

The Craftsman Village Historic District



Dear Mayor Garcia and Council Members:

Craftsman Village Historic District supports the Agenda Item pertaining to park equity.

Our little park, Craftsman Village Park, was a dream of our neighborhood about 10 years ago. The residents of Craftsman Village worked together with our 1st District Council Member and Parks to create a beautiful pocket park for the neighbors to enjoy. With a very robust effort by Parks in writing grants to help fund the project, our park was completed in 2013.

For the last two summers we have been very fortunate to have the financial support of Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez. She provided our park with a summer recreation program for children ages 5-12. In addition to this, she partnered with our historic district this summer to provide a Movie In The Park for us all to enjoy.

Much to our surprise and amazement we had a very large turn out for this event. Over 110 residents enjoyed a movie under the stars. Families gathered and shared company and camaraderie, creating a bond that will continue. Councilwoman Gonzalez provided the funding for the permit and insurance and one of our residents donated his equipment, sound system and expertise to make this a night of pure magic. Gladys Kaiser from Parks helped with the logistics and we were set.

Overwhelmingly the residents asked for another such event and regular programming at our park. We are asking our council to support specifically at Craftsman Village Park a regular summer recreation program for our youth and two movie nights next summer. More broadly, Craftsman Village supports other neighborhoods all across our city who deserve equal access to a recreation program.

Thank you Mayor Garcia and our Council for creating this opportunity for the citizens to have a voice about this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
Michelle Arend-Ekhoff  
Co-Chair, Craftsman Village Historic District

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