

WRITTEN COMMENTS – CITY COUNCIL 12-8-20

Topic: Item 6.a in support of Rise Up Willowick; demanding the city provide a detailed process to ensure Good Faith Negotiations for the Willowick property and for the prioritization of negotiations with Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing, and Sate Coastal Conservancy.

Kyle McClellan

Greg Camphire

Kari Reed

Michelle Zuñiga

Karina Servin

Tracy La on behalf of VietRISE

Andrea Guerra

Sean Drexler

Topic: Agenda Item 6.a. – the Willowick Property; Letter urging the city to “give first priority to the proposals making the greatest proportion of the land available for park and recreation puposes.”

Tanya Sukhija-Cohen

Topic: Action Item 6a- Willowick Golf Course; Letter submitted on behalf of The Trust for Public Land (TPL) urging the city to preserve Willowick as open space and affordable housing; and highlights that their proposal prioritizes the site for open space/recreational use and thus satisfies the Surplus Land Act.

Robin Mark

Topic: Flawed design of public saftey active transportation at Acacia Pkway & Nelson Ave; cross walk places bike and pedestrians at high risk for injury.

Craig Durfey

Topic: Item 6.a- Willowick Golf Course; Letter demanding the city provide a detailed process to ensure Good Faith Negotiations for the Willowick property and for the city to prioritize negotiations with Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing, and Sate Coastal Conservancy.

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Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.

From : Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.
To : Liz Vasquez <lizv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 10:23 AM
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From: "Kyle M" <kylemcclellan13@gmail.com>
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Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:41:01 PM
Subject: Public comment for Item 6.a.

Hello, my name is Kyle McClellan. I am emailing in regards to Item 6.a in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide a detailed process explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. This is a public process and therefore the city should, especially during the COVID pandemic, ensure the public is aware and deeply engaged. I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the SLA's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment *to our communities*. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

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Fwd: Garden Grove Must Provide Transparent Process for Willowick

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Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:15:40 AM
Subject: Garden Grove Must Provide Transparent Process for Willowick

Hello,

My name is Greg Camphire, and I am writing in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide a detailed process explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. This is a public process, and therefore the city should ensure that residents are deeply engaged--especially during the COVID pandemic.

I also demand that the city of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing, and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the SLA's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land.

Willowick is a community asset for both Garden Grove and Santa Ana, and should be used as an investment in our communities. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Thank you,
Greg

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From: "Kari Johnson" <kari_johnson88@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:43:29 PM
Subject: Do NOT privatize Garden Grove public lands! #riseupwillowick

Hello,

My name is Kari Reed and I am a Garden Grove resident. I am emailing in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide a detailed process explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. This is a public process and therefore the city should, especially during the Covid pandemic, ensure the public is aware and deeply engaged. I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing, and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the SLA's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment to our communities. It should not be used to satisfy economic interests of private developers.

Sincerely,
Kari M. Reed

Sent from my iPhone

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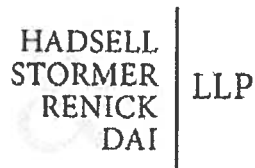
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Subject: Public Comment to Garden Grove City Council (Agenda Item 6.a)

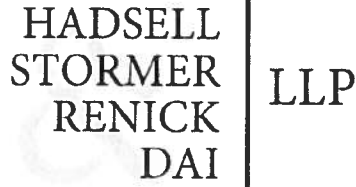
Good morning,
Please find attached correspondence from Tanya Sukhija-Cohen re public comment to Agenda Item 6.a.

Regards,
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December 8, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

City of Garden Grove City Clerk
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Re: Public Comment to Garden Grove City Council (Agenda Item 6.a)

This law firm litigated the lawsuit resulting in a temporary restraining order preventing the City of Garden Grove from proceeding with the illegal sale of the Willowick Property in violation of the Surplus Land Act in December 2019. We submit this public comment to communicate our concern that the City's plan to commence concurrent negotiations over the disposition of the Willowick Property with three groups of entities "proposing to develop affordable housing as part of their proposals" violates the Surplus Land Act.

The Surplus Land Act sets forth clear criteria governing the priorities when a disposing agency receives notices of interest from multiple entities seeking to purchase or lease the land. Gov. Code § 54227. Specifically, § 54227(b) mandates that "first priority *shall* be given to an entity that agrees to use the site for park or recreational purposes" if either of two criteria is met: "[1] if the land being offered is already being used and will continue to be used for park or recreational purposes," or [2] if the land is designated for park and recreational use in the local general plan and will be developed for that purpose." (Emphasis added.) Second priority shall be given "to the entity or entities that agree to use the site for [developing low- and moderate-income housing]" as required by § 5422.5. *Id.* §§ 54222.5, 54227(a).

