

## ***The Department of Parks and Recreations Exhibits Exclusionary Posturing and Cronyism***

By Linda Sollima Doe

I live directly above the Lake Hollywood Park and like other homeowners here in Hollywoodland we were assured that no further work was to be done at the park.

Discussions and decisions took place privately and/or unilaterally with the homeowners and businesses on the West side of the park but the opportunity for input was not given to the Hollywoodland homeowners on the East side of the park to formally support or protest any additions, upgrades and/or improvements to the existing facilities at the park.

Because the Hollywoodland homeowners on the East side of the park were not included in this process, this could be interpreted as bias, prejudice and/ or undue influence on the part of the Department of Parks and Recreation towards conditions, persons or homeowners on the East side of the park by favoring exclusively the wishes of the Homeowners and/or businesses on the West side of the park.

Therefore, disenfranchised taxpayers, homeowners and community groups joined me in asking Mr. Joe Salaices, Superintendent of the Griffith Region Department of Parks and Recreation the following 7 simple questions:

1. Who or what entity has given the department formal legal approval for this?
2. Did the Department have an Environmental Impact Report?
3. What are the channels this expansion has had to go through to get approval?
4. What are the chain of events surrounding the Department of Parks and Recreation's potentially illegal actions?
5. Who has signed off on this project?
6. Where are the Departments work orders?
7. What community group(s) and individuals on the west side of the park did you singularly or jointly interface with?

Mr. Salaices flagrantly and egregiously ignored my request for information, therefore it was necessary to bring his actions to the attention of the Department of Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners by asking that they adgenize my information request for the next Board meeting on July 13, 2016.

The following letter was the Department of Parks and Recreations Response prior to this meeting:  
**Insert letter in acknowledgement of receipt of my letter**

As the conservation and protection efforts move forward to preserve the original intent of Hollywoodland, [her Specific Plan](#) and Hollywoodland Gifted Parkland. [www.HollywoodlandGiftedPark.com](http://www.HollywoodlandGiftedPark.com) I shall keep interested parties informed.

