

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: June 2, 1998

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SUBJECT: Public Safety at City Schools and Parks

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

BACKGROUND:

The following is an overview of safety in Pasadena's parks and schools. The information was gathered from Part 1 crime statistics for the first quarter of 1998 and compares it to the first quarter of 1997. It includes P.U.S.D. schools, (from elementary through high school), that fall within city boundaries and all city parks including Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

The overall difference in crime between the two time periods shows a **decrease of 15%** from 1997 to 1998. This is attributed to a **10% drop in Part 1 crimes at the schools** and a **17% decrease** in Part 1 crimes at the city's parks.

School Safety

Out of the seven Part 1 crimes, Larceny-Theft occurs with the highest frequency at schools. This is also consistent with the rest of the city. John Muir High School experienced the highest number of part 1 crimes in the first quarter of 1998 with 10. Marshall Junior High was second with five and Blair and Rose City were tied for third with four. The following is a table listing each school, the number of Part 1 crimes in the first quarter of each year, and the percentage of change. *NOTE: The high percentages usually indicate low overall numbers.*

School	1997	1998	% of Change
Allendale	1	0	-100.0%
Burbank	0	0	N/C
Pasadena Alt.	3	0	-100.0%
Cleveland	0	1	N/C
Don Benito	0	0	N/C
Field	1	0	-100.0%
Hamilton	0	1	N/C
Jackson	0	0	N/C
Jefferson	0	1	N/C
Linda Vista	0	0	N/C
Longfellow	0	0	N/C
Madison	5	1	-80.0%
Roosevelt	1	2	100.0%
San Rafael	1	1	0.0%
Sierra Madre School	0	0	N/C
Washington 4-6	5	2	-60.0%
Webster	0	0	N/C
Elliot	3	0	-100.0%
Marshall	2	5	150.0%
Washington 7-8	7	2	-71.4%
Wilson	1	1	0.0%
Blair	0	4	N/C
Rose City	5	4	-20.0%
John Muir	5	10	100.0%
P.H.S.	7	3	-57.1%

Park Safety

Larceny-Theft is also the crime that occurs with the greatest frequency in the city's parks with 46 incidents reported in the first quarter of 1998 and 58 in 1997. In 1998, Robbery, G.T.A., Burglary, and Assault are all second with five incidents each. Forcible Rape occurred once and there were no homicides in the parks during this time. This represents a decrease in Burglaries and G.T.A.'s while Assaults and Rapes stayed the same and Robbery increased by one.

The following table lists the parks and the number of Part 1 Crimes that occurred in each during the first quarter of the listed year. *NOTE: The high percentages usually indicate low overall numbers. If a Park is not listed, it did not have any Part 1 Crimes reported during this time. Brookside's high volume in 1997 is likely related to the rash of auto burglaries that occurred during this time last year. The suspect in those cases is in custody.*

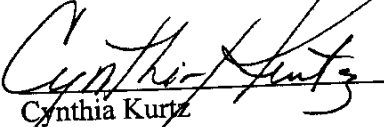
Park	1997	1998	% of Change
Brookside	42	17	-59.5%
Villa	6	12	100.0%
Victory	1	5	400.0%
Jackie Robinson	0	3	N/C
Singer	0	3	N/C
Memorial	3	3	0.0%
Defender	0	3	N/C
Brenner	1	3	200.0%
Eaton Canyon Nature Cntr.	1	2	100.0%
Eaton-Blanche	1	2	100.0%
Jefferson	0	2	N/C
Washington	6	2	-66.7%
La Pintoresca	7	2	-71.4%
Tournament	3	2	-33.3%
Floyd Gwinn	0	1	N/C
McDonald	0	1	N/C
Hamilton	1	1	0.0%
Grant	2	0	-100.0%

NOTE: These figures were generated using grids, (whole city blocks), in order to not miss anything. This may have included some residential calls in areas like Villa Park, Washington Park, La Pintoresca Park, and others where there are houses on the same block. This was also necessary because some parks do not have addresses and the address of the park or school may have been entered incorrectly into CAD and subsequently missed.

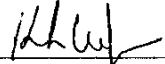
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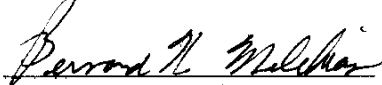
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