The City of Garden Grove's staff report dated December 8, 2020 recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate concurrently with three groups of entities "proposing to develop affordable housing as part of their proposals." However, the staff report omits any discussion of the statutory requirements under § 54227(b) that the City grant first priority to entities' proposals to use the Willowick Property for parks or recreational purposes and recommends that the City Council take action inconsistent with the Surplus Land Act.

The Willowick Property satisfies either of the above criteria under § 54227(b). First, as a municipal golf course, the Willowick Property is already being used for recreational purposes.

Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai LLP

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As the City's March 12, 2020 Notice of Availability states, the Willowick Property is zoned by the City of Santa Ana as "Open Space." This zoning designation expressly permits "[o]pen-air recreational and entertainment uses...." SANTA ANA MUN. CODE § 41-584. Second, as the Request for Proposals issued by the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana in April 2019 recognized, the Willowick Property "also has an O-S (Open Space) General Plan Land Use designation, which allows compatible uses, such as park land, golf courses, and other similar opportunities for active and passive open space."

Because the Willowick Property is currently used for recreational purposes, is zoned for these continued uses, and has been designated for recreational use in Santa Ana's general plan, Garden Grove *shall* give first priority to the proposal that continues to use the land for recreation and open space purposes. *See* Gov. Code § 54227(b). Here, the City has received proposals to continue to use the Willowick Property for park or recreational purposes and to develop the land for these same purposes. One such proposal from Trust for Public Land/Coastal Conservancy is to use the entire Willowick Property for open space and recreational purposes, and a second proposal from Trust for Public Land/Clifford Beers Housing/Coastal Conservancy is to use approximately 90 of the 102 available acres for public open space and recreational purposes. In reviewing the various proposals, the City should consider the express legislative purpose "that surplus land, prior to disposition, should be made available for park and recreation purposes or for open-space purposes." *Id.* § 54220(b). The City should accordingly give first priority to the proposals making the greatest proportion of the land available for park and recreation purposes.

Sincerely,



Tanya Sukhija-Cohen
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Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:53:38 AM
Subject: City Council Public Comment - Action Item 6a

Please find the attached Public Comment for the City Council meeting to be held this evening at 6:30pm. This comment is related to Action Item 6a.

Thank you,

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December 8, 2020

Honorable Councilmembers of the City of Garden Grove
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RE: Report on the status of the Surplus Land Act process for the Willowick Golf Course. Action Item planned for December 8, 2020 City Council Meeting

Dear Councilmembers of the City of Garden Grove,

On behalf of The Trust for Public Land (TPL), I respectfully submit this comment in response to the Inter-Department Memorandum on the sale of the Willowick Golf Course, which is to be heard by the Council tonight, at the December 8th, 2020 meeting.

The Trust for Public Land was established in 1972 with a mission to create parks and protect land for people. To date, we have protected more than 3.7 million acres, created and/or transformed nearly 2,000 parks, playgrounds, and gardens, and developed more than 2,000 miles of trails across the United States, all together putting a park within a 10-minute walk of more than nine million people. While the Trust for Public Land has helped states and local governments generate \$75 billion in new public funds for parks and open space, we are also adept at community-led projects that strengthen marginalized neighborhoods to address the urgent need for equity, access, and resilience.

Our proudest mission-delivery accomplishments include the largest expansion of Yosemite National Park with the addition of Ackerson Meadow, the protection of Dr. Martin Luther King's childhood home in Atlanta and the historic Stonewall Inn, and the creation of over 250 green schoolyards in New York City. Additionally, we maintain one of the largest and most comprehensive parks databases in the country that we use annually to rank public park systems in the 100 largest cities in the United States, including the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

Guided by our mission, Land for People, The Trust for Public Land has submitted two distinct Notices of Interest to the City of Garden Grove for review. The first, working under the auspices of the State Coastal Conservancy, proposes to acquire the Willowick site for open space/recreational use and thus invokes the super priority given by the Surplus Land Act statute to maintain open space and recreational use of land already zoned for such use, Sec. 54227 (b) of the Government Code. The second, again in collaboration with the Coastal Conservancy and also Clifford Beers Housing, proposes to acquire the site for both open space and affordable housing development, invoking the priority given by the statute to the affordable housing rubric to which the City is also obligated.

