



# REPORT

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

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DATE ISSUED: February 11, 2015 REPORT NO. 201

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

SUBJECT: Proposed FY 2016 Community Development Block Grants for Parks

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE BOARD.

### SUMMARY

In December 2014, the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) voted unanimously to approve and recommend eight park projects to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in FY 2016. The recommendation is scheduled to be presented to Infrastructure Committee in February 2015 and full City Council for consideration and final approval in March 2015. Park and Recreation selected the eight park projects based on HUD Program eligibility (eligible low income areas), other available capital project funding sources, and project readiness (General Development Plan in place). It is Park and Recreation's practice to bring all proposed grant applications to Public Works for discussion prior to grant application submittal. These eight projects were evaluated for project readiness by both Park and Recreation and Public Works staff, and it was determined that project completion could be achieved within the 18 month timeframe required of a Community Development Block Grant funded project, should these projects receive FY 2016 CDBG funding. Due to the Mayor's strong emphasis on infrastructure and neighborhood improvements, the Park and Recreation Department has submitted a robust proposal for funding consideration.

The eight park projects being considered for CDBG funding include:

- Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements (\$274,700)
- Chicano Park Comfort Station ADA Upgrades (\$740,000)
- Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements (\$319,406)
- City Heights Youth and Community Center Improvements (\$187,950)
- Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity (\$650,000)
- Larsen Field Improvements (\$1,000,000)
- Chollas Lake Playground Improvements (750,000)
- San Ysidro Community Park Improvements (\$561,000)

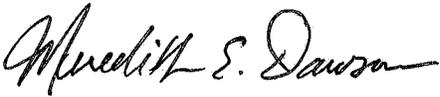
## DISCUSSION

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federal program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides communities with resources to address community development needs. CDBG funds can be used for a wide range of infrastructure and improvement projects. A complete discussion of the CDBG process and proposed projects is provided in Attachments 1 and 2.

The Park and Recreation Department has successfully administered these grant funds for many years, resulting in numerous noteworthy park capital projects. Most recently, CDBG grant funding has been used to support the construction of the Gompers Neighborhood Park ADA Upgrades project (\$690,000) and the Memorial Park Pool Improvements (\$1,661,000). The Park and Recreation Department is currently administering a FY 2015 CDBG grant for the construction of the Mountain View Neighborhood Park ADA Upgrades project (\$393,500).

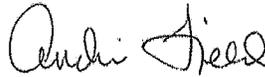
The Park and Recreation Board's continued commitment to providing quality park facilities and park maintenance in our community is greatly appreciated. We thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:  
Andrew Field  
Assistant Director

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Attachments:

1. FY16 CDBG Funding for Capital Projects, Economic Development Department
2. FY16 Community Development Block Grants for Parks

# ATTACHMENT 1

| REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION<br>CITY OF SAN DIEGO                                      |      |  |  | CERTIFICATE NUMBER<br>(FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY) |                                  |
|--|------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| TO:<br>CITY COUNCIL  |      | FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT):<br>Economic Development   |  | DATE:<br>1/27/2015                                 |                                  |
| SUBJECT: CDBG Reprogrammed and FY 2016 Funding for City Capital Improvement Projects |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE):<br>Krissy Toft- Maier, 619-236-6312, MS 56D           |      |  | SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE):<br>Sima Thakkar, 619-236-5902, MS 56D |  |                                  |
| COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| FUND   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| FUNCTIONAL AREA  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| COST CENTER  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| GENERAL LEDGER<br>ACCT   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| WBS OR INTERNAL<br>ORDER   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| CAPITAL PROJECT No.  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
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| WBS OR INTERNAL<br>ORDER   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| CAPITAL PROJECT No.  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| AMOUNT   | 0.00 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00                             |
| COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE):  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| ROUTING AND APPROVALS  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:  |      | APPROVING<br>AUTHORITY   |  | APPROVAL<br>SIGNATURE                              | DATE<br>SIGNED                   |
| Liaison Office   |      | ORIG DEPT.   |  | Moreno, Lydia                                      | 01/30/2015                       |
|  |      | CFO  |  |  |                                  |
|  |      | DEPUTY CHIEF   |  |  |                                  |
|  |      | COO  |  |  |                                  |
|  |      | CITY ATTORNEY  |  |  |                                  |
|  |      | COUNCIL<br>PRESIDENTS OFFICE   |  |  |                                  |
| PREPARATION OF:  |      | <input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTIONS   | <input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE(S)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> AGREEMENT(S)              | <input type="checkbox"/> DEED(S) |
| None   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:<br>Approve Requested Action.                                  |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)   |      |  |  |  |                                  |
| COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):   |      | 4, 8, 9  |  |  |                                  |
| COMMUNITY AREA(S):   |      | Barrio Logan, Eastern, Mid-City, San Ysidro, Southeastern San Diego  |  |  |                                  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:  |      | Each identified project has been or is in the process of being reviewed or will require review under CEQA at a future time in accordance with the City's |  |  |                                  |

