‘It’s Become a Little Community’: Work is Underway to Revitalize Lincoln Park with Classes, Events

Lincoln Park—which first opened as Pacific Park in 1888—closed in 2016 due to construction efforts around the old City Hall building, and the closure continued through the construction of the new Civic Center. The park officially reopened this past February with several new amenities, including an outdoor gym, a basketball half-court, a skate park, a playground, and a dog park. It is also utilized for various events from Bollywood dance classes and dog obedience training to movement and flow yoga. The $19.5 million park facility was funded through a public-private partnership with supplemental funding from the Port of Long Beach and a Los Angeles County Measure A grant.

The collaboration between Studio One Eleven, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, the Long Beach Community Foundation, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance and the Billie Jean King Main Library made the revitalization possible at Lincoln Park. The Lincoln Park activation is meant to draw locals out, but it also has the potential to also serve as a space for events such as concerts and film festivals, making Long Beach a destination for tourists.

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LBUSD Says Major Upgrades are Coming to Poly High Campus

This month, architects and facilitators from Irvine-based LPA Design Studios presented a master plan for major upgrades to Long Beach Poly High School. The proposed changes include seven new academic buildings, three new sports facilities, two new parking structures, and dozens of other major renovations and upgrades. The flagship high school of the Long Beach Unified School District has been a major cultural and educational force in the city since its founding in 1895 as Long Beach High School—two years before the city incorporated.

The review process is estimated to take up to a year. The school's students would not be moved off campus at any point, with construction taking a phased approach that would mean it could be upwards of eight years before the vision is completed. In the process of building the new-and-improved Poly, some historic buildings are slated for demolition, including the school's indoor natatorium and the Ron Palmer Pavilion basketball gym, home to more wins and NBA products than any other high school in California.

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Industry Links

Cold Weather, Light Rain Expected this Week

Wrigley's Annual Daisy Lane Parade to Return on Dec. 10

It's Giving Tuesday: Here's how to Help 9 Nonprofits that Serve the City's Unhoused

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