

**Public Comment Received by the
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
Through Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

SUMMARY			
Stance	Email Comments	Nextdoor Comments	TOTAL
Oppose	3	1	4
Support	6	6	12
Conditional Support*	0	1	1
Other**	0	3	3

* Support for Route 1 but not for Route 2 (the Boardwalk)

** Comments to not express an opinion on the topic.

Comments Received at PRCS.Department@CulverCity.org

Friday, 3/2/2018

Hi,

I've been a Culver City resident for almost 10 years and frequently walk from my house to the Nature Trail Boardwalk that's a part of the proposed designated dog path. I do not have a dog. I have 2 small human children who I've enjoyed taking on the nature path without having to worry about hitting peoples' dogs with my stroller.

In a city (LA as a whole) where the entitlement of dog owners seems ever on the rise, I frankly feel that the currently designated human nature boardwalk path should stay dog free. We have a dog park and a designated doggie path that goes right to it. You've done your share for the culver city pet. A connection to the Baldwin Hills gate seems pointless as dogs aren't allowed in that park at all, but if dog owner's are simply looking for exercise, can't they follow the access road? Put some money into a suitable sidewalk up the back side of the park along the access road and around the upper fields, but please keep the boardwalk dog free. Having a dog sometimes means you can't do everything you want to do. And as a former dog owner and current dog lover, that's a big reason why I've consciously chosen no to own a dog in LA.

I'm concerned that if you designate any more of my favorite Culver City park for dogs, the next issue you're going to have is the nearly impossible task of enforcing leash laws in those new areas and around the upper fields. While some dogs are fabulously trained by competent owners and could earn off-leash status around my children, some owners have a very poor understanding of their dogs obedience abilities and make bad choices that put others at risk. Just this week at Rancho Park/Cheviot Hills an off leash dog jumped in my car while I was loading my children into it. The owner of the dog seemed annoyed when I recommended a leash and presented the incredibly confusing attitude that his dog's quality of life and freedom to roam was equally as important as the safety of my children. Thankfully in a court of law, it's not. I've really enjoyed the boardwalk as a safe place to enjoy time with my young family without having to discern the good dog owner from the bad dog owner. Up 'til now, I haven't had to deal with significant dog owner entitlement in Culver City park and I'm really not interested in starting now.

Please don't call anything a "designated dog path". It feeds that entitlement. Sure you can put paw prints on the sidewalk to help people find the Bone Yard, but in considering new improvements with our tax dollars, make a new path for the people of this town and let them assume their dogs are welcome unless otherwise stated. Make a path or don't, but please retain the Nature Trail Boardwalk's designation for humans only.

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Thank you,
Katelynn Cahoon (Culver City Resident; categorized as opposed)

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Sunday, 3/4/2018

Dear PRCS Commission members,

We write to express our strong support for the addition to the Culver City Park Designated Dog Path.

We are Culver City homeowners and we live nearby on Lafayette Place. We walk our dog, Jingle, on the dog path at least several times per week. We have often wished that we could continue through the adjacent boardwalk and Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook Western Gateway area.

We would certainly walk our dog on a leash and clean up after her, as we do now. On our walks, we often speak with other dog owners and we find them also to be very responsible about following the guidelines that have been established. Thank you for consider making this modification. It is very much appreciated.

Please let us know if we can provide additional information or support of this initiative.

Sincerely,
Robert Combs & Kim Combs (Culver City Residents; categorized as 2 in support)

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Monday, March 5, 2018

PRCS,
Regarding the "Dog Path" I'd like to know if part of this potential development is being considered to create a dog friendly path to Kenneth Hahn Park when the bridge is built across La Cienega.

I live in the Blair Hills and when the path is built connecting Kenneth Hahn Park to the Stoneview Nature Center, we would like to be able to walk our dogs to Kenneth Hahn State Park.

Having a dog friendly path from Culver City to dog friendly Kenneth Hahn Park would be great as the state park provides miles of dog friendly hiking trails!