I want to make clear at this time that The Trust for Public Land's proposals are not to be conflated and indeed are distinct. Additionally, given our organization's long history of land

acquisition for public benefit, we believe our proposal prioritizing the site for open space/recreational use is the *only* proposal that satisfied the Surplus Land Act statute and thus the clear party for which the City of Garden Grove should commence the 90-day negotiation period.

The Public Health Benefits of Parks

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only 25 percent of American adults engage in recommended levels of physical activity, and 29 percent engage in no leisure-time physical activity at all. This sedentary lifestyle is contributing to an increased incidence of obesity along with obesity-related diseases, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, congestive heart failure, and stroke. As one solution to the increased incidence of obesity, the CDC has called for more parks and playgrounds. Studies have shown that when people have access to parks, they exercise more.¹

Climate Mitigation and Adaptation of Parks and Open Space

Parks—especially those that are densely wooded and deep green—can counter urban temperatures exacerbated by heat-trapping buildings, pavement, and concrete. In August 2020, The Trust for Public Land published *The Heat is On* report, which found that communities with nearby parks can be dramatically cooler than those in so-called “park deserts.”² Our analysis of 14,000 cities and towns shows that nationwide, areas within a 10-minute walk of a park are as much as 6 degrees cooler than areas beyond that range. As temperatures in the cities such as Garden Grove and Santa Ana increase due to climate change, the need for parks and open space to mitigate against the heat islands is critical for public health.

A recent study by researchers at Portland State University and the Science Museum of Virginia found a strong correlation³ between exposure to deadly heat and the historically racist housing policies known as “red-lining,” in which banks withheld home mortgages from Black families. The researchers examined 108 cities in the United States and found that red-lined communities were the hottest neighborhoods in 94 percent of the cities. The study cited a lack of greenspace and tree canopy as the chief reasons for the disproportionate heat exposure.

¹ Erica Gies, The Trust for Public Land, *The Health Benefits of Parks* (2006), https://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/cloud.tpl.org/pubs/benefits_HealthBenefitsReport.pdf

² The Trust for Public Land, *The Heat is On* (2020), https://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/The-Heat-is-on_A-Trust-for-Public-Land_special-report.pdf

³ Jeremy S. Hoffman et al., “The Effects of Historical Housing Policies on Resident Exposures to Intra-Urban Heat: A Study of 108 U.S. Urban Areas,” *Climate* 8, no. 1 (January 2020), <https://www.mdpi.com/2225-1154/8/1/12>

Over the last 30 years, extreme heat, on average, has been the deadliest form of weather—including floods, extreme cold, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other events—according to the National Weather Service. Climate change is making the problem increasingly more severe, with 19 of the hottest 20 years on record⁴ occurring in the past two decades. The Union of Concerned Scientists predicts that, absent efforts to cut the greenhouse gas emissions responsible for climate change, the number of Americans⁵ experiencing 30 or more days with a heat index above 105 degrees in an average year will balloon from 900,000 people today to more than 90 million by mid-century.

Parks and Open Space also serve as important green infrastructure to manage stormwater. To comply with the federal Clean Water Act and reduce urban flooding, America's cities, including Santa Ana, are poised to spend billions of dollars to build green infrastructure projects to manage stormwater and comply with the MS4 Permit. With planning, forethought, and neighborhood engagement, these investments can be leveraged to maximize community benefits by creating and revitalizing existing designated open spaces. While the primary purpose of green infrastructure is to manage stormwater naturally, its strategic deployment can create significant economic, environmental, and social benefits beyond stormwater management making neighborhoods more livable, beautiful, and climate-resilient.

Park Equity and Access

While the data is clear that parks improve the quality of life for all residents, not everyone has equal access to the kinds of parks that lower temperatures and allow for safe social distancing. Our data reveals that across the United States, parks serving primarily nonwhite populations are half the size of parks that serve majority white populations and nearly five times more crowded. In addition parks serving majority low-income households are, on average, four times smaller and nearly four times more crowded than parks that serve majority high-income households. In Santa Ana, again where the Willowick site is located, we see this reality play out as only 4% percent of city land is dedicated to parks and recreation while the national average is 15%.⁶

Additionally, per The Trust for Public Land's Park Score, the City of Santa Ana, where the Willowick Golf Course is located, ranks 85th out of the 100 largest cities in the United States and last among the ranked cities in Southern California in providing accessible open space for its residents. The City's ranking on investment, or park spending per resident, is only 24

