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Friday, September 1st, 2023

Re: Witter Field Renovation Project Update

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your continued patience with the Witter Field renovation project.

This message provides an update on anticipated parking restrictions and other impacts for the beginning of September. We would also like to announce a public meeting to discuss the Witter Field progress and the updated Witter Field drainage calculation. The meeting is scheduled to occur at the **Wildwood Elementary theater**, 301 Wildwood Ave, Piedmont on **Tuesday, September 26th from 6pm to 7pm**. The Verde Design Civil Engineer Devin Conway along with Daniel Gonzales, City Public Works Director and Dr Jennifer Hawn, PUSD superintendent and myself will be in attendance to answer any questions. I have also attached the updated 3-week look ahead project schedule from Bothman Construction dated 8/31/23 and progress photos showing some of the work going on at the site. A few of the photos show the ongoing work that PUSD staff are undertaking in renovating the Field House Weight room.

Work in Progress

As stated in the last update, the EBMUD work delayed the start of the storm drain piping within the field. The EBMUD delay pushed Bothmans storm drain crew to another project. Bothman is also waiting on long lead time materials. As of today, Bothman is now scheduled to have the storm drain piping crew returning to the site no later than Monday, 9/11. We will keep the community apprised as to how the overall schedule has been affected. At this point in time, Bothman is still planning on completing all work and reopening the field no later than December, 1st, 2023.

The Witter Field House walkway work has been ongoing. The Concrete for the trench drain installation (1-2 trucks) occurred Friday 8/25. The concrete walkway is now scheduled to be poured on Tuesday, 9/12. (5-7 trucks) Bothman has experienced grade busts and have re-worked the sub grade/handrails to make sure the walkway is ADA compliant. Bothman and Verde have resubmitted the changes to DSA and are awaiting approval. (the 9/12 walkway pour will be dependent upon receiving DSA approval)

Parking Restrictions

Parking restrictions on Palm Dr will remain lifted through Sunday, 9/10

Parking restrictions will still remain in place on Winsor and Park View. (not in effect Labor Day, Monday, 9/4)

Parking restrictions still remain in place on both the El Cerrito/Jerome Ave and the Palm Dr/Winsor Ave neighborhoods remain in place. (not in effect Labor Day Monday, 9/4)

The Jerome and El Cerrito restrictions are necessary to ensure that the contractor is able to access the site for regular equipment and material deliveries including piping, base rock, rebar and concrete, while maintaining neighborhood access for emergency responders.

Winsor driveway gate closure

For your safety, the pedestrian access gate on the Winsor Avenue driveway, which many residents use to access the Piedmont Park off-leash dog area will be closed during working hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 4pm. The gate will be locked and chained during these periods. Please respect this closure, as construction activity on the driveway could pose a safety hazard to pedestrians and dogs.

We will keep the gate open for pedestrian access to the off-leash dog area outside of working hours and on weekends. Please email me if you find the gate chained outside of designated working hours.

Drainage Calculations

Several residents have inquired about potential impacts that the project will have on storm runoff.

A 54 pg City approved encroachment permit and Verde Stormwater report was issued on dated 8/25/23

Per the City's request, PUSD has reduced the peak flow rate for the Witter Field area by approximately 20%, largely by detaining the water in storm events in the subsurface piping and rock drainage profile.

Updates and Contact Information

The District remains committed to providing regular updates to the community regarding the Witter Field renovation. We understand that construction is inconvenient and disruptive, and appreciate your continued patience, understanding, and cooperation as we complete this important project.

I will provide another update on construction activity and parking restrictions in approximately one week, no later than Friday, 9/8. All updates will continue to be posted on the PUSD website at <https://www.piedmont.k12.ca.us/ref/facilities/witter-field-renovation>.

I remain the point of contact for questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at ppalmer@piedmont.k12ca.us or by phone at (510) 594-2877.

Regards,
Pete Palmer
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