Sustainable Parks and Recreation Enterprise





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Our Mission

It is our mission to develop, maintain and enhance Lester A. Viola S. Girsh Park to provide all community members with affordable, high quality park and recreational facilities in a safe, attractive and healthy environment.

Served the community for 20 years and was recently named Non-Profit of the year in 2019.

Common Misconception: Girsh Park is a City or County Park.

We are a cooperative community effort that is owned and operated by The Foundation for Girsh Park a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation.

We are a regional private park for public use serving the Goleta Community and our local neighborhood with 500,000 visits annually.



About Me

Ryan Harrington, Girsh Park Executive Director for nearly 14 years

BA Sociology UCSB Masters of Public Administration, Cal State Northridge

19 Years in the Parks and Recreation Field 16 Years of Non-Profit Experience

Background in Recreation Programs; such as youth after-school sports and enrichment programs, summer camps, and adult sports programs for City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation and Elings Park Foundation 2000-2006

Managed both public and private sector Park facilities with a focus on athletic fields.

Extensive experience in Festival and large community events with all three entities

Serves as the Development Director of Girsh Park including all operational fundraising and capital campaigns.

Manages all aspects of the Girsh Park Facility and operations



Girsh Park History

Original 12 Acre Park opened in 1999

Built in conjunction with Camino Real Marketplace

2001: Purchased an additional the 13 acres to the west named Elings Fields for \$6,000,000 after a successful Fields Forever Campaign.

2008: Opened Girsh-Hochman Soccer Field after raising \$1,250,000 in our Fields Forever 2 Capital Campaign.

2018: Completed the \$750,000 Fields Forever 3 Capital Campaign that built Marborg Industries Fieldhouse that includes a concession stand and restrooms, ADA access to the facility, a new playground, and new batting cages.



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Girsh-Hochman Field: \$1,250,000 project opened in 2008 Used seven days a week by youth and adult soccer programs, tournaments, and camps





Broke ground on the new fieldhouse building in April 2015





We have completed restrooms, storage, drainage improvements and ADA access to the facility. This is a \$600,000 facility upgrade



Unique Non-Profit Business Plan





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Providing Community Recreational Opportunities for 20 years.

The City of Goleta now contributes \$125,000 for park maintenance per year and has assisted with capital projects.

Girsh Park has utilized \$20,000,000+ worth of resources to build the facility and programs that we have today.

Girsh Park is Goleta's Park!











Programs and Events Enterprise

Partnering with non-profits and private sector businesses to facilitate recreation programs and community events

These are valuable resources for capital funding, user fees, and quality recreational programming



Dos Pueblos Little League



400 + participants



AYSO Region 122





3,000+ participate in AYSO Region 122





Santa Barbara Soccer Club

800 families participate in SBSC







Club and Travel Baseball

Teams come from all over California to play and boost our local economy



Tournaments and Double Headers







Adaptive Sports Programs

Challengers Baseball AYSO VIP Soccer Program Special Olympics Tournaments



US Youth Volleyball League



50-75 participants per season



Central Coast Soccer League





SB Women's Soccer Organization





SB Men's Adult Baseball League



UCSB Club Baseball



Goleta Valley Dog Club, Inc.



















Event Stop











Girsh Park Egg Hunt









What does "Her" stand for?

For us, this festival is made to celebrate the countless extraordinary women and girls in our community that don't always get the recognition they deserve. This is not just our festival: it belongs to all of them. Her Festival is empowerment, it is celebration, it is a day for *Her*.













Current Project: Replace temporary generator light system With permanent field lighting on Girsh Hochman Field



City of Goleta Parks Masterplan

Showed the need for additional:

Youth Baseball Fields Youth Soccer Fields Playgrounds City Run Recreational Programs

Girsh Park can help! We are working on a masterplan for the Park.

We would also highly recommend an intermediate to expert level skate park and off-leash dog parks.

Girsh Park Facility Master Plan





Repurpose some grass fields to Synthetic Turf Fields

Would add soccer and baseball fields to the Goleta inventory

Increases recreational sports opportunities for the community





Nighttime play for baseball and soccer for youth and adults





New lighting systems have no light halo or bleed into the surrounding area



Recreational Programming





Together we can serve the park and recreational need for the community.

This public/private partnership costs the city dramatically less money and resources than a traditional model.

Let's work together on creating new facilities to create more recreational opportunities through expanded programming.

Thanks for your time and consideration!