⁴ Brady Dennis, Andrew Freedman, and John Muyskens, "2019 Capped World's Hottest Decade in Recorded History," Washington Post (January 15, 2020), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2020/01/15/2010s-hottest-decade-world/?arc404=true>

⁵ Kristina Dahl et al., "Killer Heat in the United States: Climate Choices and the Future of Dangerously Hot Days," Union of Concerned Scientists report (July 2, 2019), <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/killer-heat-united-states-0>

⁶ <https://www.tpl.org/city/santa-ana-california>

out of 100. While this analysis clearly demonstrates a lack of open space within the City, it already includes the Willowick site. Therefore, development of the site as anything other than open space will increase the disparities we already know exist in the Santa Anita neighborhood of Santa Ana.

Compare this with your city, the City of Garden Grove, where Mayor Steve Jones has pledged to adopt long-term, system-wide strategies to make sure every Garden Grove resident has access to all the benefits parks provide. Mayor Jones has also stated, "I have endorsed the vision that everyone deserves a park or open space within a 10-minute walk of home." ⁷ It is the City of Garden Grove's responsibility to support your neighbors in the City of Santa Ana with the same consideration and respect for the value and necessity of open space.

At 102 acres, a property the size of the Willowick Golf Course, that sits in the middle of a diverse community, is adjacent to the Santa Ana River, and is located in an area that can greatly benefit from the public health and economic benefits that a restored, and enhanced natural recreational area provides, is an opportunity that defines a region and destination. Preserving this site as open space and affordable housing, as is proposed by the Trust for Public Land, will allow for a community-led vision for equity, holistic community health, and climate resilience that will have a lasting legacy in Santa Ana for generations to come. If you have any questions or would like to speak further about this letter, please contact me at, robin.mark@tpl.org or 323.333.6310.

Respectfully,



Robin Mark
Los Angeles Program Director
The Trust for Public Land

⁷ <https://www.tpl.org/city/garden-grove-california>

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From: "Craig Durfey" <cadurfey@gmail.com>**To:** "Craig Durfey" <cadurfey@gmail.com>, "teri rocco" <teri.rocco@ggusd.us>, "Teresa Pomeroy" <teresap@ggcity.org>, "citymanager" <citymanager@ggcity.org>, "cityclerk" <cityclerk@ggcity.org>, "Pam Haddad" <pamha@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, "stevej" <stevej@garden-grove.org>, "stephaniek" <stephaniek@garden-grove.org>, "George Brietigam" <georgeb@ggcity.org>**Cc:** "Bill Murray" <wem@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, joneill@garden-grove.org, "Joyce Rivero" <Joyce.Rivero@ocgov.com>, "Jonathan Hughes" <hughesj@scag.ca.gov>, "Joe" <Dong-WooJoseph.Pak@asm.ca.gov>, "JONATHAN DAVIS" <JONATHAN.DAVIS@sen.ca.gov>, "LISA TRAN" <LISA.TRAN@sen.ca.gov>, "kimn" <kimn@garden-grove.org>, "Lala Truong" <LALA.TRUONG@mail.house.gov>, "Charlie Larwood" <clarwood@octa.net>, "phatb" <phatb@ggcity.org>, "thuhan" <thuhan@garden-grove.org>, "Jim Tortolano" <orangecountytribune@gmail.com>, carlos@ssprinters.com, "Walter Muneton" <walter.muneton@ggusd.us>, "teri rocco" <teri.rocco@ggusd.us>, "<Gabriela Mafi" <gmafi@ggusd.us>, kmcamis@ggusd.us, LouCorrea34@gmail.com, "police" <police@garden-grove.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:47:55 AM**Subject:** TYPO CORRECTION UPDATED PUBLIC COMMENTS CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEC,08,2020 PLESASE READ MY LETTER

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(P.R.D.D.C.)

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U.S. HOUSE OF CONGRESS H2404 - HONORING CRAIG DURFEY FOR HIS FIGHT AGAINST AUTISM ...

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-2003-03-27/pdf/CREC-2003-03-27.pdf>

new website socialemotionalpaws.org

**Mayor Steve Jones
City of Garden Grove
City Council
cc. GGUSD School board**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEC,08,2020
PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AT ACACIA PKWAY & NELSON AVE
FLAWED DESIGN**

Dear Mayor Jones

I had requested a public records request for the location of Acacia Pkway & Nelson Ave design this location since 2014 have been flawed with public safety in mind with bike & Pedestrians safe access from Downtown Main Street. Since the City of Garden Grove Council agreed to a Garden Grove Active Downtown plan that would connect to the Congressional Medal of Honor Bike & Pedestrian Trail.

