

A Message Regarding Rustic Canyon Improvements from LVNOC
Chairman Nelson Willis

To All,

I have been informed that the new ADA ramp at Rustic Canyon Park failed its building inspection, it is too steep. There is the likely probability that the funds to rebuild the ramp will come from the Rustic Canyon Prop K budget.

This new revelation is particularly hurtful when you consider The Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks and former Councilwoman Miscikowski forced this unpopular part of the Rustic Canyon Prop K project upon us. We all fought against it. I voted against it. The LVNOC found many other solutions to the alleged code requirements presented to us by the city. They refused to listen. It was only approved by the LVNOC when Councilwoman Miscikowski made an end run around the LVNOC by making funds available for the ramp from the Councilwoman's discretionary funds, thus bypassing the LVNOC power to recommend how the Prop K funds were to be spent. The LVNOC went along with this scheme so The Dept. of Recreation and Parks would not proceed with the ramp without community input in how the ramp would look. Even this input was ignored.

THIS WAS A PROJECT THE COMMUNITY DID NOT WANT!
THERE WERE OTHER SOLUTIONS

All of the community's predictions have come true. Not only was this ramp unnecessary, it creates an ugly scar in the park, and now because of incompetent contracting, supervision and/or design there is the potential that additional funds from our sparse Prop K budget will be used to correct the cities mistake. Will the corrections be even uglier than what we have now? If the prioritization of projects that the LVNOC had originally recommended were followed this potential loss of funds would not be an issue. It is a shame the publics money is being wasted on something so unnecessary. As the ramp stands now, is there a way to make it more attractive, as promised? In the future how can they be trusted to get it right?

The LVNOC will be having a meeting about this and other issues on:

Thurs.Sept. 8th 6:30 pm at Rustic Canyon Park

Nelson Willis Chairman LVNOC