We also would love the ability to walk from Blair Hills to the Dog Park so we support the path!
Thanks!

Todd Miller (Culver City Resident; categorized as support)

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Paul Jones, and I have lived in an apartment on the 4000 block of Duquesne Avenue for four years (almost to the day). Until November 19th, my beloved dog Juniper lived with me here, and we frequented Culver City Park and the Boneyard.

Juney loved Culver City Park, though being an Alaskan dog, she was frustrated that she wasn't allowed to deviate from the bike trail. She was also an explorer by nature, and was always frustrated that we couldn't continue up into the Baldwin hills once we reached the top of the path. Once I heard

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talk of a the extension, I was very excited. Perhaps Juney's dream of continuing her exploration of that area could finally be realized.

Sadly, it was not to be. She was almost 11 years old and I guess her time was up; intra-abdominal bleeding. I said goodbye to her at the City of Angels emergency Vet center, also on Duquesne between my apartment and the park.

It is my sincere hope that you will see fit to extend the Culver City Park Dog Path as much as possible. It is too short and dead ends abruptly, leaving no place for excited pooches to go. In all of my time attending the park I have never seen a dog intruding upon the many families and other park-goers who populate the green spaces there, and I am sure that this happy coexistence will continue and thrive with the dog path extended.

Once the dog path is extended, I look forward to walking it and perhaps spreading some of Juney's ashes in the area that she was never able to explore in life. Please approve this recommendation in her sweet memory.

With All Due Respect,
Paul R Jones (Culver City Resident; categorized as support)

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to express my full support for the approval of the Ballona Creek Connection Designated Dog Path. My wife and I are residents of Culver City and are always looking for places to take our 2 year old Vizsla puppy, Harlow, for a walk. I would welcome this additional path and would urge you and City Staff to look for additional areas where dogs would be welcomed. Moreover, I would urge you to look for additional spaces where dogs could be walked off-leash to increase the recreational offerings for humans and their pets. I appreciate your consideration of my comments and look forward to hearing what happens.

Best,
Spencer B. Kallick (Culver City Resident; categorized as support)

I walk four times a week on the proposed dog path and am opposed to the proposed plan to have dogs on the boardwalk. It's a really bad idea because it is so narrow. As a walker you are stuck on it in a very narrow space passing by people and dogs. If a dog decides to bark at You bite or otherwise not let you pass there is no where to go! Their leash could also trip you. What if you are running and they leap up on you or chase you? Also where are the doggies supposed to go poop on the boardwalk? There is no exit once you get in it. And it's quite long. It's not a good idea and I am opposed to the dogs in that section of the proposed path. I also am a teacher and take that path for field trips. I wouldn't want to take my preschoolers in there as it wouldn't be safe with a large dog at eye level with no way to avoid the dogs. It's basically shoving all people off that path especially with children. It's a bad idea with a lawsuit ready to happen.

Bonnie Wacker (Culver City Resident and Business Owner; categorized as opposed)

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To whom it confirm:

RE: Dog Walk Path From Ballona Creek to Overlook Gateway

I am writing in support with a important comment for a Dog Walk from Ballona Creek to Overlook Gateway Path.

- 1) This is a excellent idea, that I, my family, and our dog, Sammi would really like to see created.
- 2) This needs to be created in support of getting the Baldwin Hills Overlook to allow Dogs, and or create a special dog path to the top of the Overlook, or at least to a Dog section of the overlook.
- 3) This will not only provide for additional dog walking, exercise, but people exercise with their dogs.
- 4) There are hiking trails in Los Angeles, and Malibu, where dogs and hikers can hike with no leash. I would like see a place in Culver City, and the Baldwin Scenic Overlook areas where dogs and people can hike with no leashes.

Thank you,

Mark Galanty & Sammi (Culver City Licensed Bichon 6 year old)
(Culver City Resident; categorized as support)

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Thank you for considering this. We have an older husky who would love to join us on walks. We often have to leave her at home because we can't take her on the walk up the hill right next to our home! While she enjoys trotting around the neighborhood but there is nothing like a hillside full of different sounds and smells. Can't thank you enough!!

