



**DC Ranch Association
Board Report 1-7-19 #3**

Subject Matter: Park Area Speeding/Rule Revision Proposal

Background: At the Board’s August 13, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting, it was decided to implement a 60-day speed monitoring pilot program at two park areas, Ethel’s Garden and the park off North 98th Street in Arcadia. It was agreed that the speed photo camera would be placed at these parks for an aggregate time period of 30 days each. The speed photo camera settings were to be adjusted to record images of drivers traveling more than 11 mph over the posted speed limit. A warning letter would be sent to members caught speeding, but no fine for excessive speeding at this time. Members would also be informed of the pilot program via DC Ranch media programs. The program started September 15.

The photo speed camera was located at the two park areas, where the posted speed limit is 15 mph, for a total of roughly 30 days each. The following data was captured:

Park Area Vehicle Speed Data (11 mph +)			
Ethels Garden			
	# of Speeders	Top Speed	# of Days
North	172	34 mph	35
South	217	43 mph	31
Back Arcadia Park			
North	200	37 mph	31
South	276	43 mph	29
Totals	865	43 mph	126

As the data shows, there is a problem with speeding at park areas. These are areas of the community where children play, dogs are walked, and residents gather—it is dangerous to residents if anyone should drive faster than the posted speed limit.

When the program first started, we were sending warning letters to violators, however, the volume of return phone calls and follow up became very time consuming. I spoke with Susan Grace at about two weeks into the program and informed her we would discontinue sending warning letters, due to time constraints and priorities.

The Community Standards for Conduct provide the following language at DCR-24 (Speeding): *Excessive speed, defined as driving more than 20 MPH over the posted speed limit, is subject to a minimum fine of \$300 upon the first offense. Each subsequent offense (21 MPH or more) will result in a fine of a minimum of \$300, escalated as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.*

DCR-24 should be revised, adding language that also defines excessive speed as 11 mph or more over the posted speed limit on all streets that border park areas. Violators could then be fined \$300 for first offenses.

If the Board agrees, proposed revisions can be published for a 30-day member comment period. The matter would return to the agenda on March 4, 2019 for formal consideration.

Recommendation: Conditionally approve proposed revisions to DCR-24 and post for 30-day member comment.



Darren Shaw, Executive Director