



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Luz “Nina” Buelna, Interim Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Mackenzie Christie, Management Analyst

SUBJECT: New Parking Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive information on the new Parking Improvements for the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Parking Area; and
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 24-___ entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Authorizing Timed Parking Spaces, Designated Parking Spaces, and Other Parking Restrictions at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Parking Lot”.

BACKGROUND:

Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park opened to the community in 2019. The park includes a multi-purpose field, basketball court, handball court, concrete ping-pong table, bocce ball court, pickleball court, perimeter walking path, fitness nodes with exercise equipment, picnic areas, and skateboard plaza. The park is a popular destination for picnics with two reservable sites with 30 people at each site. Four smaller picnic areas were recently improved with shade structures. A new splash pad aquatic facility is under construction and is anticipated to be one of the most popular recreational amenities in Old Town Goleta. Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park provides a variety of activities and has proven to fill a variety of needs for Goleta. However, access to the park continues to be an issue due to limited parking availability along nearby public streets and in the parking lot within the park.

The parking lot currently provides 22 regular spaces and two accessible parking spaces for park users. The lot is for park users only and no overnight parking is permitted as referenced in City of Goleta’s Municipal Code section 12.15.370. The parking lot is often full and City staff receive regular complaints about non-park users parking in the lot, then going to their nearby residence, place of work, or shopping at one of the businesses within walking distance of the park. Unauthorized overnight parking in the lot occurs daily, despite current regulations prohibiting the use of the parking lot after the park closes at

sunset. In addition to park patrons having limited access to parking, City maintenance crews and contractors frequently cannot find any available parking spaces in the parking lot or on the street. The park requires daily maintenance, with janitorial and landscape crews spending several hours at the park each day. The new splash pad will also require about two hours of maintenance staff time each day the facility is in operation.

DISCUSSION:

City staff will be implementing several changes to the parking lot, signage, and enforcement to increase the amount of parking for park users and maintenance staff. This report outlines parking improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park in response to ongoing issues related to unauthorized and overnight parking by non-park patrons.

The improvements address the following issues: Overnight parking, a need for maintenance vehicle parking, and addressing the critical issue of non-park users using the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park parking lot. Parking improvements are needed at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park to increase parking availability for park patrons and maintenance staff.

On July 10, 2024, Parks and Open Space staff presented the parking improvements to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their support of the parking improvement plans. The commission is in support of Public Work's decisions and implementation of the parking improvements.

Improvements consist of the following:

1. **Four-hour maximum time limit:** There will be a four-hour maximum parking limit for the 20 regular parking spaces for all users and events. New signage will be installed at the parking lot entrance and in front of the parking spaces to ensure the proposed four-hour timed limit is clearly visible. This will encourage a turnover of parking availability and is intended to increase the number of spots open to park patrons throughout the day. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department will enforce the time limit under contract with the City of Goleta.
2. **No overnight parking enforcement:** No overnight parking is already posted at the site; however, limited enforcement has been in place. Staff will work with Santa Barbara County Sheriff to enforce this rule to improve parking availability for park patrons in the evening and morning hours when some overnight parkers presumably leave their vehicles in the lot. Staff are exploring opportunities to provide a warning prior to vehicles being cited or towed.
3. **Maintenance Vehicle Parking Allocation:** The Parks and Open Space Division has several contractors, such as landscape maintenance and janitorial services, that need access to the park daily. Adding two dedicated maintenance vehicle parking spots will allow contractors to access the site quickly. With the construction of the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Splash Pad nearing completion, it is essential to allocate two designated parking spaces within the park's parking lot specifically for maintenance vehicles.

4. **Additional Street Parking:** Two additional street parking spots near 111 S. Kellogg Ave have been added to help alleviate overflow in the parking lot and provide more parking for park visitors and the wider community. The new changes include the installation of clear and visible four-hour maximum parking limit signs in all applicable parking spaces and renewed emphasis on no overnight parking. The Parks and Open Space Division will coordinate with parking enforcement to establish a regular monitoring schedule. Lastly, Parking Enforcement will issue warnings and citations as necessary to ensure adherence to parking regulations.

The City of Goleta Police Chief approved the staff recommendation to tow vehicles after two citations within a 24-hour period, provided the citations include notice of towing. Notices were posted at the site to inform the public of the parking restrictions. Notices were also mailed to adjacent properties within 500 feet of the changes, A copy of the Public Notice showing the location of the No Parking Zones is included in Attachment 2. These improvements are expected to enhance the availability of parking for genuine park users, ensuring that Jonny D. Wallis Park can better serve the community. Enforcement of the 4-hour maximum limit will discourage long-term and overnight parking, maintaining the intended use of the parking lot.

The parking improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Park are necessary to address ongoing parking issues. By implementing designated maintenance vehicle spaces, timed parking enforcement, and additional street parking, the City of Goleta will enhance park accessibility and ensure that parking spaces are used appropriately.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The estimated cost for these improvements includes the manufacturing and installation of signs, marking designated maintenance vehicle spaces, and the creation of new street parking spots. Funding will be sourced from the Parks and Open Space Division’s budget allocation for park improvements and enforcement under fund 101-50-5400-51072.

