

From: [Brenda L.](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Agenda item for Tuesday meeting- Feedback on Symphony of Flowers
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 7:16:19 AM

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We are HB residents and think Central Park is not the right venue for the Symphony of Flowers. It is disrespectful to those who frequent the park to take a stroll or enjoy the outdoors for some quiet time, amongst the trees, flowers, grass and wildlife (particularly all of the birds). Let it be. This is too disruptive.

Best Regards,

Brenda Low

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 10/15/2024

Agenda Item No. 19 (24-750)

From: [Suzanne Hart](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Symphony of Flowers
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:17:03 PM

I am extremely concerned with the suggestion of disrupting one of HB's precious assets, that being the bird habitat at Central Park!! My husband and I love walking the park and enjoy spotting the birds, especially the raptors such as owls and hawks. The very fact that you are even considering this is a travesty! SHAME!!

Chris and Suzanne Hart,
26 year residents

Sent from my iPhone

From: tjengland41@yahoo.com
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Oct 15, 2024 HB City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 3:47:57 PM

The "Maga 4" members and City attorney have drained our Treasury in a secret vile contemptible meeting With the Airshow Company. Then you're trying to privatize our wonderful H B Public Library. Now Strictland and Van Der mark are trying to destroy our wonderful nature reserve in the middle of our city, Central Park East, with a daily Light Show! Go to Disneyland if you want to see a light show but leave our nature reserve Central Park East alone! LEAVE our CENTRAL PARK ALONE, Please!!!!

From: [Judith Hutton](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Central Park
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 8:27:52 PM

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Dear Council members,

My entire family strongly believes that any light shows in Central Park should not be held. All 6 of us vote & your actions will be remembered. We will vote accordingly.

Sincerely,

The Hutton family

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Symphony of flowers
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:05:02 PM

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From: gail susskind <gailsusskind@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 4:32 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Symphony of flowers

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At this time, I oppose the “Symphony of Flowers” being held in Central Park.
Thank you for reconsidering this idea .
Gail Susskind
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Parks not fake flower shows
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 1:08:23 PM

From: Vicky Shuttleworth <vshuttle@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:45 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL (INCL. CMO STAFF) <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Parks not fake flower shows

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Dear City Council,

Please **do not** vote in favor of Symphony of Flowers or anything similar. I saw it and it was nothing more than plastic and fabric fake flowers wired with lights. Our group's conclusion was a cargo ship of fake flowers was unpaid and this was their scheme to make money. It is not beautiful but is a circus of unattractive items. Even if it was free, I would not go see it again! It was that bad!

Central park and all our parks are for public use for walks, birdwatching and free music concerts. Please do not try to take away the designated open space of our parks.

Sincerely,

Vicky Shuttleworth

From: [Carol Daus](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Cc: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: In opposition to Agenda Item 24-750
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 3:41:58 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am greatly opposed to using our city's peaceful Central Park as a site for holding the Symphony of Flowers production, which would likely be held for 6-8 months or longer. Central Park East is one of the few places in the city where residents can enjoy nature--it's a quiet place behind the library and is the home to a wide variety of plants & trees, as well as migrating birds and ducks. Children particularly enjoy seeing the owls that make their homes in Central Park. Bringing in a production of this scale with loud music and lasers would seriously impact this natural habitat. I can't imagine residents who live nearby liking it either.

I have attended Cirque de Soleil shows in Irvine and other cities in South County, and none of them were situated in a city park like Central Park. They were in places like the South Coast Plaza parking lot or in large vacant lots. There must be another location in Huntington Beach that's more suitable for a large-scale music/lightshow production. Why Central Park?

Thank you,

Carol Daus
Huntington Beach resident

From: [Isabella Ford](#)
To: [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\); supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org](#)
Subject: Symphony of Flowers
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 4:44:05 PM

I saw a memo about the Symphony of Flowers to possibly go for 6 - 9 months. This is insanity. One of the main appeals of our Central Park is the nature in our urban setting. If you are on the OC Hiking page, you would see our Shipley to Shore trail is the only HB trail highlighted on that page and it's because of the beautiful nature sightings. This Symphony of Flowers would disrupt all of that.

