

**SURVEY RESULTS (% ONLY) FOR PHASE 3 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006**

The questions below are meant to give you an opportunity to convey your vision and thoughts about the reservoir property. Since the point where the Master Plan was being developed (1999), the community has met for several subsequent workshops. If you are new to Silver Lake, we want to hear from you. If you've participated in the past, we urge you to continue to communicate with us so that, ultimately, the use of this incredible asset reflects the community's wishes.

**PARKING:** In the earlier workshops, there was a preference that no new parking areas should be built on the reservoir property.

• Do you agree with this preference? Yes **78%** No **22%** If no, where would you suggest?

• What thoughts or concerns do you have about this issue?

**Maybe a small corner of the meadow area can be used for limited parking, but closed when the rest of the park is.**

**No parking along SL Bl. NO parking IN the meadow!**

**Parking will be irrelevant. People will use Elysian/Griffith.**

**I don't want increased traffic, so centers, museums and the like that increase traffic (& noise, air pollution, wildlife, disruption, etc) are not a good idea.**

**Try to accommodate parking without creating awful traffic on SL Bl.**

**Limited parking for park use only.**

**Needs more parking around the park & reservoir [but said "yes" to earlier workshop opinion].**

**If more parking is needed and feasible, I'd like more parking to accommodate people who wish to use the park.**

**None. Encourage walking. Lack of parking will keep out excess traffic.**

**Street issues & permits.**

**We need parking in beautiful areas—shrub dividers, etc.**

**Do not add parking. It would bring in people from outside the community. We have enough people and cars now.**

**Congestion, traffic, extra pollution takes away from the peace & tranquility.**

**Attracts too many & the wrong type of people.**

**Hard to park around the dog park. Near rec center where hill slopes at corner up or near basketball courts**

**There is adequate street parking. This stragey will help encourage "passive" usage.**

**Off site at local schools w/DASH service.**

**Diagonal parking on SL Bl & W SL Dr**

**I don't want to see a huge influx of outside traffic. I don't have a solution.**

**Limited parking at current DWP work area.**

**On the NNS side.**

**How much parking is there now? Seems there is a parking lot—that would be adequate.**

**Not too much parking**

**[New Parking on] Glendale Bl**

**Lets encourage people to use alt forms of transportation. Plus, there is plenty of parking around the lake, we can deal w/some cars coming in.**

**Lots of parking on adjacent streets.**

**As a rule, I think we all need to start using alternative transport or carpool.**

**Parking is anathema to this beautiful area.**

**Out of neighborhood traffic/use**

**Parking is already congested on my street**

**Preserve open space, which is scarce. Encourage bike & ped access. However, it would be nice to have more parking for park programs.**

**Add parking! Please don't make the locals provide parking.**

**Parking for people who use the path, the sculpture garden, electric boats, etc. could be a source of income. Use the same areas now paved.**

**Parking is already a nightmare on my street.**

**Traffic is already dicey on Tesla along the reservoir—needs separate walking space [on Tesla] no add'l traffic**

**Let people walk! (Keep access on Armstrong on at S end).**

**Too much added traffic & influx of new residents would bring trash & noise, and possibly criminal element.**

**No opinion. Don't take up park/meadow w/parking.**

**I want a destination that draws me out of my house on foot.**

**Parking should only be added in non-residential areas.**

**Parking structures or lots are green-space waters and only bring in more outside traffic.**

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**Build a parking lot outside the park. SL BI is in a residential area. Parking on street with the heavy traffic is difficult.**

**Recreation center.**

**There should be a limited amount of new parking.**

**Let us walk there.**

**Public parking should be eliminated around the lake.**

**Once the lake is de-commissioned, there should be more discussion & plans leading more park use of the meadow & DWP residential areas. Some areas can be designated parking.**

**It would be nice to have a public small off street parking lot rather than rely entirely on street parking**

**If the public is allowed access, the coyotes will be driven out.**

**After the DWP leaves, the little service roads could be used for parallel parking. Until then, sacrifice no blade of grass to parking.**

**The property s/b protected as a wilderness preserve**

**If we emphasize parking, this won't be passive recreation use.**

**There are too many cars as it is. It is gridlocked during traffic hours.**

**Encourage pedestrian use. Higher neighborhood participation.**

**Additional paper for this and other questions is available at the check in table.**

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Many parks throughout the city have a posted Dawn to Dusk policy, with no fence or locked gate around the park. The park around the Silver Lake Rec Center has this policy.

- In your opinion, would the Dusk to Dawn policy, with no fence or locked gate be sufficient for the Meadow? Yes **54%** No **46%**
- For the Eucalyptus Grove? Yes **58%** No **42%**

- What thoughts or concerns do you have about this issue?