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|                          | Land Development Code. This determination is predicated on Section 15004 of the State CEQA Guidelines which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review. |
| CITY CLERK INSTRUCTIONS: | None  |

**COUNCIL ACTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE: 1/27/2015

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

SUBJECT: CDBG Reprogrammed and FY 2016 Funding for City Capital Improvement Projects

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 4, 8, 9

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Krissy Toft- Maier/619-236-6312, MS 56D

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

This action is for the Infrastructure Committee to consider the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for City Capital Improvement Projects and recommend approval to the City Council. This action will be combined with the CDBG Program FY 2016 Allocation Items to be considered by the full City Council in March 2015.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Requested Action.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a federal program that provides communities with resources to address community development needs. CDBG funds can be used for a wide range of infrastructure and public improvement projects.

The City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2015 to 2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program outlines high priority goals for the City of San Diego. One of the goals is to strengthen neighborhoods by investing in the City's critical public infrastructure needs to support neighborhood safety and improve livability. The proposed City CDBG funded Capital Improvements Projects (City CDBG CIPs) will improve Park and Recreation facilities and install new sidewalks, traffic calming measures and streetlights in HUD qualified low and moderate income census block group areas. The City CDBG CIPs are proposed to be funded with the CDBG reprogrammed and FY 2016 CDBG funds.

Reprogrammed funds are derived from multiple sources, including CDBG projects that withdraw, cancel or return unexpended funds as well as from unallocated balances of CDBG funds. The current balance of reprogrammed funds of \$3,521,933 and \$1,961,122 in FY 2016 funds, totaling \$5,483,056 (Attachment A) will be needed to fund the proposed projects. HPA staff anticipates issuing a call memo in May/June of 2015 for the remaining balance of FY 2016 funds which is estimated to be \$1,480,000. Final figures will be determined when HUD releases the City's actual FY 2016 CDBG allocation.

The Con Plan outlined a strategy to work with the City's Capital Improvements Program Review and Advisory Committee (CIPRAC) to review and recommend approval of City projects. The HUD Programs Administration (HPA) staff began this process last fall and the process has included:

August 28th, 2014 CDBG overview to CIPRAC members

September 9th, 2014 Call memorandum for project applications from City Asset Owning Departments

September 18th, 2014 CIPRAC committee review  
October 21st, 2014 Call memorandum for Councilmember input on project recommendations  
November 20th, 2014 CIPRAC full board approval  
December 10th, 2014 Consolidate Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) approval

Nine City CDBG CIPs projects are being recommended for funding. Each project application has been reviewed for HUD Programs eligibility, funding sources, and project readiness. The projects selected are identified in Attachment A.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): Not Applicable.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee): None.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: HPA staff has presented items related to CDBG CIPs on October 8th, 2014, November 12th, 2014 and December 10th, 2014 at the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board publicly noticed meetings.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:  
City of San Diego.

Moreno, Lydia  
Originating Department

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Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer

Attachment A  
Proposed CDBG City Capital Improvement Projects

| Department<br>CD#                      | Project Title - Description   | Council<br>Districts   | CDBG Funds<br>Requested | Other Funding  | Total Project<br>Cost |
|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Park & Recreation<br>B-13077           | <b>Colina Del Sol Pool ADA Improvements:</b> accessibility improvements of pool facility and improvements to access facility including crosswalks, crossing signals, curb ramps, parking areas and front entry.                           | 9                      | \$274,700               | \$316,250 DCB2   | \$590,950             |
| Park & Recreation<br>S-13003           | <b>Chicano Park Comfort Station ADA Upgrades:</b> new restroom facilities, walkways, crossing signals, curb ramps, and ADA compliant parking.   | 8                      | \$740,000               | \$950,000 RPIF & DIF   | \$1,690,000           |
| Park & Recreation<br>B-13067           | <b>Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements:</b> accessibility improvements of two buildings with ADA compliant parking areas, walkways, interior and exterior restrooms, cabinets, counters, doorways, lockers, railings and fixtures. | 8                      | \$319,406               | \$402,500 DCB2   | \$721,906             |
| Park & Recreation<br>B-13068           | <b>City Heights Youth and Community Center Improvements:</b> interior and exterior accessibility improvements of walkways, crossing signals, parking areas, restrooms, cabinets, counters, lockers, railings and fixtures.                | 9                      | \$187,950               | \$215,050 DCB2   | \$403,000             |
| Park & Recreation<br>New               | <b>Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity:</b> demolition of existing community building and site facilities.  | 8                      | \$650,000               |  | \$650,000             |
| Park & Recreation<br>S-13004           | <b>Larsen Field Improvements:</b> two new playgrounds including playground equipment, rubberized playground surfacing, accessible path of travel and parking improvements.  | 8                      | \$1,000,000             | \$689,175 DIF  | \$1,689,175           |
| Park & Recreation<br>S-14002           | <b>Chollas Lake Park Playground Improvements:</b> two new playgrounds including playground equipment, rubberized playground surfacing and accessible path of travel   | 4                      | \$750,000               | \$989,000 RPIF   | \$1,739,000           |
| Park & Recreation<br>New               | <b>San Ysidro Community Park Improvements:</b> new curb ramps, handrails, pedestrian ramps, ADA parking, playground walkway, rubberized playground surfacing and new park benches.  | 8                      | \$561,000               | \$250,000 Nonprofit<br>\$68,000 County<br>\$159,000 PSD<br>\$150,000 DIF | \$1,188,000           |
| Transportation &<br>Storm Water<br>New | <b>Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements:</b> new sidewalks, curb ramps, traffic calming and street lights.  | 2, 3, 4, 6,<br>7, 8, 9 | \$1,000,000             | \$150,000 Transnet   | \$1,150,000           |
|  | <b>Total</b>  |                        | <b>\$5,483,056</b>      | <b>\$4,338,975</b>   | <b>\$9,822,031</b>    |

