

From: susan adler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:42 PM
To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: COMMENTS JUNE 21 MEETING

I have lived at [REDACTED] for the past 26 years. I am here tonight to ask the city to help us make our Laurel / Boyd neighborhood a safe and beautiful community once again.

Over the past 26 years, I have witnessed Laurel Place and our neighborhood decline significantly. It is hard for me to imagine that my daughters could have a lemonade stand in front of my house just ten years earlier. Now, it is not even safe to step into the road to get in your car or walk your dog.

We continue to suffer from excess traffic and speeding problems and the compromised situation in Boyd Park.

Laurel Place is used as a shortcut for residents on the hill above is a shortcut from mission to Lincoln and vice versa. Furthermore, the speeding cars up and down Robert Dollar Drive continue to present a real danger to all residents who live on Laurel Place between Nye and Mission.

In March of 2017, a car traveling westbound above the speed limit drove into my home. My Subaru was a total loss and 75K plus damage to my house and yard. I no longer can park in front of my house or sit in my front yard and feel safe. I don't feel safe letting my dogs recreate in the yard. As I just don't know when the next speeding car will break through my newly constructed fence (due to an incident) and harm my property and family.

We need speed bumps, speed monitoring, consider road closure and help up revitalize Boyd Park.

We are here tonight and will be here as often as it takes to get the city to pay attention to our problems. We are asking that the City meets with us to discuss our concerns on Laurel Place/ Robert Dollar and the ever-present difficult conditions in Boyd Park. We want our little neighborhood to be safe for everyone, young and old, renters and homeowners, everyone that lives on Laurel Place.

We have outlined our concerns and ideas for creating a safe, vibrant and positive community in the Boyd Park- Laurel Place neighborhood and community for all of San Rafael They are available for your review as an attachment. Please take a moment to read.

Susan
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Laurel Place / Boyd Park Neighborhood (Laurel Place Neighbors) -

The residents of Laurel Place want to preserve the park's historical features, support the city of San Rafael in its efforts to maintain and improve safety in and around the park, and develop a variety of opportunities for the public to enjoy Boyd Park.

In the spirit of the generosity of the Boyd family that donated the park to the City of San Rafael, we want to invite you to Get Involved Together, we can collaborate to revitalize our beautiful park and make it safe for everyone again.

We believe the BOYD PARK and LAUREL PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD needs to be

- **SAFE**
 1. Homeless camps removed
 2. Regularly patrolled
 3. Sunrise to sunset use enforced

- **CLEAN**
 1. More Garbage Cans/Recycling - no opportunity for overflow
 2. Regular Monitor & Removal of all drug paraphernalia in play area & lawn
 3. Clean play area during months of no rain for health & safety of children

- **HOSPITABLE**
 1. Permanent Restroom Facilities - similar to Gerstle Park
 - Situated in an appropriate location
 - Automatically lock at night
 - Aesthetically pleasing

 2. Socially Oriented
 - More Picnic tables (large wooden) to promote gatherings
 - Talk to local restaurant owners
 - Promote community gatherings (i.e. celebrations, birthday parties, etc.)

We also believe LAUREL PLACE - ROBER DOLLAR DRIVE needs to be

- **SAFE** for residents living in the neighborhood
 1. Vehicle speed needs frequent and regular monitoring using portable speed-check trailers or speed signs.
 2. Speed of vehicles slowed down by using speed bumps/humps.

- CLOSED - Robert Dollar Drive from 'Sunset to Sunrise'
 1. Mitigate the dangerous conditions of speeding cars on Laurel Place
 2. Control loitering of non-residents at the top of the hill (near the entrance to the fire road) for fire safety issues
 3. Contain traffic and noise pollution from cars utilizing Robert Dollar Drive around and after sunset
 4. Due to NO safety measures (safety rails, two-lane designation) of the single-lane road that winds up the open space of San Rafael Hill.

ADDITIONAL LAUREL PLACE / BOYD PARK IMPROVEMENT CONCERNS:

- Tennis court resurfaced (possible multi-use court, pickleball/tennis)
 1. Discuss with the city, park and recreation, possible use for court

- Water cisterns updated and repaired to capture water
 - Currently, CSR is trucking in water
 - Would help to a water park on summer days
 - Runoff compromises lower yard with flooding and runoff

- Trees properly maintained and planted as needed

- Promote the park as a gathering and meeting place for everyone

- Incentivize local participation and fundraising, recognize donors

We are willing and interested in discussing the above issuer with the city of San Rafael at your earliest convenience.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Ribera [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:03 PM

To: Distrib- City Clerk <City.Clerk@cityofsanrafael.org>

Subject: Public comment for tonight

Hello - my name is Rita Channon and I live on Laurel Place.

Novato has advanced new restrictions that would limit where the homeless can camp on public property within the city.

I would love an update on the efforts to house or relocate the Boyd Park encampment.

The city of Novato was able to bar encampments, and related activities such as fires, near facilities deemed "critical" by the city, in areas with high wildfire risk, as well as city park playgrounds. Boyd Park is an example of what should be deemed critical in San Rafael. Can we follow Novato's lead in San Rafael?