideration, that it would be an appropriate time to incorporate provisions for small dogs into any such plan.

After review of the Glenbrook Dog Park issues and visits to other dog parks within the City of Sacramento, we make the following suggestions in an effort to make our area dog park more accessible and safer, more user friendly and attractive, and reduce water use and maintenance.

North Natomas has small and large dog runs adjacent to each other with the drinking fountains in similar location on separate sides of the fence. Unfortunately, the Glenbrook format is not suitable for that type of configuration. To better use the existing space, we suggest that the west one-third of the existing park be sectioned off for use by small, timid and shy dogs. The two gates at the west end should be converted to a double gate entrance similar to the gates at the east end of the park.

It is our understanding that the current irrigation system is operational but buried under several inches of soil. We are suggesting that that the sprinklers in center of the grass run areas be capped and the grass replaced with decomposed granite. At the same time make the sprinklers on the south and north sides of the runs operational and reestablish a grass area for use by both the dogs and their owners. The decomposed granite would provide a path for the animals and reduce the water demand by one-third. Since the current water fountain system is essentially non functioning, we encourage the City to consider abandoning the current system in favor of a new one located at the fence between the two areas, each with a dual fountain system one for the dogs and one for the humans and both having a drain going directly to the city drainage system.

We ask that you give your personal attention to this project. This dog park has been neglected and is in need of immediate attention. At the same time the small dog owners have waited long enough for their equal access to this service. There is a sense in our community that we have been excluded from the process and we would like to have this issue addressed and corrected before this coming spring 2014.

Sincerely,

College-Glen Neighborhood Association Board

College/Glen Neighborhood Association

April 28, 2014

To: James Combs
Director Parks & Recreation

From: College-Glen Neighborhood Association Board
Annette Deglow, President

Subject: Deferred Maintenance and Safety of Area Parks

It has been more than a month since we wrote seeking improvements for our Glenbrook Dog Park to make it safer, more accessible, user friendly, attractive, and reduce water use and maintenance needs. To date we have had no response from you.

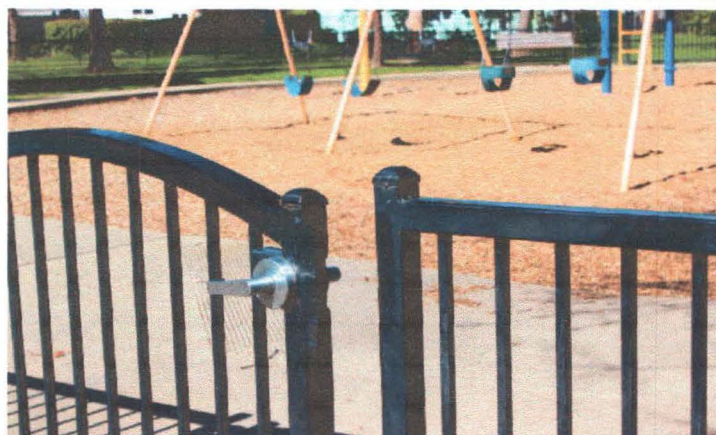
The Glenbrook Dog Park clearly needs attention. It has no provision for small dogs, the water fountain and drain are malfunctioning creating a health hazard for dogs and the irrigation system is ineffective and wasting water. The failed maintenance of the dog park area has brought to light the fact that the rest of Glenbrook Park has also been subject to failed maintenance. It is disappointing that the needs of this neighborhood park, as well as our other neighborhood park, Oki Park, have been ignored and victimized by the City's deferred maintenance program.

Examples of neglect are as follows: Both parks have benches and tables that are broken and weather-beaten, causing hazards and potential liabilities; Both parks have barbeque stands with no barbeque grills on top; Gates for the children's playground areas in both parks do not close properly; The main gate for the Glenbrook Park's children's playground is stuck closed, encouraging visitors to climb over to access the area; The fence enclosing the Glenbrook Park children's playground is badly damaged; The soccer fields at both parks are filled with a potholes, once again causing hazards for park users.

Our Association believes that it is time for Parks to deal with the needs of our area. We want our parks to be safe, functional and clean. We hope that the City wants the same and will take immediate corrective action. Attached for your reference are photos of some but not all of the problem areas.

ec: CGNA Board/Membership
Councilmember McCarty
Parks Commission Chair Harris
District 6 Parks Rep. McKinley
Other Interested Parties

College-Glen Neighborhood Association Park Needs



From: Shannon D. Brown <SDBrown@cityofsacramento.org>
Subject: RE: Deferred Maintenance & Safety of Area Parks
Date: May 6, 2014 12:05:18 PM PDT
To: Jim Combs: JCombs@cityofsacramento.org,
John & Annette Deglow jadeglow@me.com

Hello John and Annette,

Last year we were in the 5th year of reductions that eliminated about 1/2 of our Parks staff and 2/3 of our General Fund allocation and, admittedly, we struggled to maintain our parks in an acceptable manner. Even though we are very grateful for Measure U, it only restored about 25% of the resources that we lost. This is the reality, not an excuse. We would welcome additional funding to repair all the broken amenities, but the priority for the use of the restored funds was given to our core maintenance services like mowing, irrigation, trash removal, rest room cleaning, etc. Of course I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that the lion's share of Measure U funding went to the restoration of Police and Fire services who had also suffered major reductions. We didn't get all of the funding that we wanted but are grateful for what we did receive. The City Council makes those final choices - we don't. With that said, we will do what we can to meet community needs and expectations with the resources that we have.

There were several items listed and I have broken down the concerns with a timeline:

Glenbrook Park

Replace broken picnic tables and benches - In progress will be completed by end of this week.

Dog park water issues-General Services has on their work plan to be completed by June. Children's gate - General Services repairing this week. Estimate for Fencing around playground. - Placed Work order with General Services waiting for a cost estimate.

BBQ's- Working on cost estimate.

Oki Park

Replace broken picnic tables and benches-Work to begin this week.

BBQ's- Working on cost estimate.

Playground Fencing- Requested an estimate from General Services.

Playground gate-Repaired.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can assist with

Thank You Shannon Brown
Maintenance Manager
(916)808-4070 office

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