**I'm open to it, but would like to hear from LAPD about what they think.**

**Access has to be denied during dark hours.**

**Keep jogging path open all the time for those who can only use this at other hours. Fence the rest.**

**Close the park w/fences @ night for the security of the wildlife & humans.**

**This grove should remain fenced with no public access.**

**Security & noise could be an issue.**

**I'm concerned about safety and people using the park after dark for activities other than the intended use. I'm concerned that the level of graffiti in our neighborhood could transfer to the grove & park.**

**Make sure area is well lighted.**

**The fence obscures the views.**

**Close at dusk open at dawn is OK**

**Too many shady areas for shady characters to hide out**

**Trouble at night far off street**

**Not sure—safety & maintenance**

**Both the meadow and the grove s/be fenced, gated and closed at night. If the area is not strictly controlled, street people will take up residence there. These areas also present a great opportunity for drug use & dealing.**

**Loitering, trash, vagrants & safety!!**

**Homeless, crime.**

**Must have a physical deterrent to be effective, but it can still be beautiful.**

**Transients "spending the night"**

**Joggers should have access post dusk.**

**Definitely need gates locked at dusk.**

**I live near Tesla & we have had flashers. I'd hope there would be some patrols night & early a.m.**

**The meadow area could, due to more secluded areas, attract undesirable activity—drug, gang & vagrancy issues.**

**I have worries about disturbing the abundant wild life in these areas.**

**If it is open all the time, won't this be a problem for the coyotes?**

**I do not care for the fenced in property. It reminds me of a prison area.**

**Passive use. Not crazy.**

**Vandalism.**

**If there is no security on the property from dusk to dawn, the facility should be fenced and locked.**

**There are many eyes on the street. I don't think fencing/gates will stop illegal activities. As long as there isn't a safety hazard along the reservoir.**

**Prefer 24 hour access or at least later than "dusk"**

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**Am somewhat concerned. ie: the coyotes & other critters eating the neighborhood pets—so I'd like the gate/fence maintained.**

**It would be great, ideally to be able to go there at night.**

**No nighttime use however it is solved.**

**No Night Use!!!! A different element shows up at night.**

**Park landscaping should not include any plants that would hide people.**

**Although a parking area would be good for joggers/walkers only.**

**Crime could develop if open all day**

**Crime if grove is open all day 24/7**

**Safety if residents is critical as well as maintenance of clean environment. No overnight.**

**Don't Know. How would additional fences & locks affect wildlife?**

**Gang elements already spray graffiti; no more opportunities for escalation into drugs & violence**

**Areas of congregation/drinking**

**If it ain't broke, don't fix it**

**My home faces the grove on W SL Dr so my biggest concern is safety, as well as noise levels. How will the City police the site and prevent it from becoming a homeless encampment.**

**Since there is no history of this kind of park in the immediate area, I think we should start with minimum security.**

**The park may draw drug dealers, homeless from all the surrounding areas. We don't want more crimes drawn to SL Bl**

**As long as this is an adequate policy and signing, we should try to avoid locked gates.**

**Prefer to use this—an honor system. It can be changed in the future in the unfortunate event that it is needed.**

**Locked security gates be provided**

**Grove may be risky at night**

**Don't know**

**Am open to fence in the future**

**Very limited access will insure that the park remains beautiful**

**We have very little trouble with transients & bad guys now. Lets try no fence 1<sup>st</sup> with the option of adding later. Once it is installed it will never be removed.**

**Such a policy might invite redence by homeless or other misuse of property when shielded by trees, etc.**

**Unsure. Security.**

**Locked Gate**

**We need locked gate & fence or we will have homeless & gangs**

**A fenced and gated area is necessary for security.**

**Enforcement**

**People sleeping in park, crime**

**If not visible from street, gate is needed.**

**THE MEADOW (on Silver Lake Boulevard inside the fence):**

For the first time in over 60 years, the LA Department of Water & Power (LADWP) will allow public access to the 6 acre meadow on Silver Lake Blvd. The Master Plan workshops and subsequent community surveys, found the preference that the meadow should remain a sylvan setting - rustic, natural and open to all. The Master Plan illustrates the Meadow with a few paths & benches, and no designated playing fields, bleachers, overhead lighting, parking, etc. (To review the Master Plan, visit [www.csslr.org](http://www.csslr.org)).

**The public should not have access to this meadow.**

**Add parking**

• Does the above paragraph generally reflect your thinking about the meadow? Yes **89%** No **11%**

**Some lighting!**

**But some play area for kids, natural, wooden type things that are beautiful**

**Although a picnic area would be nice**

**I prefer that the meadow remain as is with no public access.**

• Would you like to see more trees on the Meadow? Yes **54%** No **46%** (What kind? How many? What about the view?)

**A few—not many—view is most important**

**Natives; oaks, sycamores, etc.**

**Variety of palm trees.**

**Shade trees, no more Eucalyptus!**

**Oak**

**Vary the tree type. Eucalyptus are always good.**

**Lower shade trees (not too high to obstruct views). Trees to shade path/benches**

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Camphor, sycamore—no Eucalyptus  
 Native trees, although its nice & open now.  
 I think the meadow should be less accessible with walking paths.  
 Doesn't matter.  
 It would be great to see a Calif natural habitat, oak, Manzanita, etc (Griffith Park has a tiny one) ours could be larger.  
 It should not be opened  
 No access to meadow  
 Not Eucalyptus!  
 Only if they are native. Shade is nice, so is open area.  
 Flowering  
 Very small in clusters  
 Gingkos, if feasible; selected small shade trees where benches are placed  
 To provide more shade, not Eucalyptus  
 Maybe just a few smaller native species  
 Native plantings only—oaks, sycamore  
 Need more info/time  
 Try for flowering varieties. No Eucalyptus!  
 Redwoods  
 Native trees; remove exotic palms or phase these out  
 Small – few  
 No preference  
 Some for shade  
 Just replace existing Eucalyptus w/native species  
 Near the perimeter  
 Yes, Eucalyptus 2:1 existing  
 The old tall trees being removed from SL BI could be placed at the meadow.  
 While I love trees, it is nice to have the contrast between the wooded knoll and the open meadow. But shade trees would be nice for the benches.  
 More trees if they provide shade for benches & tables.  
 Only short trees that don't block anyone's view  
 Small flowering trees in groups  
 A few well placed – not giant pines