After great efforts to draw attention at this location as well of many other location with public safety in mind of engineering treatment flaws, that I was able have Councilmember Bui to make a request to address this location, however after viewing the design with a contract has been approved the overall public safety is still a high risk for injury because of its location with traffic speed, the volume of vehicle's, visibility from Garden Grove Blvd to Nelson going north to Acacia without any additional treatment with flashing warnings like lane light dot.com a LED Enhanced Warning System attach to asphalt that can flash in yellow or red since the distance from the start of Garden Grove Blvd to the north on Nelson creates a long duration of travel that when comes to the cross walk at Nelson and Acacia it places a high risk with injury and Fatalities.

The City of Garden Grove is required to create a local reduction injuries, and Fatalities plan, or vision zero for Active Transportation public safety with bike & pedestrian within 2021 year to obtain any Federal grants in Cycle 11 of 2022. It's vital the City Council with your Administration become more aware of a higher standard of treatment to bring greater visibility as well as other forms of treatment provide buffers along street bike lanes to reduce Fatalities. These requirement require your upmost consideration during your budget process as well as writing letters to your State and & federal partners to obtain grants the will provide necessary funding for treatment as well as funding to hire more train staff to maintain the higher standards.

Request this concern be added to the City Council meeting agenda to further outline the research and request the Traffic Commission be require to educated in Active Transportation requirement with adding those who can shepherd the current Commission as well to direct the Administration to end the City practice of staff at Commission meeting controlling the narrative a lack of limited autonomy of the hands of each Commissioners.


Budget consideration for coming grant in 2021 for many various grant come around in March is critical that the Council holds a meeting budget these grant cycles for staff can of the resources to start application process with a chart when each type of grant requirement.


At location of Acacia & Nelson after the City traffic engineers did not include for construction a cross walk at north to south directions as a part of the safety element treatment plan nor any efforts were made to attach the active down town plan Main street to Acacia to Nelson west to east on Acacia.


Also above with the pdfs is the cost savings on using Themo Plastic vs regular low cost street stripping the long terms cost is cheaper with Themo Plastic material plus greater visibility with a higher reflective than standard paint for roads and Themo Plastic ratings which has shown to lower deaths on the road.


**Request the City Council have the GGPd traffic enforcement patrol the of Nelson Street from Garden Grove boulevard to Stanford and then from Brookhurst on Lampson to Nutwood for speeding and bike/pedestrian crossing points at the continue connection points along the trail crossing with vehicles as to public safety.
Thank You**


Craig A Durfey


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Good afternoon, Madam/Sir Clerk,

With reference to the attached letter concerning Item 6.a, regarding the Willowick Golf Course.

Sincerely,
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FOR ORANGE COUNTY'S LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

December 8, 2020

VIA EMAIL ONLY to cityclerk@ggcity.org

Mayor Steve Jones and the Members of the Garden Grove City Council
P. O. Box 3070
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Members of the Garden Grove City Council:

We, the Public Law Center, a nonprofit legal aid agency who has served the civil legal aid needs of low-income Orange County residents and their families for close to 40 years, write regarding Item 6.a, concerning the Willowick Golf Course and its redevelopment. In solidarity with the Rise Up Willowick advocacy group, we demand that the City of Garden Grove (City) provide a detailed process explaining how it plans to ensure that its negotiation regarding the Willowick Golf Course parcel are conducted in good faith as required by the Surplus Lands Act (SLA), Government Code section 54220, *et seq.*, (AB 1486, as amended).

As the City knows, the redevelopment of the Willowick Golf Course is a public process. Accordingly, the City should, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic ensure that the public, particularly the residents who reside in the lower-income communities of the City are aware of the process related to the redevelopment of the Willowick Golf Course, so that they may deeply engage in it. The SLA requires cities to negotiate in good faith for 90 days with public agencies and qualifying entities that include open space and affordable housing. However, it does NOT require a city choose them as the final project. As such, what does that process look like? We are concerned with the process the City has undertaken regarding the Willowick Golf Course because, to date, we are informed and believe that the City has NOT disclosed their intended process with the public to ensure good faith negotiations as required by the SLA.¹

To this end, we further request that the City prioritize its negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. The proposals of these respective organizations meet and honor the law and policy goals of the SLA to provide open space and affordable housing on public land.

