

## Dangerous Rebar In Ives Public Comment 03-14-23

Dear Commissioners,

As you might be aware, one of the sculptures in the community sculpture garden was removed, leaving the pedestal bare except for several pieces of protruding rebar. The remaining rebar poses a safety issue. Many children use the playground which is about 500 yards away. Children love to run and jump on platforms - just like the one in the sculpture garden. It would be terrible if a child jumped onto the platform and hurt them-self on the rebar.

Please cut the rebar to the level of the cement, grind it down and then patch until smooth with cement. This should be a fairly simple operation and should be done immediately.

Thank you for your attention to the safety of our community.

Public art work that exists in public space is a responsibility of the City in terms of maintenance and public safety.

Best,

Kate 

Parklet - Public Comment 03-14-23

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in regards to Parklets. Please make it clear to business owners that for a CalTrans permit the following conditions are a pre-requisite:

"Vending and/or table service on parklets is strictly prohibited.

Tables and seating must be distinct from those of nearby businesses"

It is crucial that business owners understand that a CalTrans parklet is public space and is not private.

As it is public space, it is under the same legal requirements as all other public spaces, meaning that members of the public can use it as they see fit, can stay as long as they'd like, can be in the space after the business closes and that there is no affiliation with the business even if the parklet is in front a particular business. Business owners have no jurisdiction over the parklet if it is a public space.

Please make this clear to business owners so they do not think the CalTrans Parklets currently in place will be able to operate as they have been to date.

Best,

Kate [REDACTED]