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From: Cindy Reis <cindyreis100@aol.com>
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To: Comment
Subject: Electric motorbikes

Dear City Council,

I was nearly run over (as well as my puppy) at Salt Creek Park two weeks ago on an evening walk on the grass by 15 electric bikes and motorcycle type bikes. Then again this past Saturday at Heritage Park my puppy and I were nearly run over again but this time it was over 40 e-bikes/motorcycle type bikes. The youth had on face coverings to hide their identities. They threatened to kill my puppy when they saw me take out my phone to take pictures. They are ruining the lawns at Heritage Park. They are exceeding speeds I estimate of at least 30 mph on the grass and people who were sitting in the grass enjoying the day fled. I was told that this same group circled a 70 year old woman menacing her and an adult (a parent of one of the riders) was heard to say " I hope you break your hip".

I called the police both times. A policeman did arrive at Heritage Park telling me they'd been following the group all day but the riders " know that we cannot pursue them so they flip us off, film and post it. If we can catch them we impound these bikes because these types of e-bikes are illegal but we can't catch them ".

This gang like activity is ruining our city and someone is going to get hurt by these kids. They have caused probably thousands of dollars of damage to Heritage Park's lawn not to mention the fear they cause when they show up in mass and take over the parks. They are irreverent and entitled in their conduct.

I want to know what I can do as a citizen of Dana Point to help to stop this dangerous behavior?

Thank you,
Cindy Reis

Sent from my iPhone

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