Maybe utilize Edison Community Park or Murdy Park to spread the events around Huntington Beach.

And, cut the timeframe to the same timeframe as the ice rink at the pier. Give people multiple reasons to come to HB and enjoy during the winter months. This will also ensure visitors frequent other parts of HB; keeping their money in HB and not making them go to other So Cal cities.

Isabella Ford
714-308-0660

From: [David Rynerson](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Supplemental Communications
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 5:55:33 PM

Council Majority –

Yesterday’s flash “news conference” was a transparent political stunt, and I believe it backfired spectacularly. The amount of double-speak and outright lies from the three of you and City Attorney Gates was breathtaking.

You continue to use the widely discredited tourism economic impact report to tout the benefits of the airshow. As Dan Kalmick stated, it’s certainly non-zero, but you cannot support the \$100M impact that the report suggests as even the folks who crafted it are forced to admit it covers the “economic zone” not just Huntington Beach and includes such laughable impacts as property tax increases! That’s probably also why you conspicuously voted down a proposal to find the real economic value the air show brings to the city. You don’t want a true economic impact study because it will destroy the story you’re trying to sell.

Mr. Gates decided he could tease that HB got all of the Amplify Energy settlement, conveniently ignoring the other agreement he "negotiated", which promises Pacific Airshow \$2M of any settlement the city gets from litigation against Amplify Energy. He also conveniently ignores the cost to the city of two years of litigation by outside counsel. You also continue to suggest that the airshow settlement isn’t a settlement despite the fact that it includes the clause, “The Parties shall request that the court retain jurisdiction under *California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6* to enforce the terms of this agreement.”

Tony’s boast that Cirque du Soleil is interested in coming to HB is all well and good, but also conveniently ignores the volume of negative press that the city is receiving locally, within the country, and internationally. That is this council majority’s doing, and you are proud of it. However, the rest of us pay the price.

In short, continued gaslighting, half-truths, and outright lies. You’re like the joke about used-car salesmen: How can you tell if they are lying? Their lips are moving.

David Rynerson

Huntington Beach

From: [Justine Shaffer](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org
Subject: Central Park
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 8:34:35 PM

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One of the most beautiful things about our city is Central Park. And people post on a daily basis about the beautiful wildlife, especially the owls and raptors. I go out constantly looking for them, and I feel so lucky to be able to have something like that, so close to my home. This type of concert activity will absolutely disrupt these birds and displace them, and who knows if they will return.

I don't wanna live in LA or Santa Monica or any city related to that sort of concert loud activity. We live in a surf community which is supposed to be chill. People come from all over to visit our city. If they want concerts and crazy light shows they can go to LA or San Diego or anywhere else that wants to entertain them.

Justine Shaffer
Huntington Beach, Ca
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From: onewildart
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Symphony Of Flowers
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:22:00 PM

To: HB City Council and Supplemental Correspondence

Will this nonsense of bringing PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT events, that have the potential to harm our fair city, please stop? Letting a musical/light show use Central Park for a theatrical event that is designed for a 'vast field' (according to its brochure) makes no sense whatsoever. Our park is a haven for all kinds of wildlife. It is a major stopping over spot for migrating birds. A half a million lights and music blaring for 6-8 months would disrupt and displace breeding, nesting and home for many bird species.

You may recall the incident at the Bolsa Chica a few years back when someone flew a drone over the island where the least terns nested and scared them all away. They haven't returned to this day.

In addition parking would be a nightmare for that area. Would busing be used for overflow? Who foots the bill for this? Lighting to accommodate safety at night? Restrooms? Who pays for it? Security? \$\$ Thousands of people traipsing thru the park at night is another issue. How does this event get power? Who remediates the park afterwards? Does the city pay to do this? What happens with concerts in the park? (Free to the public) The civil war recreation? (Free to the public)

How does this benefit Huntington Beach? The recent air show debacle that is still costing the city is a perfect example why this is not good for our city.

