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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Public Comment for the Weds. 21 July Board of Community Services meeting.

Marsha and Duane,  
Thank you for once again speaking up about the abuse taking place in our parks. This abuse must be stopped.  
Carol Cranston

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2021, at 7:48 PM, Marsha Dupre <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I, too, am very concerned about this declining condition of our Southwest Community Park being a Public Health and Safety Hazard. Please enter my concurrence modeled on Duane De Witt's well-written statement and pl. copy the members of the Bd. of Community Services.  
Thank You!  
Marsha

Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D.  
Former Santa Rosa City Council Vice Mayor, SRJC Trustee

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[REDACTED] Community Services Board members:

Southwest Community Park is a Public Health Hazard. Not only because of COVID-19, but also due to public defecation and urination at the Northeast corner of the park. Daily, the alcohol drinkers who arrive at sun-up, if they did not stay the night, relieve themselves out in the open rather than using the Porta-pottie. The restrooms are locked. The Oak tree east of the parking lot is a gathering spot for the beer drinkers getting drunk until well after dark each day.

This behavior is in spite of rules posted, but never enforced by the city. The stink from one area at the bushes resembles a cesspool or open latrine. These drunks will not change their behavior until the city enforces ALL of the rules. The area is a breeding ground for insects, rodents and vermin now. Also, for untoward behavior by human visitors.

5 years of living near the park have seen it worsen as city police and park staff ignore the problems. When seeking to take pictures to show you, I have been threatened by the Marijuana dealers. I will try again soon to submit to you and have them filed with officials. Until then, please go and see for yourself at the northeast corner of the paved parking lot.

The drinkers will not walk over to the Porta-potties, so, when nature calls, they defecate and urinate on nature.

The city has been derelict in enforcing its own rules for years at the park before COVID -19 . Even some of the vendors who regularly visit the park to illegally sell their wares relieve themselves in the bushes. Some vendors are so brazen they set up a stand daily at the "No vendors" sign at the park entrance.

Please stop all of this illegal and unhealthy activity now. The daily drinking, gambling, and smoking of cigarettes and drugs makes this an unfriendly place for many families who now avoid the park altogether. Taxpayers deserve better. Many Santa Rosan's are fearful of Community Parks now and in Roseland would prefer Neighborhood Parks where NO drinking and drugging is allowed. Please clean this park up now and help our Neighborhoods to have peace and quiet now and into the future.

Duane De Witt & Marsha Vas Dupre