



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: February 11, 2015

REPORT NO: XXXX

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of February 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Hickman Field Athletic Area - General Development Plan Amendment

SUMMARY: Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the proposed General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment for Hickman Field Athletic Area Park?

Director's Recommendation - Approve the proposed GDP Amendment.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed the proposed GDP Amendment:

- Clairemont Mesa Recreation Council
- Serra Mesa Community Planning Group
- Serra Mesa Recreation Council
- Kearny Mesa Recreation Council
- Kearny Mesa Community Planning Group
- Community Parks I Committee
- Design Review Committee

Fiscal Impact – The total project cost is estimated at \$22,484,461. The City's Capital Improvements Program currently allocates \$1.5M to fund phase one improvements for the Hickman Fields Park project. Additional funds will need to be identified and allocated to the project to fully fund the General Development Plan improvements.

Water and Energy Conservation Status - The plan is consistent with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental Status – The City of San Diego, as a lead agency under CEQA, is preparing a Notice of Exemption, covering the park development activity.

## BACKGROUND

The Hickman Fields Park site is located at 5250 Hickman Field Drive, San Diego, CA 92111 in the Kearny Mesa Community Area.

This project upgrades existing amenities and provides additional recreational improvements within the Hickman Field Park. These amenities include an aquatic complex, additional parking, picnic areas, children's play areas, comfort stations and improved access to the site in compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act.

The proposed aquatic complex will serve the Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa and Serra Mesa communities consistent with the City's General Plan.

## DISCUSSION

- On September 18, 2013, the project was presented to the Clairemont Mesa Recreation Council. The motion was to acknowledge the staff presentation to amend the General Development Plan. Acknowledge the design for both merit and detracts, and to forward the topic to groups having oversight with support of the Kearny Mesa Recreation Council. (4-3-1). A motion was not made to approve or disapprove.
- On October 17, 2013, the project was presented to the Serra Mesa Community Planning Group and Serra Mesa Recreation Council as information item. The motion was to approve the proposed GDP without the Aquatic Complex. (8-2-0). A second motion was also approved, to remove Serra Mesa financing from the plan. (10-0-0).
- On October 23, 2013, The Kearny Mesa Recreation Council voted (4-2-3) to recommend approval of the proposed GDP Amendment. The motion was to accept the proposed amendments as presented.
- On November 20, 2013, the project was presented to the Kearny Mesa Community Planning Group. A motion was made to continue the discussion.
- On December 04, 2013, the project was presented to the Community Parks I Committee. Upon completion of the presentation, public comment and discussion by the Committee, a motion was made:

### **MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Marc Sorenson/Susan Mournian**

A motion was made by Mr. Sorenson and seconded by Ms. Mournian to table the item until the next meeting. The motion failed (4-5).

Mr. Bussell opened the floor for additional discussion. Members requested that he review the alternatives again. Mr. Bussell reviewed the three options and encouraged the council to take action based strictly on the amendment proposal and to not consider the license agreement as part of the action.

**MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Marc Sorenson/Susan Mournian**

A motion was made by Mr. Frichtel and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve Alternative #2- Proposed GDP amendment for Hickman Fields Parks with modifications, specifically excluding the pool. Staff stated that the pool triggered the GDP amendment and the motion could not be considered as stated. After further discussion the motion was rescinded.

**MOTION MOVED/SECONDED Joe Fritchel/Pat Collins**

A motion was made by Mr. Frichtel and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve Alternative #3- Do not recommend approval of the proposed GDP amendment for the Hickman Fields Park. The motion passed 7-1 with one abstention (Mournian ).

- On December 11, 2013, the project was presented to the Design Review Committee. A Motion was made to approve the Hickman Field General Development Plan Amendment as presented subject that no athletic fields be removed to accommodate an aquatic center. Motion fails to carry (2-3). No subsequent motion.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the proposed GDP Amendment for Hickman Field Athletic Area Park as presented.
2. Approve the proposed GDP Amendment for Hickman Field Athletic Area Park with modifications.
3. Reject approval of the proposed GDP Amendment for Hickman Field Athletic Area Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Approved General Development Plan, 2001  
Proposed General Development Plan Amendment



# Hickman Fields Athletic Area

## Proposed/Amended General Development Plan

September 2013

