

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM
#24-2021**

DATE: July 12, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*

FROM: Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager *RV*
Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture *AP*
Jim May, Chief of Police *JM*

SUBJECT: E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park Safety Concerns

PURPOSE

To inform City Council of current steps staff has taken to address safety concerns at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park as well as potential additional tools. City Council prioritized this topic at the Strategic Planning retreat in February 2021.

BACKGROUND

This item was identified by Council as "Webster Lake safety concerns." However, because the name of the park was changed in 1984, moving forward this item will be identified as "E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park safety concerns."

In 2020, the Northglenn Police Department received 433 calls for service at E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park. Top calls included reports of suspicious activity, animal control, and wellness checks. When a police officer responds to the call for service and the situation warrants a criminal charge, an incident report is filed. In 2020, out of the 433 calls, 45 of those resulted in an incident report or 10.4%. The citywide average of a call for service resulting in an incident report is approximately 14%.

In order to identify the problem Council is seeking to solve, this data as well as anecdotal complaints staff and Council have heard from residents need to be analyzed. In addition, Council needs to identify what outcomes they are hoping to achieve in order to determine which tools can be used most effectively.

The attached presentation outlines the data, contributing factors to the problem, current tools staff is using as well as potential new tools for Council consideration. The presentation is a starting point for further Council discussion.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or time impacts to the City. If Council selects any additional tools, staff will provide Council with cost estimates at a later time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking additional direction from City Council in addressing E.B. Rains, Jr. Memorial Park safety concerns.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Rupa Venkatesh, Assistant to the City Manager, at rvenkatesh@northglenn.org or 720.376.8069.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2020 Calls for Service
2. 2020 Incident Reports
3. Presentation

**E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park
Calls For Service Summary
January 2020 - December 2020 (Datasource- TriTech RMS)**

ATTACHMENT 1

ABANDONED VEHICLE	2
ANIMAL CALL	34
ASSAULT	5
ATTEMPT TO CONTACT	3
CHECK WELL BEING	27
CHILD ISSUE	3
CITIZEN ASSIST	2
CIVIL MATTER	2
CODE COMPLIANCE	1
COVER	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2
DIRECTED PATROL	21
DISTURBANCE	19
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1
DRUGS VIOLATION	3
DRUNK PARTY	5
EXTRA PATROL REQUEST	3
FELONY MENACING	1
FIRE NON-STRUCTURE	6
FIRE WORKS COMPLAINT	15
FOUND PROPERTY	11
GUN	2
HARASSMENT	3
ILLEGAL DUMPING	2
Incident_Type	1
INDECENT EXPOSURE	4
INFORMATION	19
JUVENILE PROBLEM	13
LOST PROPERTY	5
MEDICAL CALL	13
MISCELLANEOUS CALL	6
MISSING PERSON	1
MOTORCYCLE COMPLAINT	2
NOISE COMPLAINT	3
PHONE MESSAGE	6
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENT	2
PROTECTION ORDER	1
ROBBERY	1
SHOTS FIRED	3
SUBJECT CONTACT	37
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	91
THEFT	1
THREATS	2
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	4
TRAFFIC STOP	13
TRESPASS	6
UNKNOWN PROBLEM	1
UNWANTED PARTY	9

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16-19-103 FOJ WANTED BY OTHER AGENCY MISDEMEANOR 90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES 16-19-103

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Jan 9, 2020, 5:39:15 PM

NC008 NC/MENTAL HEALTH 999 NON-REPORTABLE NC008

15CN20000207

Jan 10, 2020, 11:24:50 PM

18-18-403.5 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE 35A DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS

18-18-403.5

18-18-428(1) DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - POSSESS 35B DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS 18-18-428(1)

16-2-110 FAILURE TO APPEAR - MISDEMEANOR 90Z ALL OTHER OFFENSES 16-2-110

15CN20000243

Jan 13, 2020, 12:19:05 PM

9-9-1(B)(1) POSS OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACE 90G LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS 9-9-1(B)(1)

15CN20000838

Feb 9, 2020, 12:04:00 AM

17-4-1(C) VIOLATION OF PARK HOURS 90J TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY 17-4-1(C)

