



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: October 5, 2015

REPORT NO: 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of October 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Amendment to the General Development Plan for the 30th Street and Island Avenue Mini Park

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the amended General Development Plan (GDP) for the 30th Street and Island Avenue Mini Park?

Director's Recommendation – Approve the amended General Development Plan for the 30th Street and Island Avenue Mini Park.

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

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Fiscal Impact – The estimated total project cost for the design and construction of the neighborhood park is approximately \$750,000. This is an existing park which is already included in the Park and Recreation Department's budget for maintenance. The proposed amenities are similar to the existing amenities, therefore, no operational or maintenance impacts are anticipated.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed amendment to the Mini Park with comply with all water and energy conservation guideline contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental - This project is for a concept plan only. When the final design documents are prepared, an environmental assessment and appropriate report shall be prepared prior to any improvement construction.

BACKGROUND

This project provides an upgrade to the 30th and Island mini-park, an existing 0.2 acre park, located in the Stockton area near two King-Chavez schools and the Stockton Recreation Center within Council District 8. At the request of the Stockton Park and Recreation Council, Inc., the Schmidt Design Group, Inc. proposed improvements that include main entry upgrades allowing for public art opportunities, concrete pathway and stairway that give ADA access to a series of terraces, bioretention area for storm water management, children's play area, amphitheater area, maintenance access off adjacent alley and the following site furnishings: trellis shade structure over picnic tables, bench seating, security lighting, and landscaping.

This project is intended to contribute health, recreation, safety and aesthetic benefits to this neighborhood. It will create a fun, activated, and safe play environment for the community with convenient access for local schools and the recreation center.

DISCUSSION

On July 14, 2015, Jeffrey T. Barr, Principal, Schmidt Design Group, Inc. presented the concept plan to the Stockton Park and Recreation Council, Inc. and members of the community at the Stockton Recreation Center. This was a noticed public input meeting. Participants made the following recommendations:

- Use entry columns, archway and retaining wall to reflect community culture and encourage neighborhood ownership of the park.
- Remove eucalyptus trees against the back wall and replace with flowering trees that allow visibility throughout the park and shade over the amphitheater.
- Provide pedestrian lighting that maximizes security and maintains aesthetics.
- Buffer retaining wall with a slant to discourage sitting and protect public art.
- Provide as much shade as possible over the picnic shelter.

On August 11, 2015, Jeffrey T Barr, Principal, Schmidt Design Group, Inc. presented a revised GDP to the Stockton Park and Recreation Council, Inc and members of the community. The GDP incorporated all of the above community recommendations.

The Stockton Park and Recreation Council, Inc. voted to recommend approval of the amended GDP for the 30th and Island Avenue Mini Park (5-0-0).

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ALTERNATIVES

Approve the amended GDP for the 30th Street & Island Avenue Mini Park.

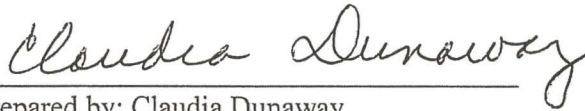
Approve the amended GDP for the 30th Street & Island Avenue Mini Park with
modifications.

Do not approve the amended GDP for 30th Street & Island Avenue Mini Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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