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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 18
COUNCIL MEETING 92/03/02

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 MARCH 05
FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
RE : LETTER FROM MR. BRANDNER REGARDING CENTRAL PARK TRAILS
PURPOSE : To respond to Mr. Brandner's comments regarding Central Park Trails.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. R.L. Brandner.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1992 March 04, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached report on the above subject and adopted the recommendation contained therein.



DENNIS GAUNT
DIRECTOR RECREATION &
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT NO. 05
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RE: LETTER FROM MR. BRANDNER REGARDING CENTRAL PARK TRAILS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be forwarded to Council.

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Attached is a letter from Mr. Brandner regarding our program of closing some of the dirt trails in Central Park. In some areas, off trail bike riding was creating narrow paths and was leading to damage of the understory, soil compaction and tree root damage. In response, a \$25,000 program was launched to barricade the entrance to these trails using branches coupled with supplemental tree planting.

This report provides a response to Mr. Brandner's comments.

1. Extent and effectiveness of work done

The great majority of trails have been barricaded and the work has been very effective in preventing off-trail cycling. In a few areas, the branches have been removed, but staff will be maintaining those barricades already constructed and will be patrolling the park in attempts to prevent such actions. The supplemental tree planting, when completed, will help obscure trail entrances.

The program concentrated on the areas most heavily used and most disturbed but not all paths were barricaded. Additional work is required and is planned for completion in 1993.

2. Use of Logs as barricades

Mr. Brandner suggested that logs from the fallen trees be used as barricades. We have hesitated in doing this because the logs would be visible and would identify the entrances. In fact, mountain bike riders actually like to have logs to ride on and jump over. The logs are put to other, various uses in the park.

3. Removal of park trees

Mr. Brandner suggests that we should not remove diseased or potentially dangerous trees and instead "let nature take its course." While it is unfortunate that some of the trees do become diseased, it is essential that we remove any trees that pose a real hazard to the park users. Only dangerous trees in the proximity to trails are removed; dangerous trees in wooded areas that are not a potential threat to the public are left as wildlife habitat.

4. Public education

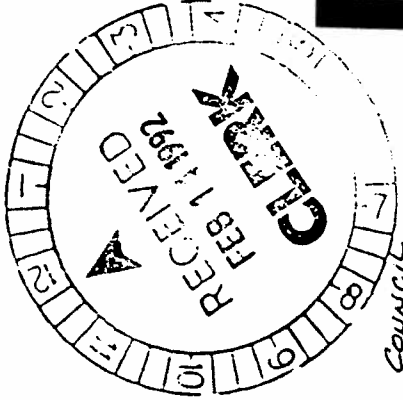
Mr. Brandner suggests that we install signs informing the public of the damage caused by off-trail cycling. Staff concur with this suggestion and are proposing that four information kiosks be installed informing the public of proper trail etiquette and of the forest management program. This would be accomplished as part of the forest management program proposed for funding in 1993.

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Attachment (1)

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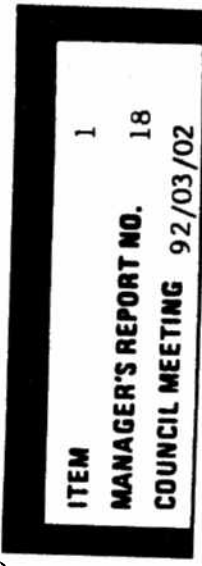
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FEBRUARY 10, 1992.



YOUR WORSHIP AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I WISH TO COMMENT YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND THE ACTION TAKEN IN REGARD TO THE USE BY CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS OF UNAUTHORIZED TRAILS IN CENTRAL PARK, THANK YOU! MANY OF THESE TRAILS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE IMPASSABLE BY THE PLACEMENT OF TREE BRANCHES AT THE ENTRANCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE, WHERE THE TREE BRANCHES HAVE BEEN PLACED OVER AN EXTENDED LENGTH OF THE TRAIL. HOWEVER, MORE TREE BRANCHES COULD HAVE PUT ON THE ENTRANCES OF SOME OF THE TRAILS AS THE USERS OF THESE PATHWAYS HAVE EITHER GONE OVER THE OBSTRUCTION OR REMOVED IT TO GAIN ACCESS. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE TRAILS TO BE BLOCKED OFF IN THE CORE AREA IF THE PARK IS TO BE SAVED.

THE RECENT WINDS PLAYED HAVOC WITH MANY OF THE TREES IN THE PARK, STREWING THE GROUND WITH BRANCHES AND BRINGING SOME OF THE TREES DOWN IN ITS WAKE. THE FALLEN BRANCHES AND THOSE FROM THE DOWNED TREES WERE PUT TO GOOD USE AS BARRICADES AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE UNAUTHORIZED TRAILS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE LOGS FROM THESE FALLEN TREES BE USED AS EFFECTIVE BARRICADES ON THE ENTRANCES OF THE TRAILS IN QUESTION.

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SINCE ALL THE TREES IN THE PARK COULD BE CONSIDERED A POTENTIAL HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC DURING A HIGH WINDSTORM, AND IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE FOR ANYONE TO BE IN THE PARK IN SUCH A STORM, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHY THE PARK'S WORKMEN CONTINUE TO FELL THEM? LAST WEEK TWO MORE TREES BECAME VICTIMS. THE TREES IN QUESTION WERE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARK AND WEST OF THE GOLF COURSE PARKING LOT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PRACTICE STOPPED AND LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE TREES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARK REMAIN AS THEY ARE AT PRESENT ACTING AS A BUFFER IN A WIND AND PROTECTING THE TREES IN THE CORE AREA.

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ALSO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT SIGNS BE PUT UP IN THE CORE AREA OF THE PARK INFORMING THE PUBLIC WHY THEY SHOULD NOT USE THE UNAUTHORIZED TRAILS AND WHAT DAMAGE IS DONE TO THE ROOT SYSTEM OF THE TREES AND THE UNDERGROWTH WHERE SQUIRRELS, CHICKADEES, WRENS, THRUSHES, FLICKERS, TOWHEES, HAWKS, AND OTHERS HAVE MADE THEIR HABITATION AND THEIR NESTING PLACE. THE SIGN COULD ALSO STATE THAT "A FINE MAY BE IMPOSED IF THIS RULE IS VIOLATED." IN RESPECT TO THE CYCLISTS THEIR BICYCLES COULD BE HELD UNTIL THE FINE IS PAID.

HOPING THAT YOU WILL LOOK KINDLY ON MY SUGGESTIONS,

I REMAIN

YOURS SINCERELY

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