15CN20000954

Feb 14, 2020, 8:24:58 AM

27-65-105(3) MENTAL HEALTH HOLD EMERGENCY COMMITMENT M1 HOLD 999 NON-REPORTABLE 27-65-105(3)

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Feb 16, 2020, 12:43:38 AM

NC010 MISSING PERSON - JUVENILE 999 NON-REPORTABLE NC010

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Mar 6, 2020, 6:43:17 PM

18-3-204(1)(A) ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE 13B SIMPLE ASSAULT 18-3-204(1)(A)

15CN20001772

Mar 29, 2020, 2:53:34 PM

18-4-401 THEFT - LESS THAN \$2000 - OTHER (INCLUDES GAS) 23H ALL OTHER LARCENY 18-4-401

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Apr 7, 2020, 6:33:22 AM

27-65-105(3) MENTAL HEALTH HOLD EMERGENCY COMMITMENT M1 HOLD 999 NON-REPORTABLE 27-65-105(3)

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18-18-403.5 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE 35A DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS
18-18-403.5

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9-3-7(1) PUBLIC INDECENCY - SEXUAL ACTS
9-4-2(A) DISORDERLY CONDUCT - OFFENSIVE UTTERANCE/GESTURE OR DISPLAY
9-5-4(D) INTERFERE - PUBLIC OFFICER/EMPLOYEE - THREATEN VIOLENCE

15CN20002004

Apr 11, 2020, 9:30:00 PM

18-4-506 2ND DEGREE CRIMINAL TAMPERING

15CN20002107

Apr 19, 2020, 6:33:38 PM

NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20002208

Apr 26, 2020, 3:34:36 PM

18-5-903(2)(A) CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF FINANCIAL DEVICE - ONE DEVICE
27-65-105(3) MENTAL HEALTH HOLD EMERGENCY COMMITMENT M1 HOLD

15CN20002223

Apr 27, 2020, 1:22:49 PM

NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20002379

May 5, 2020, 12:37:00 PM

NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20002409

May 6, 2020, 4:02:00 PM

9-16-3(A) UNLAWFUL CONDUCT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

15CN20002621

May 18, 2020, 12:54:00 PM

NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20002658

May 20, 2020, 12:23:20 AM

9-16-4(A) UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY
17-4-1(C) VIOLATION OF PARK HOURS

15CN20002701

May 22, 2020, 10:33:24 AM
NC007 NC/INFORMATION

15CN20002835

May 29, 2020, 6:15:46 AM
NC021 NC/WELFARE PLACEMENT

15CN20002871

May 30, 2020, 6:13:03 PM
NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20002885

May 31, 2020, 2:43:37 PM
9-2-1 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

15CN20002951

Jun 3, 2020, 2:21:23 PM
18-6-803.5(1)(A) VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER-CRIMINAL
18-8-103 RESISTING ARREST
16-19-103 FOJ WANTED BY OTHER AGENCY FELONY
18-6-401(1)(7)(B)(II) CHILD ABUSE - NEGLIGENCE

15CN20003044

Jun 8, 2020, 3:35:27 PM
18-8-111(1)(B) FALSE REPORTING - FAKE CRIMES

15CN20003055

Jun 9, 2020, 11:46:44 AM
NC014 NC/PROPERTY - LOST

15CN20003392

Jun 25, 2020, 2:37:01 PM
NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

15CN20003574

Jul 3, 2020, 11:45:35 PM
42-4-1402(1)(2)(A) CARELESS DRIVING
42-4-1602(1) HIT AND RUN FAILED TO REMAIN ON SCENE OF ACCIDENT - DAMAGE ONLY

15CN20003725

Jul 8, 2020, 12:50:00 AM
17-4-1(C) VIOLATION OF PARK HOURS

15CN20003949

Jul 19, 2020, 1:48:31 PM
9-9-1(B)(1) POSS OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACE

15CN20004500

Aug 11, 2020, 7:19:00 PM
18-9-111 HARASSMENT

15CN20004514

Aug 12, 2020, 3:39:06 AM
NC007 NC/INFORMATION

15CN20004528

Aug 12, 2020, 6:05:00 PM
18-9-111(1)(a) HARASSMENT STRIKES SHOVES KICKS
18-6-800.3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