• In addition to walking, jogging and relaxation, what amenities, features or activities would you like to see allowed on or near the Meadow? (Please mark the circles below):

**Rowing, boating**  
**None!!**  
**Cell phone booster tower disguised as a native tree**  
**Picnicking, events**  
**Add a tree-shaped cell phone tower, please.**

	<b>Approve %</b>	<b>No Opinion %</b>	<b>Disapprove %</b>
<u>AMENITIES</u>			
Drinking Fountains	<b>67</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>
Park Benches	<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>
Picnic Tables	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>53</b>
BBQ Grills	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>
Exercise Stations (par course)	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>53</b>
Food Kiosks for coffee/bagels/snacks	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>
Open areas for flexible use	<b>58</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
Jungle Gym/Play equipment	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>55</b>
Large boulders situated to provide dimension	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>
Rest Rooms	<b>53</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>38</b>

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<u>FEATURES/ACTIVITIES</u>	<b>Approve %</b>	<b>No Opinion %</b>	<b>Disapprove %</b>
Reservoir Geysers (similar to Echo Park Lake)	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>48</b>
Meadow fountain/water feature	<b>47</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>
Native plant demonstration garden	<b>76</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>
Water pad for kids of all ages to get wet	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>50</b>
Relocate the dog park to meadow	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>82</b>
Amplified (to a specific db level) concerts	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>
Un-amplified concerts	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>46</b>
Other performances (readings, magic, juggling etc.)	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>44</b>
Weddings/Commitment Services	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>
Temporary art exhibits or installations	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>
Permanent art installations/sculpture gardens	<b>53</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>
Astronomical events (special nighttime event)	<b>63</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>
Fireworks (special nighttime event)	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>57</b>

**AMENITIES**

Drinking Fountains  
**One only**

Park Benches  
**Limited**  
**A very few**  
**Two only**  
**Only in meadow**

Picnic Tables  
BBQ Grills  
Exercise Stations (par course)  
Food Kiosks for coffee/bagels/snacks  
**Exercise stimulates my appetite (approve)**  
**Yes, if they will help pay for the park**

Open areas for flexible use  
**Not organized recreation**  
**Youth soccer!**  
**What does this mean?**

Jungle Gym/Play equipment  
**Small for small children**  
**Natural looking play area**  
**A small area**

Large boulders situated to provide dimension  
**??**  
**ie, landscaping**

Low level, path lighting

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Rest Rooms

**Even if just one each SLB (E+West)**

**Limited & locked @ 9 pm – 6 am**

**If tasteful & made to look natural**

**Already at the rec center**

**Small, unobtrusive**

**Only where bldgs already exist**

**Only when the DWP buildings are available**

FEATURES/ACTIVITIES

Echo Park-like Reservoir Geyser

Meadow fountain/water feature

**YES!**

**Small**

A native plant demonstration garden

**Where?**

**Small**

Water pad for kids of all ages to get wet

**(or other) YES!**

**As in Portland, talk to Lori**

**Small**

**Yes!**

Relocate the dog park to meadow

**NO-NO-NO!**

**Get rid of dog park**

**Grass won't last—bad for coyotes**

**No, but please allow pets**

**Ruination!**

**Ughh. But we need more youth soccer space!**

**No!**

Amplified (to a specific db level) concerts

**If ended before 10 pm**

**A band shell & limited amplification**

**No loud noise**

**No!**

Un-amplified concerts

Other performances (readings, magic, juggling etc.)

**Outdoor film screening**

**Maybe**

Weddings/Commitment Services

Temporary art exhibits or installations

**Only if it doesn't take up a lot of space**

Permanent art installations/sculpture gardens

**Please! No day-glo or "rainbow" or plastic "art". Should be organic if it is a permanent installation**

Astronomical events (special nighttime event)

**LA too bright?**

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Fireworks (special nighttime event)  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July only**

• What other attractions, events or amenities would you like to see on the Meadow?

**Periodic low db concerts like SLNC sponsored this summer @ Bellevue Park.**

**Community gathering place!**

**Outdoor film screening. I'd be happy to help arrange & program.**

**Please leave it simple, quiet a restorative spot.**

**None**

**No events or attractions. open space. natural**

**Very little.**

**None**

**Water park ask Lori**

**This area should have limited use. It should remain as natural as possible with no contrived activities.**

**Keep it simple, don't add junk. Don't make this an attractive nuisance.**

**Keep as natural environment—limited change mostly for walking safety**

**Berms other topographic features.**

**None. Leave it to the native animals.**

**None**

**None**

**Walking areas around statues/art, etc.**

**A lot of things for kids**

**Like to attract birds, coyotes and other wildlife**

**It is its own attraction right now!**

**Youth soccer – which serves areas of Echo Pk, LF, Atwater, SL**

**Bike parking**

**Walking/jogging trails, there is no need for anything else. Keep activities at rec center & dog park & fields.**

**Adult, family swimming**

**None**

**Shakespeare in the park, native plant garden**

**None**

**None**

**Nothing, just beautiful nature**

**Natural beauty**

• What other thoughts or concerns do you have about the Meadow?