Trudy Roe
47 year resident

Sent from my iPad

From: [Harry McLachlan](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: Agenda Items #10 (24-752) and #19 (24-750)
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:25:06 PM
Attachments: [Clouds Over Huntington Beach.docx](#)

Please see attached.

Huntington Beach City Council Meeting Oct. 15, 2024

Submitted by Harry McLachlan, Huntington Beach Resident

RE: Agenda Item #10 24-752 (Twin Cities) (Vote No)

Agenda Item #19 24-750 (Symphony of Flowers) (Vote No)

Clouds Over Huntington Beach

**Like the Karmic Clouds that kept the Air Show from view,
The MAGA 5 now seek to do the same thing to you.**

Regarding their clandestine hidden corruption:

They hope to avoid an investigation eruption!

Along with their Israel “Twin Cities” ploy

They pray an “Electronic Light Show” will bring us all joy.

At the same time these unscrupulous 5 MAGA turds

Don’t give an owl’s HOOT about the fate of the birds.

But up north an audit of their skullduggery is brewing,

The results of which will have them all stewing

And fretting that late at night knock on the door:

The DOJ’s coming, and you’ll swagger no more!

Your embarrassing Clown Show continues. Your self-serving “press conference” was an embarrassment. You gift co-grifter Kevin Elliot another \$2 Million. Mayor Gracie joins the rest of the MAGA cultists at Coachella. Sincerely hope you had a nice walk to your car after your orange Pig-God stiffed all the attendees on the return transportation.



From: [Michele Burgess](#)
To: supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org; [CITY COUNCIL \(INCL. CMO STAFF\)](#)
Subject: 10/15/24 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #19, FILE #24-750
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:53:47 PM
Attachments: [Montreal surrounding area.png](#)

Symphony of Flowers Debut in Huntington Beach

To the City Council:

This sounds like an interesting show, and I'd go if it was as far away as Pasadena or Irvine, but wouldn't drive or fly somewhere just to see it. Per the show's FAQ, it's only a 15-minute narration to music through headphones, then a 30- to 60-minute interactive walk through the light field. I also wouldn't be inclined to make a day of it, but would probably drive down in late afternoon and go back home afterward if the drive was only an hour and a half. Not sure it's the type of attraction that would bring people from a long distance who would book hotel rooms at \$200/night. For Cavalia, I might, because of the gorgeous horses and the acrobats, but not this. Otherwise, most people would likely attend if the show were here when they were already visiting, but probably wouldn't visit Huntington Beach and pay for hotel nights, several meals, and event fees just to see it.

Symphony of Flowers would require an enormous amount of acreage in the pristine landscape of Central Park East for 6-8 months, making that area unusable for anything else during the day. Construction and dismantling at the site would be disruptive to birds and wildlife, one of the main reasons people visit, as evidenced by the comments and photos on Google, which summarizes this way: "Idyllic park great for bird-watching. Full of open fields, trees and flowers, this sprawling 350-acre park is great for picnics and strolling."

Also, the Montreal site has a lot of open space around it on one side. This area of Central Park is surrounded on 3 sides by residential and commercial. How much damage would construction do to the existing landscaped areas? Who's going to put it all back the way it was, if that's even possible, when the show moves on — and at whose expense? Not to mention increased traffic, noise, and pollution.

This isn't like the Civil War Reenactment for a weekend, or the Cherry Blossom Festival for a couple of days. This is 6-8 months people won't be able to use a large portion of our beloved park!

Please take a look at the attached photos before you decide to wreck Central Park East for a few thousand dollars.

Michele Burgess

Huntington Beach resident since 1961



Allan Herrod

Local Guide · 176 reviews · 1330 photos



★★★★★ 4 months ago

Beautiful public park with great paved walking paths and a lake/marsh with lots of birds. Lots of benches, picnic tables, etc. Quite popular, but never seems crowded.

