

Council Gives Informal OK To Park Walk

By a 6-1 vote, the City Council yesterday gave informal approval to a plan for installing a 14-foot sidewalk on the Balboa Park side of Sixth Avenue from Elm to Upas streets.

E. W. Blom, assistant city manager, said the project will cost an estimated \$29,000 but will not be undertaken until the scheduled widening of Sixth Avenue occurs.

Funds for widening Sixth Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Crosstown Freeway are in the fiscal 1963-64 portion of the city's capital outlay program.

Blom said council approval this early was necessary so that a contract for installing a sprinkler system along Sixth Avenue can be completed. Pipes for the system will be buried far enough from the east curb to accommodate a 14-foot walk when it is built.

Vice Mayor Frank Curran proposed the walk to serve as a promenade along Balboa's Park's western edge. A six-foot asphalt walkway now exists.

Councilman Helen Cobb, who had earlier expressed a preference for more grass and less concrete, voted against the motion to approve the wider walkway. The matter must be approved in a formal council session before it is effective, yesterday's action coming during a conference.

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