

Valerie Davis

From: Mary Parsell <mfp2001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Valerie Davis
Subject: Forward to Park & Rec Comm. and directorFW: El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project

Please forward to the Int. Director of Parks, Rec and Marine and to Park & Recreation Commissioners, City of Long Beach
Thank you

From: mfp2001@hotmail.com
To: stacy.mungo@longbeach.gov; district5@longbeach.gov
CC: valerie.davis@longbeach.gov
Subject: El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project
Date: Wed, 25 Nov 2015 14:10:38 -0800

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November 24, 2015

Councilmember Stacy Mungo
5th Council District
City of Long Beach

RE: El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project

Dear Stacy,

We are very interested in this project. The El Dorado Duck Pond is home to many resident and migratory birds. Migratory ducks are seen there from November through the beginning of February. In addition Ruddy Ducks and other waterfowl are seen there through the spring. Resident birds include Black-crowned Night Herons, Snowy Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Mallards, American Coots, shorebirds and songbirds.

I have an idea for your newsletter. Please publicize the "Winged Wonders Banner Project" which is educational and was the idea of one of our Audubon members. It is an important tool to educate those who don't know not to feed the ducks and for those who do understand to teach their children and grandchildren about this.

Birds are a beautiful window on our environment that people can relate to.

City Council Agenda, December 1, 2015

El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration Project

The El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration is a greatly needed infrastructure project in the Fifth District that will improve the pond lining and wetland buffer, reconstruct the irrigation and pumping system, enhance water flows and restore the habitat. The Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and Public Works, have been working hard on a grant application for Proposition 1 funding through the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to help with construction costs of the project, and on December 1st, the Council will vote on a resolution to support this application.

Thanks for letting the public know about this project.

Sincerely,

Mary Parsell
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562/252-5825 (voice and text)

cc: Valerie Davis, PRM, please forward to director of PRM and Park and Rec Commission

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From: anngadfly@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, December 06, 2015 1:22 PM
To: Council District 4; Council District 6; Council District 7; Council District 5; Mayor; Council District 9; Council District 2; Council District 3; Council District 1; Council District 8; Stephen Scott; Ara Maloyan; Valerie Davis; rantonette@gmail.com; ronsievers@yahoo.com; councilman@aol.com; Patrick West
Subject: Artificial turf field replaced with grass

Dear Decision Makers:

Please read this article.

In the time since Long Beach approved artificial turf for soccer fields, there has been much new information about the disadvantages of this material. There is a growing trend to go back to natural grass for both professional soccer and football fields. Please consider the health hazards, including injuries, heat and exposure to harmful chemicals; plus the cost of installation and maintenance and protection for park soccer fields.

Sincerely,

Ann Cantrell

Ravens replacing artificial turf with grass next season

Posted by Darin Gantt on December 4, 2015, 11:27 AM EST



The Ravens saw players get injured at an alarming rate this year on their home turf. And while they say that's not the reason, they're switching to grass anyway.

Via Jeff Zrebiec of the *Baltimore Sun*, Ravens president Dick Cass said the team is getting rid of the artificial stuff they've played on for 13 years at M&T Bank Stadium in favor of a natural surface.

"We want to try and see if we can have a good grass field at M&T Bank Stadium," Cass said, aiming high. "We knew we were going to replace our current field at the end of the season in any event. For a long time, we just assumed that we would go with artificial. We've been very happy with this field.

"But our players really much prefer to play on natural grass. We talked to the players about it. We had a meeting about it maybe three months ago now. I think the coaches prefer it to be on natural grass. I think our fans will prefer it because Baltimore is sort of an old school football town and natural grass is more consistent with the way that we view that we play football."

Of course, this year, they're playing it without quarterback **Joe Flacco** (ACL), running back **Justin Forsett** (broken arm) and wide receiver Steve Smith (torn Achilles), who all suffered season ending injuries at home. But Cass said that wasn't the impetus for the switch.

"I don't think the injuries we've experienced this year or in prior years are related to the type of [surface]," he said. "But if you look at studies that have been done around the league, I do think that you'd find that there are more lower body extremity injuries on artificial surface than there is on a grass field.

“But the primary factor was our players really wanted to play on grass and we think that playing on grass is just more consistent with the way football should be played in Baltimore.”

The Ravens played on grass from 1998 until 2002, when a first turf field was installed. They replaced that with another artificial surface in 2010.

Players will certainly be all for it, as long as the grass grows properly.