**Preserving the sight lines. Not overused w/activity but retain natural aspects. Paths, low benches, etc. preferred.**

**The whole meadow should not be open—just most of it. Don't let people be able to go all the way to water's edge.**

**I feel strongly that we don't over develop it**

**Passive rec doesn't mean concerts and playgrounds!!**

**Should be better landscaped for people to view from the outside. Chain link fence is an eyesore, wrought iron fence better.**

**Keep noise levels low.**

**Keep it as natural as possible. It should be a nature path.**

**Remove the fence & concrete barriers, reservoir & meadow should be visually accessible from SL BI**

**Become more of a problem than benefit**

**Try to keep it natural, green & cool, not full of buildings. Cement and other eyesores walls & fencing need to look natural too**

**Coyotes & children on path of meadow.**

**Maintenance!**

**The less attraction for people outside the area, the better**

**Balance between existing wildlife & community needs**

**Traffic mgmt on SL BI—crosswalks, speed control features**

**No access to the meadow. None!**

**Parking/Traffic; Disturbing wildlife; attracting undesirables**

**No access**

**Leave it to nature—little or no human intervention**

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**I think it should remain as natural as possible, but I think a site-appropriate playground would be amazing**

**Keep wild, protected**

**None**

**Remember—it's a "lawn" not a "meadow" lets make it a useful park!**

**Keep it native – more or less**

**Sound reflecting off the water is a major problem. Quite activities would be ok.**

**Do as little as possible to allow walking only!**

**Trying to put too much in a small space would diminish the park area available for public usage**

**Keep to a minimum**

**Keep it natural—not a picnic destination.**

**Don't let the dogs off leash in there**

**Increased homeless people – noise – parking – crime**

**No playing fields, keep open & rustic**

**I would like it to be as native, wildlife friendly & safe as possible**

**Too much traffic & use could kill the grass & leave ugly, bare patches**

**Pedestrian stoplight @ SL BI & Armstrong**

**Bicycle parking**

**How will we deal with homeless & crime? Extra policing?**

**That it remain as natural as possible without "improvements" and that all existing wildlife be protected from habitat destruction.**

**The park should only be for walking and jogging only**

**None**

**Recreational development is a security and health risk, at, around or about SL reservoir**

**Passive quiet contemplative "break" for walkers, etc.**

**Leave as is!**

**Open as soon as possible even without the paths...the grass is great**

**The area should be valued and enjoyed as a wilderness preserve**

**outside traffic, security, attractive fence (if there is to be one)**

**We need to be careful because the area is small and is surrounded by houses.**

**Anything placed in the meadow must be graffiti proof.**

**Don't overdo a good thing!**

**What about trash? Overuse, maintaining serenity of Silverlake**

**Neighborhood park**

**EUCALYPTUS GROVE (on West Silver Lake Drive inside the fence):**

A preliminary design for the Eucalyptus Grove shows a meandering path. Wanting to protect the area under the trees where the Great Blue Herons nest, the path would veer back onto W SL Drive so as not to disturb this annual nesting event.

**Yes!**

**Great!**

**Move this closer to lake now!**

- Would you like to see this decomposed granite meandering path installed? Yes **80%** No **20%**

**Current path fine**

**Seasonal access**

- Would you like to have low level, path lighting installed here? Yes **58%** No **42%**

**Indifferent. Just protect the herons.**

**Don't care.**

**Maybe**

**If it doesn't affect the birds**

- Would you like benches facing the water installed here? Yes **72%** No **28%**

**Yes, but not too many**

**Not a lot**

**A few**

- Is there anything else you'd like to see in the Eucalyptus Grove?

**This is the area for a bird sanctuary.**

**Fencing to prevent people from going all the way to the water's edge.**

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**Eucalyptus trees replaced as they die w/native trees (if herons are not disturbed)**

**Go native. Protect our eco system.**

**Go native. protect wildlife & plant natives as Eucs die.**

**Keep the path along W SL Dr**

**Weeds & tree debris cleaned.**

**A native plant area and a misting area or fountain**

**Maintenance!**

**If this area is opened for use, it should be very limited use with no special activities.**

**Use bridge between Ivanhoe & SL reservoir as viewing/access & west side of lake**

**Native trees**

**Do not disturb the wild/nature**

**Good location for a few art pieces**

**Better fencing—looks like a prison yard now**

**Leave it alone**

**Don't disturb**

**Just leave it alone**

**Path, Low level lighting, benches. That's all.**

**Herons & wildlife only**

**Kiosk re: blue herons**

**Native planting**

**It should be maintained mainly as a bird sanctuary with a quiet walk through it.**

**Touch as lightly as possible or keep out!**

**Keep it looking natural**

**Exercise stations**

**Leave it as it is. Perhaps limited daytime access might work.**

**A few more trash cans.**

**More trees, shrubs & flowering plants. Hummingbird feeders & nests**

**Audubon info center**

**Perform a risk analysis for the planned development**

**Gate it with a pass card or code only residents can get in with or \$1 admission**

**A wandering brook (similar to the brooks at the Ambassador College in Pasadena) together with benches, the combination is very sylvan**

**Leave as is!**

**Open as soon as possible**

**I think the path outside the wall is adequate, the grove inside the fence should be maintained for wildlife**

**If we have low level lighting here, we need the same in the meadow**

**Some shrub massing to frame views & perspective**

**Don't develop. One change leads to another.**

**The Trees:** The Eucalyptus Grove is so named because of the predominance of non-native Eucalyptus trees. Many of the Eucalyptus trees have been lost to age, neglect and pest problems. The remaining trees are probably 70+ years old.