The need for affordable housing is particularly acute at this time. The COVID-19 pandemic has decimated the rental housing market, as many families who were already cash- and rent-burdened have been unable to meet their rental obligations, thus placing them at risk of eviction, displacement, homelessness, and increased percentage for a premature death due to COVID-19 or other ailments and threats. In California alone, estimates are hundreds of thousands of

¹ See Gov. Code §54223.

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Californians at risk of eviction when the federal unemployment benefits and statewide eviction assistance end.² Indeed, we have spent a great percentage of resources defending evictions and counseling tenants who are at risk of displacement and homelessness due to eviction. The space at the Willowick Golf Course, if prioritized for affordable housing as envisioned by the requirements of the Surplus Lands Act would help to ameliorate the lack of affordable housing that the City's residents of lowest income and means need to survive.

Likewise, there is great need for open space since the Willowick Golf Course is situated between the City and City of Santa Ana, well known as two of the most park-poor areas in Orange County.³ The residents of the City deserve better. The Willowick Golf Course is a community asset and the City should use it as an investment to our communities. The City should not use it to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the City not privatize the land of the public and should instead prioritize the negotiations with agencies, such as with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy, whose proposals offer the deepest levels of open space and affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Ugochi Anaebere-Nicholson

Ugochi Anaebere-Nicholson
Directing Attorney, Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Unit
Public Law Center

² *As pandemic aid ends, California families face brutal new year*, Nigel Duara, *Cal Matters* (Nov. 25, 2020), available at <https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2020/11/californians-pandemic-aid-ends-unemployment-eviction/#:~:text=Some%20750%2C000%20Californians%20will%20lose%20federal%20unemployment%20benefits%2C,could%20face%20eviction%20when%20a%20state%20moratorium%20lifts>. (Last visited on December 8, 2020.)

³ *Santa Ana, Garden Grove sued over Willowick golf course development plans*, Roxana Kopetman, *Orange County Register* (Oct. 7 2020), <https://www.ocregister.com/2019/10/07/santa-ana-garden-grove-sued-over-willowick-golf-course-development-plans/> (Last visited on December 8, 2020.)

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lizv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.

From : Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.
To : Liz Vasquez <lizv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:02 PM

Terri Pomeroy
City Clerk
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From: "Michelle Zuñiga" <mez.pace@gmail.com>
To: "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, "George Brietigam" <georgeb@ggcity.org>, "John Oneill" <joneill@ggcity.org>, "thuhan" <thuhan@ggcity.org>, "phatb" <phatb@ggcity.org>, "Stephanie Klopfenstein" <stephaniek@ggcity.org>, "Kim Nguyen" <kimn@ggcity.org>, "cityclerk" <cityclerk@ggcity.org>, "cityclerk" <cityclerk@ggcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:00:35 PM
Subject: Public comment for Item 6.a.

Hello Mayor Steve Jones and City Council,

My name is Michelle. I am emailing in regards to Item 6.a in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide a detailed process explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. This is a public process and therefore the city should, especially during the COVID pandemic, ensure the public is aware and deeply engaged. I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the Surplus Land Act's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment *to our communities*. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Thank you,

Michelle

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Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.

From : Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: Public comment for Item 6.a.
To : Liz Vasquez <lizv@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:03 PM
✉ Written Comments 12-8

Terri Pomeroy
City Clerk
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From: "Karina Servin" <kservin@mehrfirm.com>
To: "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, "George Brietigam" <georgeb@ggcity.org>, "John Oneill" <joneill@ggcity.org>, "thuhan" <thuhan@ggcity.org>, "phatb" <phatb@ggcity.org>, "Stephanie Klopfenstein" <stephaniek@ggcity.org>, "Kim Nguyen" <kimn@ggcity.org>, "cityclerk" <cityclerk@ggcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:34:46 AM
Subject: Public comment for Item 6.a.

Good Morning Council

I hope you are all well. My name is Karina and I am writing to you all in regards to item 6.a and in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide complete transparency in detailing the process of "Good Faith Negotiations." This is a public process and therefore the city should ensure the public is aware of what is going on behind closed doors. I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the Surplus Land Act's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment to our communities. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Respectfully,
Karina Servin

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Organizational Public Comment for Item 6A

From : Tracy La <tracy@vietrise.org>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:32 PM

Subject : Organizational Public Comment for Item 6A**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Tracy La and I am the executive director of VietRISE, a non-profit organization based in Garden Grove. On behalf of VietRISE, we are emailing you in regards to Item 6A on the city council agenda tonight in support of Rise Up Willowick. We call on the city of Garden Grove to provide a detailed explanation and process with Garden Grove and Santa Ana residents on how you will plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. We believe that the City should ensure that the public is aware and deeply engaged in this issue and take into consideration the extra measure it will take to engage residents who are impacted by COVID-19. Garden Grove must do its due diligence to make this process transparent and accessible for all residents impacted by these decisions for years to come.