Best,
Michelle Kane (Culver City Resident; categorized as support)
Akela (husky, 14 years old)

Dear PRCS Commission,

Could you please NOT, repeat, NOT approve this dog path? I have encountered far too many piles of dog feces on the Nature Trail Boardwalk. It's disgusting. We cannot trust the dog owners to curb their dogs on this path. Please reserve the path for people, not dogs. The dogs have the dog park. People should have the path.

Thank you,
Dan Haley (Culver City Resident; categorized as opposed)

I have your card that you sent for the dog park extending a walk I'm excited about that also I won't be able to attend a meeting I have another meeting that night also would like LA beaches to open up an area down near the ocean for dogs. I believe the...

Charles Scira (Residency not noted: categorized as support)

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Comments Received on Nexdoor

Katya M. (categorized as support)
Culver Parks West
We would love to have it!!!

Bonnie W. (duplicate response; only counted in Email Comments)
Sunkist Park
Not on the boardwalk. !!!! There is no where to escape or move over you are stuck in there. And where do they poop!!! On the boardwalk. There's no where to get off.

Connie M. (categorized as other)
McManus
Why do we need this?

Leah L. (categorized as other)
Jefferson Blvd
All - Here's the link: <http://www.culvercity.org/Home/Components/News/News/1668/722?backlist=%2f>

Mark G. (duplicate response; only counted in Email Comments)
Washington Culver
This is great to have a Special Dog Path to the Scenic Overlook gateway. I hope they create a new Dog Path to the scenic Overlook, or at least a special area for Dogs near the top of the overlook. I hope my neighbors write letters in support of this. Mark and Sammi!

Jason B. (categorized as support)
Culver Parks East
Great news do it! As a family who picnics in this area on the weekends, people do this anyway so might as well legitimize it. The only tricky part is the Park Rangers in Baldwin Hills at the end of this path are prickly about dogs so where do they go at the end of the path?

Donna L. (categorized as support)
Lucerne-Higuera
It is needed and will be loved.

Nori C. (categorized as support)
McManus
LOVE IT!!! Culver City needs to be more dog friendly. Lot's of pets in my neighborhood that would enjoy a wonderful walk to the Scenic Overlook.

Michelle K. (categorized as support)
Culver Parks East
This would be great! My old girl would love to be able to join me on walks up here.

Bill B. (categorized as conditional support)
Lucerne-Higuera
Real talk: what's a dog path, exactly? As opposed to a normal path, I mean. Personally, I would not like to see dogs on the stairs at the overlook. The rest of it, fine, but in my experience they're super disruptive on the stairs and there's enough chance of injury there already.

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Jackie S. (categorized as support)

Culver Parks East

I think it is a great idea. However there are irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up poop and do not keep their dogs on leash. They spoil it for everyone else. Need trash cans, and even a post with doggy poop bags for those owners who do not carry them. You know who you are!!

James B. (categorized as other)

Culver Parks West

Yes but their are many who do pick up why not punish the irresponsible and let's walk our dog in peace

Laura O. (categorized as opposed)

Culver City-McLaughlin

I love dogs, but I don't see how a trail could realistically be designated both ADA accessible trail and allow dogs, because so many dog owners won't pick up after their pets or keep them on a leash. People with disabilities should be able to use an ADA trail in peace, without getting their equipment smeared with dog poop or having off-leash dogs jump or bark at them. I also walk on the dirt path around West L.A. College, less than a mile away from the proposed new paths. Some of the dog owners, the few who actually use poop bags, throw them in the bushes or in the sound barriers where they can't be seen, less than 25 yards away from the people who live adjacent to the path. These dog owners live within walking distance and could easily dispose of the bags properly. I'm OK with dogs jumping on me but I hate constantly dodging dog poop and poop bags that are drug out of their hiding places.