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From: NTB <aarmatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Foothills Park
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Dear Mayor Fine and Council Members,

Yesterday, at Foothills Park, I came upon this plaque (photo attached) located on a rock at the upper Vista Loop. Clearly it was placed here at the dedication of the park. The first paragraph outlines the mission statement for the park. The second paragraph makes a statement worthy of note. As you will read, it says that the policy stated in the first paragraph "will be pursued and perfected, **always with a sensitive regard for the greatest benefit to the people of Palo Alto, today and in the future.**"

So tell me please, how does your decision to open the Park to residents and non-residents alike, exhibit a "sensitive regard for the greatest benefit to the people of Palo Alto, today and in the future?" By all appearances, the decision shows a total disregard for the people of Palo Alto. By not letting the people of Palo Alto have a say on whether or not to open the park to non-residents, you, Mayor Fine and those on the Council in agreement with your position, went ahead and made a decision without even consulting the wishes of those people you were elected to represent. How, then, can you determine what constitutes "the greatest benefit to the people of Palo Alto?"

Through their property taxes, property owners in Palo Alto have been paying for the Park for years and yet we have no voice? Does that seem fair? This decision needs to be voted on by the people of Palo Alto. The end result may ultimately be the same but at least the people will have had a chance to speak and will have made clear what they consider to be "the greatest benefit to the people of Palo Alto, today and in the future."

Sincerely,
Nina Bell

PALO ALTO FOOTHILLS PARK

IT IS OUR PURPOSE IN ESTABLISHING THIS PARK TO CONSERVE THE NATURAL FEATURES AND SCENIC VALUES WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES; TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE ECOLOGY OF THIS AREA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE RESOURCES FOUND HERE, CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PRESERVATION; TO EMPHASIZE BEAUTY, SIMPLICITY AND SERENITY; AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF NATURAL HISTORY AND OUR LOCAL HERITAGE.

THIS POLICY SHALL BE PURSUED AND PERFECTED, ALWAYS WITH A SENSITIVE REGARD FOR THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE OF PALO ALTO, TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.

DEDICATED JUNE 18, 1965

BY

THE PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL

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From: Jan Holliday <paloaltojan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Foothills Park Decision

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Dear Council Members, please do not allow the ACLU, via their prejudicial suit, to label our City, and therefore our citizens as racists and elitist. Succumbing to pressure without exposing specific details of history and years of neighborly negotiations is tantamount to giving in a form of blackmail.

Please do not agree to this suit that indicts our citizens' character.

Jan Holliday

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From: Hansen <stucarol@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:57 PM
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Cc: Hansen Stu
Subject: Foothills Nature Preserve

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In light of the continuing controversy, clamor and lawsuit, please revisit the idea selling the property to Mid Peninsula Open Space (or another agency) and apply the proceeds to our deficit.

I suggested this action several months ago (received positive council comments) but did not receive an answer....its only gotten worse now and the residents apparently will not even get to vote on it.

Do we really want to be in the business of governing/supporting this remote preserve? Mid Pen knows how to do this and we can still visit it anytime. Stuart Hansen, Palo Alto

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From: Winter Dellenbach <wintergery@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:34 AM
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Cc: Shikada, Ed
Subject: Your friend has shared a SFChronicle.com link with you

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City Council Members, City Manager - see this article to online and hard copy readers all over the Bay Area of the SF Chronicle newspaper about how to enjoy Foothill Park, how to drive there, how to hike in, etc. The writer is popular. I hope all are taking seriously the "bright new toy" effect opening may have, and preparations in place with sufficient monitoring/staffing for visit caps, dogs, behavior generally, and parking demarcated.
Winter Dellenbach

Article:

How to enjoy Palo Alto's Foothills Park, which is finally opening to the public

[https://www.sfchronicle.com/travel/article/How-to-enjoy-Palo-Alto-s-Foothills-Park-which-15722492.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20\(Mobile\)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email](https://www.sfchronicle.com/travel/article/How-to-enjoy-Palo-Alto-s-Foothills-Park-which-15722492.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20(Mobile)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email)

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