In regards to the Willowick site, we urge the City of Garden Grove to prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the Surplus Land Act's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment to our communities. It should not be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Please confirm our public comment has been received and will be provided during the Oral Communications during tonight's city council meeting.

Sincerely,
Tracy La on behalf of VietRISE

Tracy La

Pronouns: She/her/hers

Executive Director

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Public Comment on City Council Agenda Item 6.a (12.8.2020)

From : Andrea Guerra <andrea.g999@yahoo.com>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:33 PM

Subject : Public Comment on City Council Agenda Item 6.a (12.8.2020)**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org**Cc :** stephaniek@ggcity.org, stevej@ggcity.org <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, phatb@ggcity.org, thuhan@ggcity.org, kimn@ggcity.org, georgeb@ggcity.org, joneill@ggcity.org, citymanager@ggcity.org**Reply To :** Andrea Guerra <andrea.g999@yahoo.com>

Hi,

My name is Andrea Guerra. I am emailing in regards to Item 6.a in support of Rise Up Willowick. **I demand that the City of Garden Grove provide a detailed process explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations.** This is a public process and therefore the city should, especially during the COVID pandemic, ensure the public is aware and deeply engaged. **I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy.** Their proposal meets and honors the Surplus Land Act's goal of providing open space and affordable housing on public land. It is the only proposal that fully uses Willowick for public benefit and dedicates the majority of the land for open space which is urgently needed in Garden Grove-- only 1% of the City's land is dedicated to open space. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment *to our communities*. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Thank you,
Andrea Guerra

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Public comment for Item 6.a.

From : Sean Drexler <drexler.sean@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:43 PM

Subject : Public comment for Item 6.a.**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org, georgeb@ggcity.org, joneill@ggcity.org,
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stevej@ggcity.org <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, thuhan@ggcity.org

Hello, my name is Sean Drexler. I am emailing in regards to Item 6.a in support of Rise Up Willowick. I demand that the city of Garden Grove provide a detailed process to the public explaining how they plan to ensure Good Faith Negotiations. This is a public process and therefore the city should, especially during the COVID pandemic, ensure the public is aware and deeply engaged. I also demand that the City of Garden Grove prioritize negotiations with the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing and State Coastal Conservancy. Their proposal meets and honors the Surplus Land Act's goal of providing open space and deepest levels of affordable housing on public land. Willowick is a community asset and should be used as an investment *to our communities*. It should NOT be used to satisfy the economic interests of private developers.

Written Comment – City Council 12-8-20

Topic: Item 4.a.- Garden Grove's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Mr. Durfey urges the City Council to be more active in expansion of park acreage and park renovations in the City adding that Green Space is Good for Mental Health.

Craig Durfey

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From : cadurfey@gmail.com

Tue, Dec 08, 2020 02:48 PM

Subject : PUBLIC HEARINGS 4A PUBLIC COMMENTS ON HUD CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEC,08,2020 Green Space is Good for Mental Health  Written Comments 12-8

To : citymanager@ggcity.org, cityclerk@ggcity.org, teresap@ggcity.org, cadurfey@gmail.com, 'stevej' <stevej@garden-grove.org>, stephaniek@garden-grove.org, georgeb@ggcity.org, thuhan@garden-grove.org, kimn@garden-grove.org, 'Pam Haddad' <pamha@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

10-08-2020

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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-2003-03-27/pdf/CREC-2003-03-27.pdf>

new website socialemotionalpaws.org

PUBLIC HEARINGS 4A PUBLIC COMMENTS CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DEC,08,2020 Green Space is Good for Mental Health

**Mayor Steve Jones
City of Garden Grove
City Council
cc. GGUSD School board**

Dear Mayor Jones

Oct,2019 the City Council approved the park master plan the issue here is that the lack parks expansion with increased density has a real impact with mental health children early in life can benefit from prevention with green space in reports show benefits early on with reduction having life time mental health issues by having green space as well as reduction of crimes, our City Council is aware underperforming park acreage .Today the City Council is to hold a public hearing regarding the City of Garden Grove's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and recommend its transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

I would like to support City Council Kim Bernice Nguyen statements that our City Parks need be address extensive renovations, and I believe that expansion with Rail to Trails program, walking trails in parks, Kim Bernice Nguyen has expressed concerns that her other Council members are silent to supportive with parks. Further she is correct with improving park with recent research found green space mental health, PTSD, water feature has impact with mental health yet, has not been identified in reports City of Garden Grove Ca.

