

De Anza Newsletter



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Dear Residents,

We would like to thank you for your cooperation as the De Anza property has begun its transition back to parkland. Over the past six months, City staff has been working very closely with Hawkeye Asset Management Company on the day-to-day operations at the property. The City is addressing health and safety concerns by repairing dilapidated gas, electrical, water and sewer lines. The City has also been working to improve security and oversee the safe and proper removal of the units.

We are pleased to introduce this newsletter as a means of sharing important updates about the park with all of you. Additionally, City staff has set up an information telephone line that will be updated on a weekly basis to let tenants know of any pertinent information. And, City staff will keep an updated copy of the information binder distributed to the Mayor and City Council at the Hawkeye office on-site as well as at the City Clerk's office downtown.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding repairs improvements at the park, please see the important phone numbers listed above.

Thank you!

Important Phone Numbers

- >De Anza Information Line
(858) 270-7310
- >Hawkeye Asset Management
Office (858) 270-4300
- >Security Office/After-hours
emergencies (858) 337-4641

City Council Committee To Hear De Anza Update May 26

Councilmember Jim Madaffer, chair of the San Diego City Council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee (NR&C), has scheduled a hearing for **Wednesday, May 26**, on the current status of the transition of De Anza back to public parkland as required by state law and reinforced by the Kapiloff Legislation of 1981. The Natural Resources and Culture Committee's areas of responsibility include the Clean Water Program; energy and water issues; the Multiple Species Conservation Program; compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Protection Act and state and federal endangered species acts; arts and culture; Transient Occupancy Tax; solid waste disposal; recycling; Air Pollution Control District and air quality; hazardous waste; open space planning, preserves; and regional parks. The Committee holds formal hearings usually

twice a month. The Councilmembers delve into important issues facing the City, review projects, and are able to vote on issues before them.

The Councilmembers will take public comment on the subject, as well as hear a presentation from City staff detailing the City Manager's report on the status of the De Anza property. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street, downtown San Diego. The trolley stops in front of the building and a bus stop is one block away at Horton Plaza. Parking is available in the Concourse Parkade; in pay lots and in metered street parking.

Security Efforts Working Well

The property has had continuing problems with illegal activity including vandalism, theft, unlawful occupants, drug use, drug sales, and prostitution. Hawkeye has been working with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and the Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) on ways to improve security and deter the illegal activity through enhanced access control and surveillance. On April 1, 2004, Metropolitan Public Safety replaced the security company originally at the property. This company has considerable experience in working with SDPD in identifying and reporting illegal activity, and officers are trained by SDPD. The City's objective is to substantially reduce or eliminate illegal activity at the property during the transition period with the help of the new security company, Hawkeye and SDPD. Security will cost approximately \$332,000 per year.

Other security measures include installation of a new 8-foot chain link fence along the northern boundary of the property. This fence will be temporarily capped until such time as the suspected illegal element accessing the property at night is deterred from doing so. Once security cameras can be installed, the barbed wire may be removed. Fencing repair and purchase cost was in excess of \$20,000.

Also, a guard station has been constructed at the entrance of the property to enhance security for residents at De Anza.

Repairs and Improvements

Gas, electric, water, sewer and other repairs have already cost in excess of \$500,000. More repairs are required at the property, which will result in significant expense.

Two heaters that were inherited by the City failed and have been replaced, one for the pool and one for the spa. The two heaters and other repairs were needed because of deferred maintenance, costing the City approximately \$10,000. Pool costs are approximately \$6,000 per year for cleaning and general maintenance.

Office Assistance Available

Hawkeye staff is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to address tenant's issues in person or tenants can submit written comment forms to the front office at any time. After hours, call the Security Office at (858) 337-4641.