- Would you like to maintain the character of the grove by planting additional Eucalyptus trees planted now? Yes **53%** No **47%**
- In the future as these trees die, would you like to replace them with another tree such as native Sycamores? Yes **76%** No **24%**

**Oaks**

**View is most important. Some low shade trees.**

**Oak trees too**

**Or Oak & black walnut**

**Native is better**

**Yes on sycamores, but aren't they prone to blight?**

**Gradually introduce native trees**

**After a plan, introduce native trees w/irrigation**

**But with short trees that don't block anyone's view.**

**I like both trees.**

- What other thoughts or concerns do you have about the Eucalyptus Grove?

**What impact on herons?**

**Aren't these trees dying in Griffith Park?**

**Palms.**

**The grove could be primarily Euc's but accommodate a small number of a variety of other types of trees.**

**The brittle branches breaking & no one to clean the debris.**

**Reservoir needs to be blue, not green!**

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**This is a quiet community with responsible residents. Keep it that way! Don't do things that make this area a magnet for people outside the community.**

**Not disturbing herons**

**Its fine the way it is**

**Xmas decorations—holiday decorations—lighted!!**

**I feel our group got a little commandeered by a few anti-meadow people. I want to emphasize I think opening the meadow is an environmentally friendly way for passive use is a wonderful idea**

**Maintain it primarily as an open space view corridor based on a neighborhood level of use. Keep the water "blue" after the SL res goes offline**

**No maintenance, no ground cover, leave as is. No native Sycamores**

**Native planting/open space**

**Don't disturb the herons!!!!**

**Replace it w/ healthier trees that promote bio-diversity in our Mediterranean climate**

**Too close to houses on W SL Dr. Noise because area has amphitheatre effect. I worry that open access 24/7 would invite crime, homeless, etc.**

**I would like a group such as the Theodore Payne Foundation used as a resource for native trees, plants, landscaping and Audubon Society to be advisors.**

**Many of trees appear to be leaning & prone to falling over due to lack of water. Shouldn't they be watered once a week so they don't die prematurely?**

**Maintain sense of forest setting, strolling among trees, viewing the body of water through this grove**

**Our herons love these trees, as do our humming birds. Please protect them for the future.**

**It is a precious but very small area which must be protected not over-used by too much love We should be very careful how we proceed at this stage.**

**With more lighting on SL Bl, seems like where we live has become part of a public park. It is too much.**

**Especially we are enduring the traffic. The dog park, the library. Sometimes we feel somebody with connection is trying to make our neighborhood a recreation back yard for the whole community.**

**SL Park has previously experienced criminal activity and this expanded park development will attract more criminal activity**

**Permit meandering walk & access, a few benches to rest and contemplate, open to others.**

**The trees used at the Ambassador College in Pasadena might be a good substitute for the Euc Grove in the future.**

**If we open this to public access, the public will overwhelm it.**

**Don't destroy the area**

**Protect the heron nests, expand education and attraction of all wild life, water fowl, birds**

**If major changes to the grove would alter the blue heron nesting pattern, changes should not be implemented—habitat protection should be maintained.**

**Again crime + defacing environment. Current walking path is fine because it limits options of interactions.**

**THE FUTURE:** In approximately 2015, the LADWP will have completed the underground drinking water storage reservoir adjacent to the LA River and Griffith Park. Discussions are underway about the use of this property after they are no longer using the reservoirs for water storage and delivery and no longer need to maintain water-related functions at the site. The LADWP has agreed to maintain the water level, water quality and the dams. The property is owned by the City of Los Angeles.

**Wildlife:** A biological survey has been conducted to assess the wildlife habitat on this property. The design for the park will be based upon the biological survey to minimize the disruption of the habitats.

• What thoughts or concerns do you have about the wildlife?

**Relocate coyotes to Angeles forest.**

**Would like to add bat houses & encourage bats to nest & take care of mosquitoes, etc.**

**We must do everything we can to protect habitat for the animals (mammals, marsupials, birds, reptiles, etc) that have been using the private protected habitat around the lake since 1940—it is theirs. We must respect that urban wildlife habitat.**

**Don't disturb the blue herons habitat. Plant native trees & other plans as existing trees die off.**

**Limit the number of coyotes. There are too many now!**

**Coyotes, herons.**

**Let wildlife remain—but separated & safe for both people & animals.**

**More native habitat, daylight any stream.**

**Love it! Protect it!**

**We have crammed wildlife into this enclosure. Lets leave them be.**

**The wildlife should be of highest concern—no disruption.**

**Small ones OK.**

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**Concern about neighborhood predation by coyotes.**

**I like the coyote family that lives there.**

**I want wildlife enhancement. Hope Audubon comes in. Would love bird sanctuary.**

**Where will herons go?**

**Good. Encourage it.**

**They were here first.**

**I am in favor of minimizing habitat disruption, but there is a way to relocate problematic coyotes.**

**Preserve as much as possible the current ecological, environmental balance.**

**I have great concerns that they [herons] will be disturbed & displaced .**

**Will design & construction make the area inhospitable to the blue herons that nest in the Euc grove?**

**That there is a serious and ongoing concern and active program to protect them and their habitat.**

**Improve habitats.**

**I don't see anything good is going in to help the wildlife on the property.**

**A balanced approach to wildlife is best.**

**Keep the birds. Remove coyotes.**

**Try to support it!**

**Wildlife habitat protection should be a priority.**

**Probably wouldn't be a good idea due to rabies, noise (eg. peacocks).**

**If the public is allowed access, the coyotes will be driven out.**

**Spay & neuter the coyotes so eventually the tree-covered knoll will be safe for access by people.**

**The protection of wildlife habitats is of primary importance and as such, enriches the experience of all who visit or live nearby or walk or jog the perimeter.**

**We need to know if we have skunk nests. What about the coyotes?**

**I care about the blue heron, coyotes and ducks.**

**Save wildlife**

**Oversight:** Whoever the new management entity of the property is, the community will want a say in how the property is managed.