Restrooms

Sign on restrooms says "Open 8AM to Sunset" but they are always locked.



R. R. (Ramirez)

Local Guide · 35 reviews · 21 photos



★★★★★ 3 months ago

A nice and clean park. The parking is free and adequate. It's a good place for jogging or bringing your dog.



Elaine Potter

15 reviews · 28 photos



★★★★★ a year ago

This is a great place to go for a walk or run. I like to take a stroll and take pictures of the different ducks, plants, and birds. It's located right next to the library, which is excellent as well! The ducks and squirrels will come right up to you because they are used to folks feeding them (please don't feed the wildlife). This park is truly a gem.



Donald Feltham (Donjerue)

Local Guide · 211 reviews · 679 photos



★★★★★ 10 months ago

I had the opportunity to walk thru Huntington Beach's Central Park East, a 350 acre park with several lakes that had a surprising number of interesting birds. Great spot for getting some good pics without driving for hours!



Pie

21 reviews · 13 photos



★★★★☆ 2 years ago

Beautiful park really. I go here all the time to play guitar when it's quiet. All these photos that I have taken were in this very park and were only minimally edited to enhance color to what it actually would've looked like with your own two eyes. The secret garden is great if you wanna have a photoshoot but this entire park is truly a lovely place if you want to practice photography in general. A bit of litter, sadly, but hey, you can pick it up yourself can't you? Lovely little place, I go here regularly.



Randall Myers

Local Guide · 110 reviews · 1952 photos



★★★★☆ 2 years ago

Not to be out done by Central Park west... Central Park east is a great place to walk the trails, take in some fresh air, see nature, plantlife, and wildlife. Stop into the secret garden and stroll the paths filled with wonderful plants and flowers. Park Bench cafe in the park is a great place to have a bite for breakfast, lunch, or brunch. *the cherry blossom blooms in the spring are a must see!





Samuel Elliot

Local Guide · 103 reviews · 435 photos



★★★★★ 3 years ago

This park is a beautiful setting for a nice leisurely walk or jog, a picnic would be lovely here too. The trails are well maintained, the grass is manicured nicely, and the trees are gorgeous. If you fancy a trek through a hidden garden, there's one here; off the large loop, behind the library. This park is a breath of fresh air, amongst the bustling city life.



Karen Denise

Local Guide · 100 reviews · 862 photos



★★★★★ 2 years ago

Such a beautiful park, especially now with the Monarch Butterflies. The wildlife is amazing! Walking trails are wide and well maintained. We saw white pelicans, owls, Egyptian geese, turtles, blue herons, ducks, geese, lots of friendly squirrels and a variety of other birds. There were even a couple of Hooded Merganser's in the mix.



Sandee

9 reviews · 2 photos



★★★★★ 2 months ago

This is my favorite park, it has so many amenities and fun things to do and it is very scenic and serene. The restrooms are clean which is always a big plus at parks. There is a dog park and it is also connected to the urban forest. You can easily spend hours here walking around and enjoying the views. Parking is always open, there are a few different entrances and parking lots.



Mary Q.

Local Guide · 21 reviews · 7 photos



★★★★★ 2 months ago

A nice large park to take walks near. It's doggy friendly.. I bring my senior doggy out for walks weekly in her stroller.. She loves observing all the natural sites and other dogs



Katie Thierjung

Local Guide · 52 reviews · 211 photos



★★★★★ 3 years ago

Today was my first time visiting this park, and it certainly won't be my last!

This park is HUGE, and is perfect for a jog, stroll, or picnic. It is also extremely dog friendly! I brought my pup with me and he was so happy to have lots of space to explore. There are lots of birds, geese, squirrels, and more roaming the grounds, so there's always something to look at. Right now there are 5-10 sakura trees in full bloom, so I highly recommend coming here to get a glimpse of the Japanese cherry blossoms! They were absolutely gorgeous. 🌸 I thought I would only be at this park for an hour at the most, but because it's bigger than I thought I ended up spending a few hours here—and I didn't even finish seeing all of it!

