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Victor and Mark: As both a citizen and an appointee to the Northwest Commission, I'd like to urge the council to set aside additional funding for one full-time recreation coordinator at Washington Park.

The park - which has wonderful facilities such as a tennis and handball courts, a baseball diamond and a children's play area - is vastly underutilized and the neighborhood would benefit from a full slate of activities.

Having a full-time coordinator on the grounds would also increase security, which is sorely needed because of the park's topography. The outer lip of the park is at street level but the interior is well below street grade. Because most of the acreage is hidden from pedestrians and traffic, the park's dark corners attract a regular band of vagrants and drug dealers, who conduct their business with near impunity at time. We need more city-sponsored activities, as well as a sharp set of eyes, to discourage the often-menacing behavior that keeps many citizens away. I know of one elderly lady who is selling her home across from the park on El Molino because she does not feel safe any more with all of the questionable activities.

The Friends of Washington Park has worked diligently to improve the grounds and open this municipal resource for all to enjoy. By supporting a full-time coordinator, the city would be honoring that effort and supporting the kind of quality of life that Pasadena is known for.

Please distribute my comment to all City Council members at today's hearing.

Thanking you in advance,

Ralph A. Frammolino
Northwest Commissioner

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