Its vital the Council become more invested their time to guide planning with the Congressional Medal of Honor Bike & Pedestrian Trail to establish the needed park acreage to co-inside with Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and recommend its transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).That will blanket most of your district seats. Blue

space: [Access to water features can boost city dwellers' \(socialemotionalpaws.org\)](#) and [Green Space is Good for Mental Health \(socialemotionalpaws.org\)](#). **I heartily agree with Council Kim Bernice Nguyen and Patrick Phat Bui statement that the City Council ought to more active with our partners State and Federal address the needs of our City.**

I urge you as our elected office to be more active expansion park acreage as well as renovation planning seeking funding effort meeting you counter partners to bring needed funding with shortage of staff. AB-209 Parks: outdoor environmental education: grant program. (2019-2020) The department shall gather information from applicants following each award year for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of outdoor environmental education programs in ... [Bill Text - AB-209 Parks: outdoor environmental education ...leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB209](#) funding will come from the Land Water Conversation Fund from the Federal government its been report in the tune of 900 million each year for State,local funds. [President Trump Signs the Great American Outdoors Act, Preserving \(socialemotionalpaws.org\)](#).

Thank You

Craig A. Durfey

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Green Space is Good for Mental Health

In a sweeping nationwide study, researchers from Denmark's University of Aarhus found that childhood exposure to green space—parks, forests, rural lands, etc.—reduces the risk for developing an array of psychiatric disorders during adolescence and adulthood. The study could have far-reaching implications for healthy city design, making green space-focused urban planning an early intervention tool for reducing mental health problems.

Using data from the Landsat satellite archive and the Danish Civil Registration System, researchers tracked the residential green space around nearly a million Danes and correlated that with their mental health outcomes. The scientists found that citizens who grew up with the least green space nearby had as much as a 55 percent increased risk of developing psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, and substance abuse in later years.

The research was published in the [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#). It is the largest epidemiological study to document a positive connection between green space and mental health.

The impact of green space throughout childhood is significant. Exposure to green space is comparable to family history and parental age when predicting mental health outcomes. Only socioeconomic status was a slightly stronger indicator.

Researchers are still working out exactly why green space is so beneficial, but it clearly provides health benefits across the population. It can encourage exercise, provide spaces for socializing, decrease noise and air pollution, and improve immune function by providing exposure to beneficial microbiota. It also can help with psychological restoration; that is, green space provides a respite for over-stimulated minds.

Green space most strongly protects against mood disorders, depression, neurotic behavior, and stress-related issues, the study found, signaling that psychological restoration may be the strongest protective mechanism that green space offers. The effect of green space is also dose-dependent, meaning those who have longer exposures to green space have greater mental health benefits.

[Green Space is Good for Mental Health \(nasa.gov\)](#)

'Blue' space: Access to water features can boost city dwellers' mental health

Officials are increasingly recognizing that integrating nature into cities is an effective public health strategy to improve mental health. Doctors around the world now administer “green prescriptions” – where patients are encouraged to spend time in local nature spaces – based on hundreds of studies showing that [time in nature can benefit](#) people’s psychological well-being and increase social engagement. Much of this research to date has focused on the role of green space in improving mental health. But what about “blue” space – water settings such as riverside trails, a lake, a waterfront or even urban fountains?

You probably intuitively know that being close to water can induce feelings of calm. And many poets and artists have attested to the sense of awe and magic that water can evoke. But can it deliver the same wide-ranging benefits that urban green infrastructure brings to mental health? [A few studies](#) have shown that water bodies score just as well – if not better – in supporting psychological well-being as compared with “green” nature.

So far the [evidence is sparse](#), though, and mostly limited to coastal settings in Europe. What if you’re in one of the 49 countries in the world, or 27 American states, that are landlocked with no ocean shore? For natural capital to deliver health benefits to people, it needs to be right next to them, integrated into the everyday fabric of their world.

[‘Blue’ space: Access to water features can boost city dwellers’ \(socialemotionalpaws.org\)](#)