Parking: there are a few parking lots surrounding the perimeter of the park, and it's free!



Luke Hardy

Local Guide · 21 reviews · 12 photos

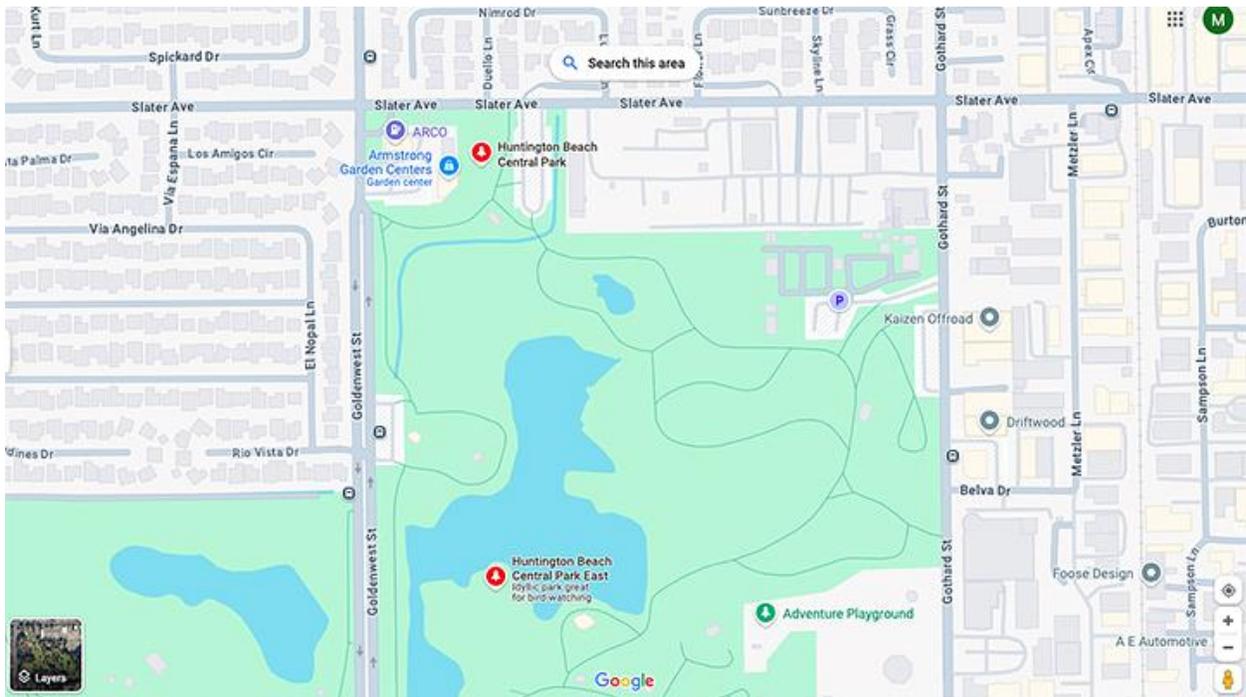
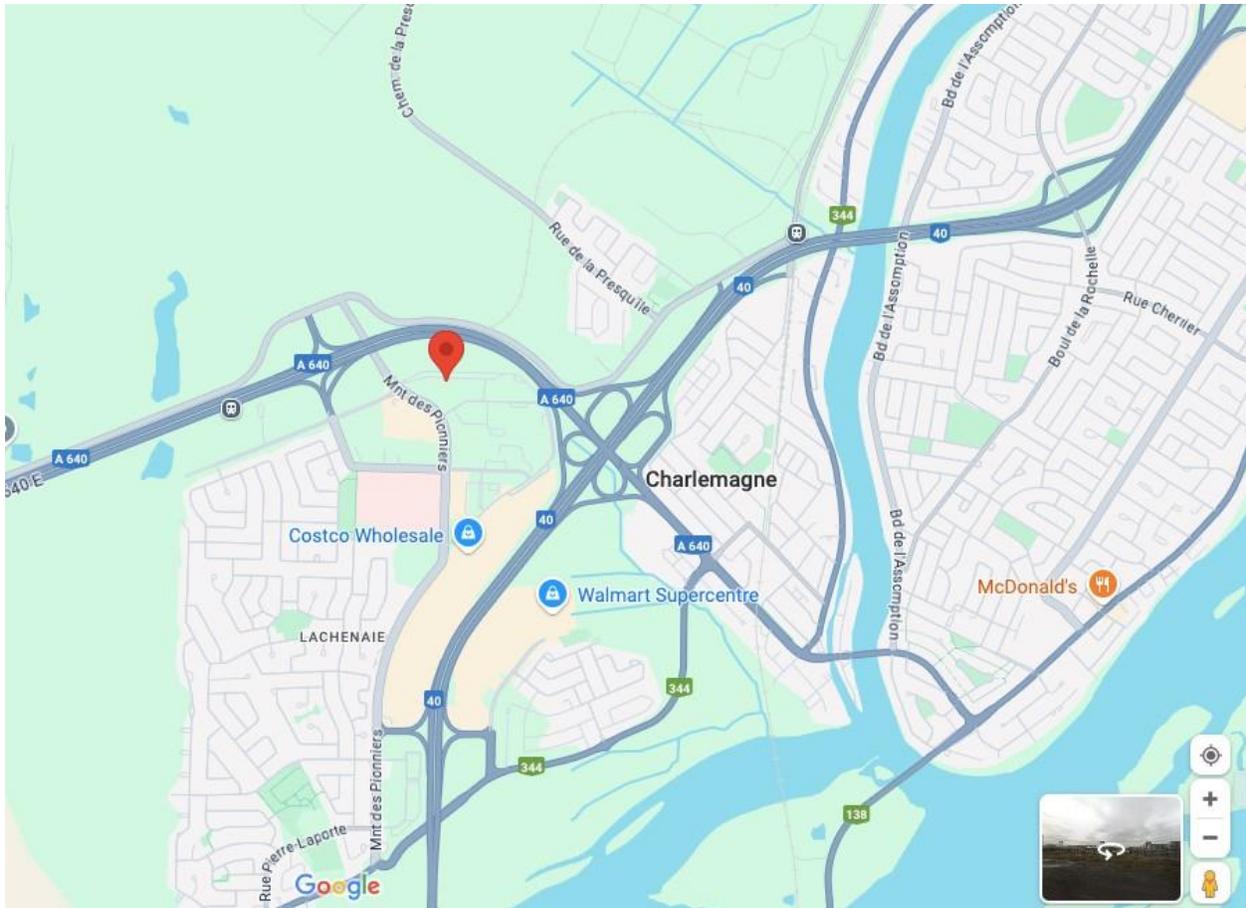


