



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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REPORT NO.: 101

ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board Agenda of April 18, 2024

SUBJECT: KELLY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GENERAL DEVELOPMENT
PLAN AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Parks and Recreation Board recommend approval of the Proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park?

Department Recommendation – Recommend approval of the Proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

- On April 11, 2023, Linda Vista Community Recreation Group voted unanimously (7-0-0) recommending approval of the proposed GDP.

Fiscal Impact – The total project budget is approximately \$15.4M. The construction phase of the proposed project will be funded in future budget allocations. Funding for the GDP preparation included Capital Outlay funds.

The cost to operate and maintain this project on an annual basis is: \$89,342. This includes all labor, material, equipment, supplies, etc.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed project complies with all water and energy conservation guidelines in Council Policy 200-14.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Impact – The proposed project complies with the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan Impact – The proposed project complies with the Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan.

Environmental – The proposed project received a NOE, Notice of Exempt. This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304

(Minor Alterations to Land).

BACKGROUND

This project provides for the design and construction of complete upgrades to an existing park located along Kelly Street, west of Linda Vista Road and south of Comstock Street. The proposed park is located in the Linda Vista Neighborhoods community, within Council District 7, and will provide approximately 4.5 acres of usable park space in this community.

DISCUSSION

Engineering & Capital Projects Department staff and the design consultant conducted two public workshops with the community. Prior to the first public workshop, the Council District Office also conducted a community input meeting focused on a survey of potential amenities for community input and vision for this park. The first workshop was held on November 8, 2022, where City staff and the design consultant shared alternative designs for the park and took input from the community on the proposed design alternatives. A second Community Recreation Group workshop was held on April 11, 2023 to present the preferred alternative design for community input and CRG recommendation. At this meeting, the Linda Vista Community Recreation Group voted unanimously (7-0-0) recommending approval of the proposed GDP.

During these community workshops, staff and the design consultant provided concepts of proposed amenities, answered community questions, and took input on design recommendations as well as neighborhood concerns. Specifically, vandalism, fire hazards, and loitering were identified as concerns residents had with existing illegal park activity occurring within the park and the adjacent canyon open space.

The proposed General Development Plan Amendment before the Board is a product of a refined design considering the feedback received and consensus achieved through those meetings and substantial design development undertaken by staff, the community, and project designers. Efforts have been made to increase visibility into the park as well as create activation nodes throughout the park to increase security and surveillance of the park. Fencing, planting material, and lighting have also been incorporated into the project design to increase safety, access control and sightlines into and around the park.

The proposed General Development Plan Amendment improvements (Attachment 1) are listed below.

- New 2-5 and 5-12 year old play areas
- Picnic areas with shade structure
- Overlook with swings
- Basketball court with futsal goals
- Accessible restroom building
- Benches and picnic tables
- Fitness station with exercise equipment
- Drinking fountains
- Safety fencing
- Walking paths and improved accessibility

- Accessible on-street parking space
- Accessible curb ramps and sidewalk improvements

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park.
2. Recommend approval of the proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park with conditions.
3. Do not recommend approval of the proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Kelly Street Neighborhood Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s):

1. Kelly Street General Development Plan Amendment Plans

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