• Do you have any thoughts or concerns about this issue now?

**I am very concerned that the management entity be one that can manage this biological resource (animals) that make the area home.**

**I think safety is paramount. I believe that the natural beauty of this area should be maintained while adding a few paths to allow people to access the beautiful area.**

**CSSLR should continue. A permanent institution for (a la CSSLR) is needed with considerable power to determine what happens to the lake.**

**Not for profit organization, focus on environment.**

**Maximum opening of the property to public usage – a free public park.**

**Park advisory council.**

**Under the oversight of SL community via our elected community reps—one point person w/website for community input.**

**I agree that the community should continue to have a say.**

**Keep getting opinions.**

**Need to have community/local control or at least participation.**

**Tax for oversight? Policing.**

**Obviously, it will be best for the new entity to be long established and well funded.**

**The new entity should have to have a certain percentage of board members/advisors made up of community members & more specifically some who live around or near the reservoir.**

**I have many concerns about long term maintenance.**

**I hope there will continue to be these well publicized forums.**

**Make sure the city preserves the property as well as DWP has.**

**How to maintain water level @ 450! Design a bypass line to divert LA River water to maintain level.**

**All contemplated changes and improvements should be routed through either the neighborhood council or the SL Homeowners Assn.**

**Very limited access will insure that the area remains beautiful.**

**Need high degree of community participation.**

**City park rangers to protect this area?**

**Regular trash pickup, better care of existing & new landscape**

**Need to know more.**

**Notify residents**

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**VISION:** After 2015, when the LADWP has finished the construction to relocate the SL Water storage, the remaining 5 acres (with the buildings) and the east side knoll (with all the trees) could also be made available for community use. Let this section of the survey be your "blue sky", your ideas run wild.

• **What would you like to happen in these areas? (The items below have come up in some of the other workshops and are to get you thinking big and wide):**

**Don't picture where this is. I need to go to a meeting.**

	<b>Approve %</b>	<b>No Opinion %</b>	<b>Disapprov e %</b>
Access to the water for quiet boating (kayak, sunfish, sculls)	<b>42</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>52</b>
Casting Pond on Ivanhoe	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>57</b>
Community Vegetable or Fruit Orchard Garden	<b>48</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>
Environmental Learning Center	<b>64</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>
Historical Mulholland/DWP Exhibit/Museum	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>
Historical Architectural Display	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>
Bird Sanctuary	<b>79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>
Butterfly Garden	<b>80</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
Camping or overnight stays in the cottages	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>
Audubon/Nature Center	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
Native Plant Demonstration Garden	<b>72</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>
Facilities for purifying runoff water for re-use as irrigation	<b>61</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
Wetlands Demonstration Garden	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>
Information kiosks for community history and current events	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>
Grazing sheep	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>

Access to the water for quiet boating (kayak, sunfish, sculls)  
**paddleboats**  
**Limit Numbers**

Casting Pond on Ivanhoe  
**Fun for kids! but not a "business" open to the public a slip or dock for private use otherwise go to Echo Park.**

Community Vegetable or Fruit Orchard Garden  
**Perhaps as education & maybe fund raiser.**  
**Native plants**

Environmental Learning Center  
**Is this Pisa?**  
**No buildings, outdoor classroom only**

Historical Mulholland/DWP Exhibit/Museum  
**Agreed**  
**No buildings, interpretive signs.**  
**If realistic**

Historical Architectural Display  
**Minimalist**

Bird Sanctuary  
Butterfly Garden  
**Unless net**

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Camping or overnight stays in the cottages  
**No no no**

Audubon/Nature Center  
Native Plant Demonstration Garden  
Facilities for purifying runoff water for re-use as irrigation  
Wetlands Demonstration Garden  
Information kiosks for community history and current events

Grazing sheep  
**Coyotes for eating the grazing sheep!  
Only if they don't smell!  
#%&\* no!  
Coyote food.  
Where did this crackpot idea come from?  
Why sheep? What about the coyotes?  
or Goats? a joke?  
Joke, right?  
Yes! But would the coyotes kill them?  
Just kidding!**

• Is there anything else you'd like to see on the reservoir property?

**Driving Range for golf**

**Quiet – non polluting activities.**

**Just that we get to use it!**

**Less noise**

**Plenty of trash receptacles (even recycle abilities)**

**Yes, the lake is all about the water. It would be great if the meadows or knolls had some sort of water feature where people could cool off on hot days. I don't mean a swimming pool or raging waters, but rather some ponds or streams or fountains. As an example: 1) Averill Park in San Pedro has had lovely ponds with a walk path right across from homes & a busy street; 2) Vancouver has an adult & kid wading pool along the marina. The water is only about 2" deep & turned off at night for safety, but people take off their shoes & play in the water; 3) the Gardens of Tivoli in Rome were built more than 1000 years ago using gravity to power hundreds of fountains. There is a hill on the knoll and many artists in the community...how about a garden of fountains? 4) Universal Citywalk even has a fountain kids & adults are fascinated with.**