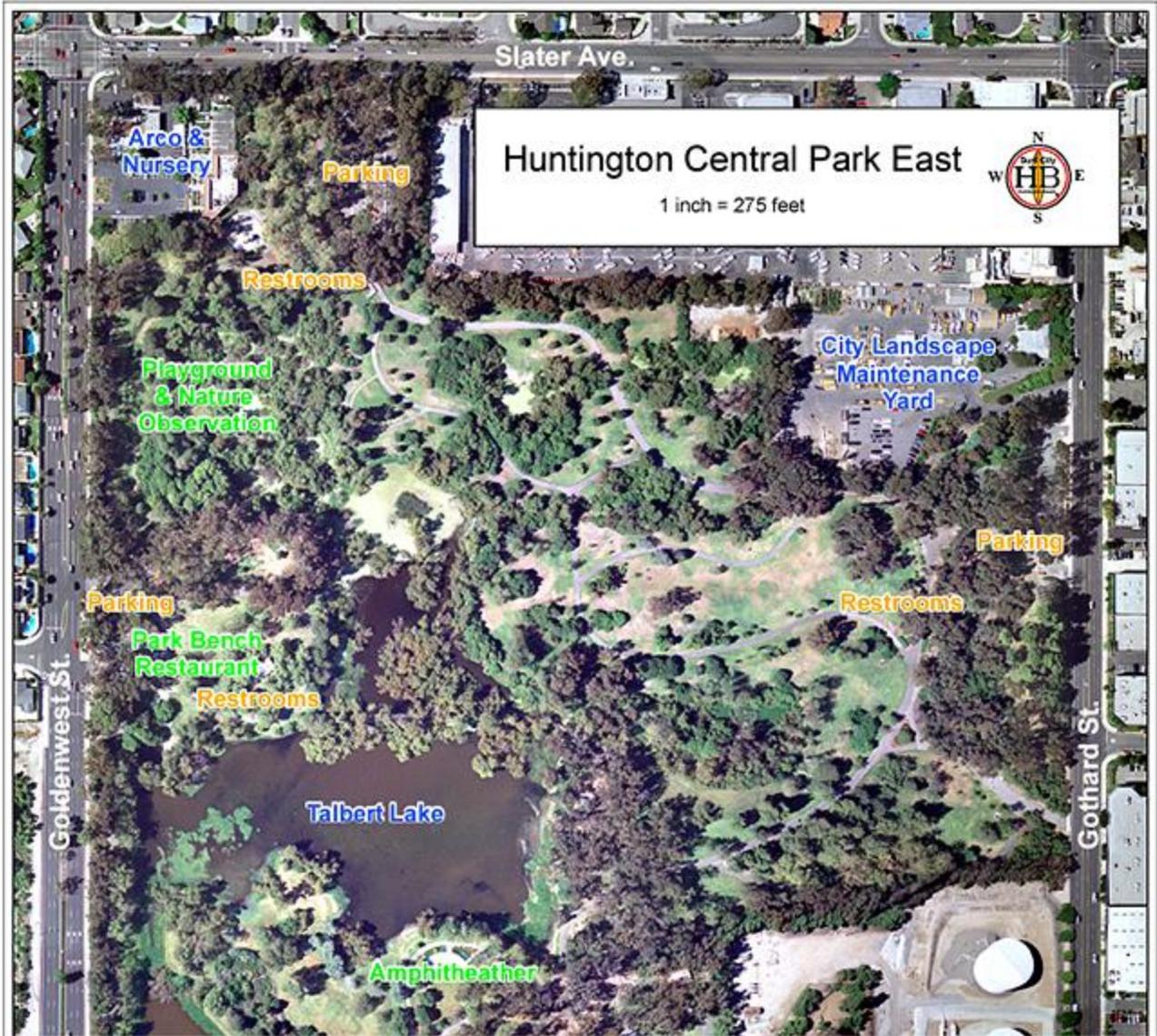
★★★★★ a year ago

This park is great for walking around, the walking paths are well maintained and it takes about 30 mins to do a full loop of the trail.

There are a number of wildlife that you will encounter along the way and a great place to walk your dogs! The park is extremely well maintained and there are public restrooms and a children's playground in one corner of the park.

This is a popular place, but with that being said it is never too busy and there is ample room across the park. A great place to have a picnic or just to get your daily steps in.





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Terrebonne, Quebec

Google Street View

Nov 2023

Montreal site with bleachers and interactive light arrangement being installed



Montreal site after the show moved on



From: [Annie Kelly](#)
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Subject: Giant light show in Central Park
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 8:55:06 AM

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Good morning,

Regarding the proposal to put some sort of giant light show in Central Park for a 6-8 month period. If this is true, please don't.

Why would anyone want to ruin our beautiful park on this manner??
The wildlife and the peaceful nature are extremely important to preserve!
This is just a ridiculous idea. Our city officials need to preserve our park.
Just Stop. Tell whoever wants this to go away. Please.

Thank you
Annie Kelly