15CN20004852

Aug 27, 2020, 12:55:04 AM
17-4-1(C) VIOLATION OF PARK HOURS

15CN20005047

Sep 3, 2020, 12:19:59 PM
NC011 MISSING PERSON - RUNAWAY

15CN20005087

Sep 5, 2020, 12:03:53 PM
NC014 NC/PROPERTY - LOST

15CN20005371

Sep 18, 2020, 5:35:00 PM
18-9-106 DISORDERLY CONDUCT - MISDEMEANOR

15CN20005694

Oct 2, 2020, 12:02:12 AM
18-12-107.5(1) ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

15CN20005741

Oct 3, 2020, 8:16:57 PM
18-6-803.5(1)(A) VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER- CRIMINAL

15CN20005824

Oct 7, 2020, 12:31:00 PM
16-19-103 FOJ WANTED BY OTHER AGENCY FELONY

15CN20006354

Oct 30, 2020, 4:38:00 PM
18-18-403.5(2)(A) UNLAWFUL POSSESS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - >4GM SCH I & 2, KETAMINE,
FLUNITRAZEPAM, SALTS, ISOMERS, OR CATHINONES
16-19-103 FOJ WANTED BY OTHER AGENCY FELONY
16-19-103 FOJ WANTED BY OTHER AGENCY FELONY
18-18-428(1) DRUG PARAPHERNALIA - POSSESS

15CN20006947

Nov 29, 2020, 6:51:54 PM

NC014 NC/PROPERTY - LOST

15CN20007113

Dec 7, 2020, 10:29:55 PM

NC013 NC/PROPERTY - FOUND

TOTAL Incident Reports 45

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Co-Presenters:

- Amanda Peterson, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
- Jim May, Chief of Police

Regular Meeting
July 12, 2021



Purpose

- **Prioritized in Council Strategic Planning Session – February 2021**
- **Idea under “Webster Lake” but renamed in 1984**
- **Overview of what staff currently is doing**
- **What outcomes does Council desire?**
- **What other tools can we utilize to achieve outcomes?**