Table 1: Budget for Parking Improvement Costs

Fund Type	Account	FY 24/25 Available Budget	Estimated Project Cost
Maintenance-Parking Lots	101-50-5400-51072	\$25,000	\$3,900
Total		\$25,000	\$3,900

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may direct staff to return with an alternate course of action for improving parking at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Photos of Each Location
2. Public Notice
3. Resolution No. 24-___ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Authorizing Timed Parking Spaces, Designated Parking Spaces, and Other Parking Restrictions at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Parking Lot"

ATTACHMENT 1

Photos of Each Location

Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park



Looking towards Kellogg Avenue on the parking lot during sunset with vehicles parking in the parking lot drive aisle

Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park



Overview of timed parking spaces and City maintenance vehicle parking spaces

Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park



Location of two new on-street parking spaces Kellogg Avenue by removing partial red curb at former MTD bus stop

ATTACHMENT 2

Public Notice



PARKING RESTRICTIONS: JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

To improve parking for park visitors, City staff are making the following improvements for the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park parking lot:

- **FOUR-HOUR MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT PARKING**
- **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING**

The City is notifying property owners within 500 feet of the park in advance of August 20, 2024 City Council meeting

Please join us at the City Council meeting to learn about the changes and to share your thoughts. Your participation will help us create parking solutions that best meet the needs of our community.

City Council Meeting Date: **August 20, 2024 5:30 PM**
Location: 130 Cremona Drive Goleta, CA 93117

Please contact Mackenzie Christie, Management Analyst, in the Public Works Department **on or before August 15, 2024** at: mchristie@cityofgoleta.org or 805.690.5139 should you have any questions regarding this matter. To make a public comment, please email cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org





RESTRICCIONES DE ESTACIONAMIENTO: JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Para mejorar el estacionamiento para los visitantes del parque, el personal de la Ciudad hará las siguientes mejoras para el estacionamiento del parque de Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park:

- **LÍMITE DE TIEMPO DE ESTACIONAMIENTO DE CUATRO HORAS**
- **RESTRINGIR EL ESTACIONAMIENTO NOCTURNO EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO**

La Ciudad está notificando a los dueños de propiedades dentro de los 500 pies del parque antes de implementar el estacionamiento cronometrado y restringir el estacionamiento nocturno.

Asista a la reunión del Concejo Municipal para informarse sobre los cambios y compartir sus opiniones. Su participación nos ayudará a crear soluciones de estacionamiento que mejor resuelven las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

Fecha de la reunión del Concejo Municipal: **20 de agosto de 2024** a las 6:00 p.m.
DIRECCIÓN: 130 Cremona Drive Goleta, CA 93117

Comuníquese con Mackenzie Christie en el Departamento de Obras Públicas **a más tardar el 15 de agosto de 2024** en: mchristie@cityofgoleta.org o 805.690.5139 si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este asunto. Para hacer un comentario público, envíe un correo electrónico a cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org



ATTACHMENT 3

Resolution No. 24-__ entitled, "A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Goleta, California, Authorizing Timed Parking Spaces, Designated Parking Spaces, and other parking restrictions at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park Parking Lot"

RESOLUTION NO. 24-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING TIMED PARKING SPACES, DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES, AND OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, a parking problem has occurred at the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park (“JDW Park”) parking lot in which vehicles park in the spaces for 24 hours at a time, which deprives other park patrons from parking in the parking lot and enjoying the park; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the turnover of parking spaces at the JDW Park by imposing parking restrictions at the JDW Park parking lot consistent with Vehicle 22519 for City-controlled parking spaces and Goleta Municipal Code section 12.15.370, which prohibits violation of parking controls approved by the Community Services Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Council determines for the purpose of improving patron accessibility and turn-over of parking spaces at the JDW Park currently owned or controlled by the City, and acting pursuant to its authority as set forth in the California Vehicle Code, the parking restrictions as set forth in this Resolution are necessary.

SECTION 2. Twenty (20) parking spaces of the 24 total parking spaces on the parking area for the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park shall be converted to public timed parking for a maximum of four (4) hours and two (2) parking spaces of the 24 total parking spaces on the parking area for the JDW Park shall be converted to restricted parking for City Maintenance vehicle parking only. One of the Maintenance vehicle spots will become available to the public during the weekends but will not be available for public use during weekdays. The balance of two (2) parking spaces will remain designated disabled spaces under the Americans with Disability Act.

SECTION 3. Any owner of a vehicle violating these restrictions is subject to a citation and/or tow after two citations have been issued over a 24-hour period and the citations have given notice of the possibility of towing the vehicle after noncompliance.

SECTION 4. Enforcement of parking restrictions on the parking spaces identified in Section 2 shall not be in effect on City recognized holidays.

SECTION 5. Prohibited parking as identified in Section 2 shall be in effect on all days including City recognized holidays.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall not become effective until the appropriate signs, giving notice of the parking restrictions and time limits, have been erected.

SECTION 7.

The City Manager, or designee, shall provide for the installation and maintenance of the appropriate signage and/or markings for the JDW Park parking lot consistent with the restrictions set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2024.

PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

MEGAN GARIBALDI
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)
CITY OF GOLETA) ss.

I, DEBORAH LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 24-___ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of
August, 2024, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS

(SEAL)

DEBORAH LOPEZ
CITY CLERK