**Benches every 1/4 to 1/3 mile with baby play equipment.**

**Don't make this a multi-use park. It is ill suited for that purpose.**

**Clean & natural as possible, minimize concrete & buildings. Maximize indigenous plants & environmental features.**

**Balance between existing nature & safe walking is key. Maybe phase in amenities: Phase 1 – passive improvements for walking safely & preserving habitat- live with this a while. Phase 2 – add benches, perhaps picnic tables (?) drinking fountains, parking at rec center. Phase 3 water accessible. All only if needs arise.**

**Community center, classes in old buildings.**

**A watercourse of rocks between Ivanhoe & SL reservoirs.**

**Wild animals.**

**Band shell for concerts in the park. Fireworks over the lake; plays & puppet shows.**

**As little human disruption as possible—protect the natural systems.**

**A gym for older students to practice basketball—the rec center gym is too small for games for parents to come & teach their kids & friends sports. The little children & dogs are taken care of—why not the teens?**

**Benches for sitting along the path.**

**Thin the trees on SL BI in order to not obscure streetlights at night.**

**Lets open it all up! A central park for Silver Lake.**

**Water elements on the meadow.**

**No new buildings. Keep open space open.**

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**When are we getting a walkway on Tesla? That, to me, was the most needed. Make it one way & build a jogging path on fence side.**

**The lake and its surrounding property are a precious piece of nature in a contentious urban setting. Those of us who live with it directly and those who walk or drive to it enjoy that piece of nature. Anything that enhances their enjoyment of nature is welcome. Anything that disturbs, disrupts or destroys it should not be part of the plan.**

**Whatever we do, if we need to provide parking, the answer is NO! For demo use for school kids: Bus them in, only a few at a time.**

**Value peace, quiet, view, mirror of the water. My house looks directly down on the Eucalyptus grove & also over Ivanhoe. Is an extension of my home—keep low key—do NOT "invite" use. Meadow is not so "in the faces" of residents. Could have gentle walking there—there are fullsize solar light standards on the market today. I mean tall ones like streetlights. Walking in the Euc area is bad idea—no one but Audubon can convince me the herons will be happy! What is their opinion? Will homeless use for sleeping? What about fire? Euc are full of fuel.**

**Take down fences—allow ped/bike paths near the water. Have a swimming & beach area for summer use. The park should have a return to nature, not addition of commerce.**

**Great ideas. Add traffic signals to Cove or Earl, unless your seeking fatalities. Close public access at dusk & dedicate & to maintain.**

**Quiet use of the park, emphasizing education.**

**Preserve natural beauty.**

**I have lived near this beautiful sylvan spot for 40 years. Now, though, my guess have no way to park on my street. Suggest parking be thought out carefully.**

**Youth fields for soccer.**

**Access to the water without fences—no boating/swimming/no monuments to architects.**

**Combination parr course with the walking path. A world-class sculpture garden; perhaps the Getty museum would fund, manage, etc.**

**Public parks that close at a reasonable hour (9 pm?). Sound travels very well in that area. I live nearby.**

**A permanent banning of "dishes" or other antennas of any kind.**

**Benches, playground, restroom facilities.**

**Keep the area for the wild animals already there.**

**Bike path/jogging path.**

**Bat house (like Echo Park).**

**A community swimming pool.**

**I would like the lake water lit up at night.**

**Kite flying.**

**Naturalize the reservoir.**

**Some of these suggestions require buildings & the existing ones may need to be used for these purposes.**

**I'm a landscape painter + want a place to set up my easel.**

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**CURRENT USE:**

- How do you usually come to SL to use the Dog Park and/or pedestrian paths?  
Walk? Yes **94%** No **6%** (From where — how far?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Drive? Yes **39%** No **61%** (From where — how far?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Transportation? Yes **0%** No **100%** NA (From where — how far?) \_\_\_\_\_
- If you drive, where do you usually park? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you attended other workshops about the reservoir property?  
Yes **71%** (if so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ )  
No **29%** This is my first!

**ANY OTHER COMMENTS:**

**I think existing sidewalk along W SL Dr needs to be cleaned up & trash taken away**

**Definitely include the wildlife throughout.**

**Info on distance around the lake; Can we envision a bicycle lane? A bridge from one side to the other to create a total of three loops for variation in view and distance?**

**Lighting on Armstrong sidewalk; walkway & additional lighting on Tesla!; improved lighting on Van Pelt; meadow should not be dog park #2!**

**A jogging course with parcourse equipment.**

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**I just want it open to the community with neighborhood activities!**

**Concerns: Parking; traffic; security; landscaping-go native.**

**I don't want increased traffic, so center, museums and the like that increase traffic (& noise, air pollution, wildlife disruption, etc) and not a good idea. I can't say strongly enough that a sanctuary for animals, birds and people—an island of calm in our increasingly urbanized environment—is imperative. If we open the reserve, let us share it with the creatures that are already there.**

**Dog park is used mainly by people outside of the community. Should NOT have been constructed. Better to use open space for children. Prefer SL to remain a quiet residential community. The changes you have planned are attracting an undesirable element to the community. It started with the dog park.**

**I don't want it to be a museum, just a real grassy park with water that we can maybe get into.**

**Too much noise, esp around the rec center.**

**No fences, green space/amenities open to all; keep it mostly "as is", but make it more accessible by providing limited (par use only) parking & removing fences & visual barriers; design for ease of maintenance, provide sufficient maintenance funding.**

**Who will keep info current in the kiosks & other postings?**

**Good work.**

**Limited access and limited use, if very important. Preservation of the community as it is is also very important. I urge that most of the suggestions for expanded use be rejected. As an area to run, walk and observe the lake, SL is excellent. The use of the area should not be expanded. Look at the dog park: this area has been ruined. Its not even a good dog park anymore.**