What we are hearing

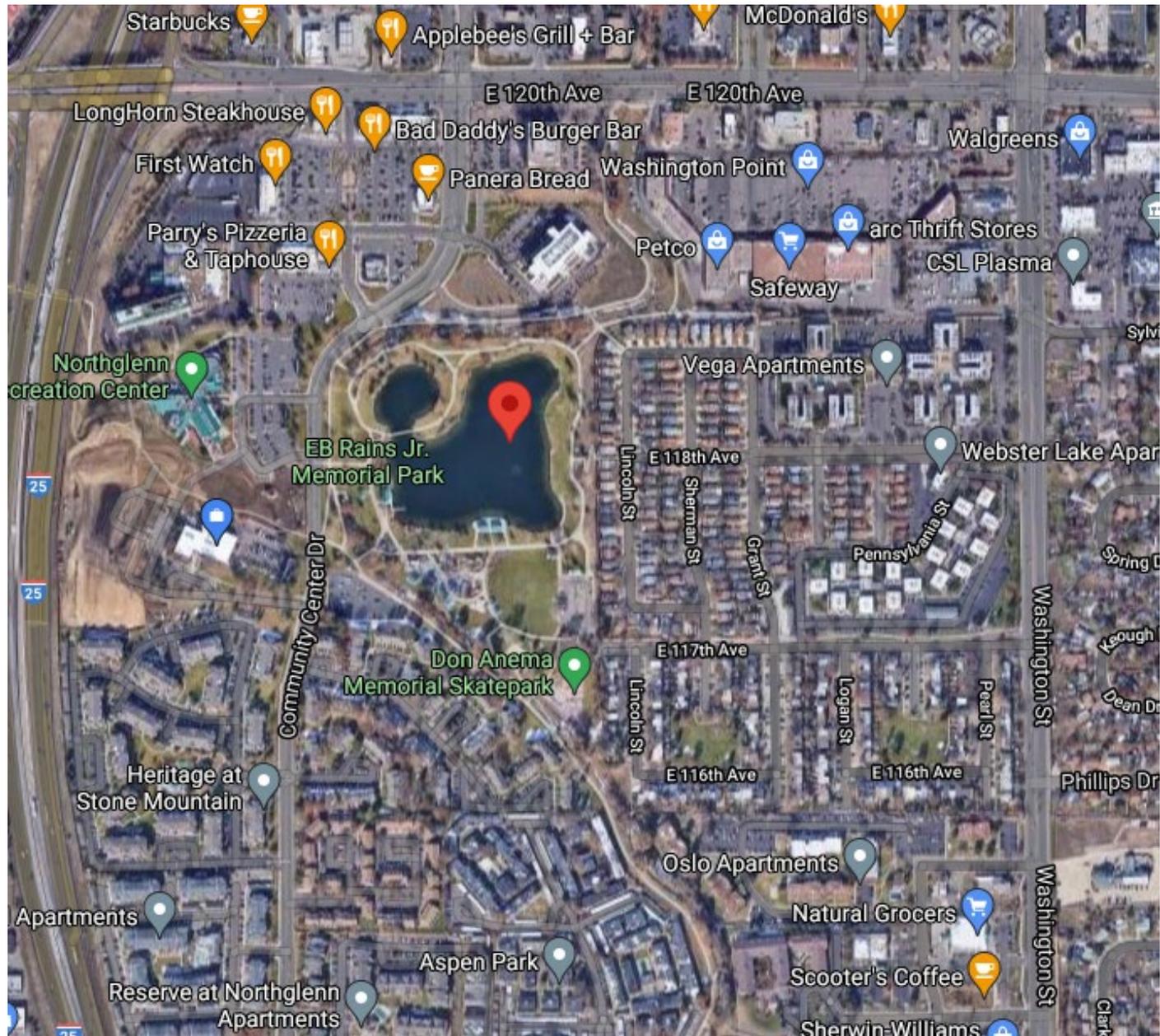
- **Dog feces in the park**
- **Trash in the park**
- **Unwanted individuals in the park**
- **Suspicious activity near the skate park**
- **Needles on the playground**
- **What are we missing?**

What does the 2020 data tell us?

- **E.B. Rains is among the five largest parks in the City. Comparing these parks, E.B. Rains had 45 incident reports. No other park had more than 8.**
- **Calls for Service in 2020 = 433**
- **Top Calls for Service include:**
 - **Suspicious activity, animal call, and wellness checks**
- **Calls for Service were distributed fairly evenly through the week. Peak times include Fri, Sat, Sun 10-11 p.m. and weekdays 12-1 p.m.**

Problem Assessment

- **Contributing factors**
 - Highest utilized park
 - Highest density with 8 apartment complexes
 - Commercial center at Webster Lake Promenade
- **Data Analysis**
 - Data tells us that 10.4% of calls for service warranted an incident report
 - Citywide is 14%
 - Perceived issues of safety...
 - ...but does indicate there are real issues



Outcomes to achieve

- **What outcomes does Council want to achieve?**
- **How do we change the perception of users feeling unsafe while addressing the reality?**
- **Education and outreach tools to change behavior**
- **Additional tools to change user experience**

Education & Engagement

What we have implemented (new): relationship building to change park user behavior

- **Increase presence of PD via bicycle patrol**
- **Dog waste bag dispensers**
- **Different approach to seasonal park ranger utilization this summer**
- **Canal ditch cleanup (ongoing)**
- **New fencing (in process per Council Strategic Planning session in Feb. 2021)**

What else can we do?

- Educational articles in the Connection
- “See something, say something” signs
- Seasonal park ranger to year-round (FY 22 request)
- Leave no trace training for park users
- Contract with dog waste cleanup service
- Sharps needle deposit box
- Mobile services pilot program
- Cameras at skate park (need dedicated staff)
- Extra security
- Move the skate park to a more visible location
- Other ideas?

Next Steps

- **Council direction to continue to use the strategies and tools we are currently using**
- **Which new tools would you like to prioritize for FY 22?**

QUESTIONS?

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