**I walk or run daily—I love what I see. I would like to have the SL Bl eastside be safer and come into the meadow somewhat.**

**Encourage walking—discourage driving! Restrict parking to encourage people to use bikes or public transportation.**

**I'd love to see the fence around the lake taken down in 2009 when it is no longer a drinking water facility.**

**Whatever the plan, please make sure that the increased access is designed/maintained/controlled in such a way that it does not low and it don not become a magnet for homeless, vagrant, criminal use & activity.**

**If it is a problem, erect a beautiful fence (instead of chain link) along the Phase 2 path, and leave it in place so the meadow can be closed at night. It seems as if some ideas have already been dismissed by the committee (because of cost, difficulty, opinion, etc), please keep an open mind.**

**This is LA at its best! Public improvement, progressive planning, committed community, professional dedication. Great work.**

**I'm tired of beautiful potential park space being locked up behind fences.**

**This is very exciting!**

**Thank you for keeping us involved!**

**I have some ideas for improving the bike path to avoid fatalities. ie a rumble strip of concrete to separate cars from bikes. Also a curb that jogs in occasionally toward traffic to discourage cars driving up the bike lane as often happens.**

**The existing buildings could be redesigned—for rest areas, rest rooms, picnic areas, with grills, etc. Like a small Griffith Park! Picnic areas with table for eating. For senior, more informative meetings re health, etc.**

**I have been using the paths as part of my walks and it is a plus. I see more people walking and it is safe. The SL reservoirs have limited capacity for most forms of new recreation, cars & people.**

**The SL rec center is the best and some of the only local youth after school sports programs in Echo Park-Silverlake-Los Feliz-Atwater-Elysian Valley area. Parents come from all over to participate and volunteer, especially in soccer pee wee and above baseball, basketball, ultimate Frisbee. But the space for these programs is one dusty, muddy, highly overused field. We need more space for youth programs; perhaps in Griffith Park or in the meadow or at the existing dog park. Plus the dog owners use this field and the even smaller area west of the rec center for off-leash activities. Its not fair that dogs have taken up more of our open space in Silverlake. Then we are leaving for our young children. You should work with RAP to do a needs assessment of that. Plus, we would like to see Rowena Reservoir opened so we can walk, visit, picnic and learn about our fragile urban ecology there too!! from my son, Sam, age 6.**

**Currently, I don not use or approve the use of the "pedestrian path" on SL Bl. White lines painted in the street provide no safety for people –please get the people out of the street or provide real physical barriers. Please pave SL Bl, it is noisy & bumpy.**

**1) Keep exiting path at Eucalyptus grove—no need to spend more money for new path—most people using the path there, run or jog & would rather use a straight path—I am one of those 2) keep meadow "natural" walking path through area—no picnicking there—parking would be a huge problem if area was opened for activities.**

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**I prefer to leave the property as is; improve the maintenance, tree care, water quality. Then, gradually add activities like the sculpture garden walk, perhaps gardens like Descanso. Perhaps electric boats, a casting pond in Ivanhoe, fishing (?). But no organized sports or designated play fields that exclude non-players.**

**This is a historic neighborhood. Do not mess it up too much. Some access is good, but it needs to be done with care and concern for the existing neighborhood.**

**New fencing & general outlying appearance needs upgrade. Also, add walking area along Tesla.**

**The biological survey minimized the impact on native plants & wildlife. I would like native plants to be re-introduced as much as possible with attention to birds, butterflies & their nesting, eating and migrating needs (eco systems). I would like to see the eucalyptus grove become a bird sanctuary (no human access to nesting sites) for our beloved great blue herons & other birds. (The fledglings stand on the ground for hours & would be disturbed by people). what will be done to keep the lake from becoming algae-infested & green?!? (as it is not becoming...)**

**NO ACTIVE REC**

**This forum is a wonderful opportunity for the residents to get together, help each other through the process and get to know each other. Thank you to all organizers!**

**Awesome job!**

**When SL goes off-line, keep enough water (if even 2" deep) to keep the "look" of a lake.**

**Keep dog park separate & where it is (too many kids would be in the meadow!) but, plant more shade trees in the dog park.**

**Add an iconic SL art piece, perhaps some sort of homage to walking man [drawing on survey].**

**Discouraged at lack of response to my input over the past 60 years [see attached plan].**

**SL, itself, is the soul of the community. As stated above, the lake will continue to be maintained by the DWP. Nothing else is as important as the continuation of the lake as a physical feature of the community.**

**I live on Earl St-just above SL Bl. The proposed changes will mean a dramatic drop in the quality of the beauty of the whole reservoir area & a large increase in vehicle & foot traffic. A decline in the quality of life in the area.**

**Tesla needs to be made one way from east to west. It is very dangerous for peds who step off the safe path on W SL Dr with their backs to the traffic. This needs to be done now!**

**It would be nice to see lake 'naturalized'. Any park must be locked at night so homeless don't set up there as they are doing in downtown LA.**

**You must consider an "enclosed path" on the north side of the lake (between W. Silver Lake Dr. and Armstrong) on Angus. People walk in the middle of the street—someone is bound to be injured or killed—especially the hikers or joggers.**

**Thank you for participating in this workshop. Your input today is an essential element in the future of the reservoirs.**

**CONTACT:**

How did you hear about the workshop? (newsletter **20%**, flyer **23%**, banner **33%**, email **13%**, other **11%**)

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