\*Total project cost is a baseline estimate to serve as a commitment for delivery and performance.

# ATTACHMENT 2

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Projects

Park and Recreation Board Meeting  
February 19, 2015

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Department

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# Park Project Selection Process

- Preliminary discussions with Planning, Engineering & Capital Projects, Disability Services, local non-profits
- Identify projects that meet CDBG priorities
  - Low/moderate income areas (LMA)
  - Strengthening neighborhoods by investing in the City's critical infrastructure needs
- Design/Plans in place (General Development Plan)
- Project Readiness - projects that meet 18 month timeline
- Other funding sources identified

# Projects Selected for Application

- San Ysidro Community Park Improvements
- Larsen Field Playground Improvements
- Chollas Lake Playground Improvements
- Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements
- Chicano Park Comfort Station ADA Improvements
- Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements
- City Heights Youth and Community Center Improvements
- Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity

# San Ysidro Community Park Improvements



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements**



**Council District 8  
San Ysidro Community  
Casa Familiar Nonprofit**

# San Ysidro Community Park Improvements

- Install a new ADA parking space on the street
- Upgrade existing curb ramps, pedestrian ramps and handrails to current standards
- Replace concrete walkway around the playground with ADA compliant walkway
- New park benches and rubberized playground surfacing

# Larsen Field Playground Improvements



**Playground replacement (2)  
Accessibility Improvements**



**Council District 8  
San Ysidro Community**

# Larsen Field Playground Improvements

- Construction of two new playgrounds
- New play equipment and playground surfacing for the existing southern tot lot (for 5-12 year olds)
- New play equipment and playground surfacing for the existing northern tot lot (for 2-5 year olds)
- Path of travel improvements to meet ADA accessibility requirements
- Parking lot ADA improvements

# **Chollas Lake Playground Improvements**



**Playground replacement (2)  
Accessibility Improvements  
Council District 4; Chollas Community**

# Chollas Lake Playground Improvements

- Two new playgrounds at Chollas Lake Park
- Smaller playground off College Grove Dr. near lake
- Larger playground is located on Gloria Mesa
- New playgrounds will be fully ADA compliant and include accessible path of travel to both playgrounds

# **Chollas Lake Playground Improvements**

- ADA upgrades to the existing parking lot: accessible parking spaces, pedestrian ramps and signage
- Concrete pedestrian walkways and accessible ramps
- Accessible drinking fountains, picnic tables, park benches and rubberized safety surfacing

# **Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements**



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements**

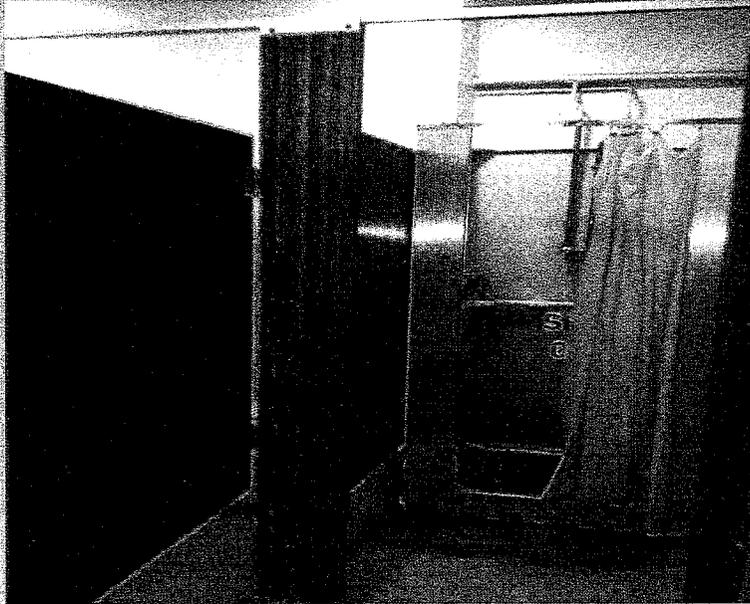


**Council District 9  
East San Diego Community in  
Colina Park Neighborhood**

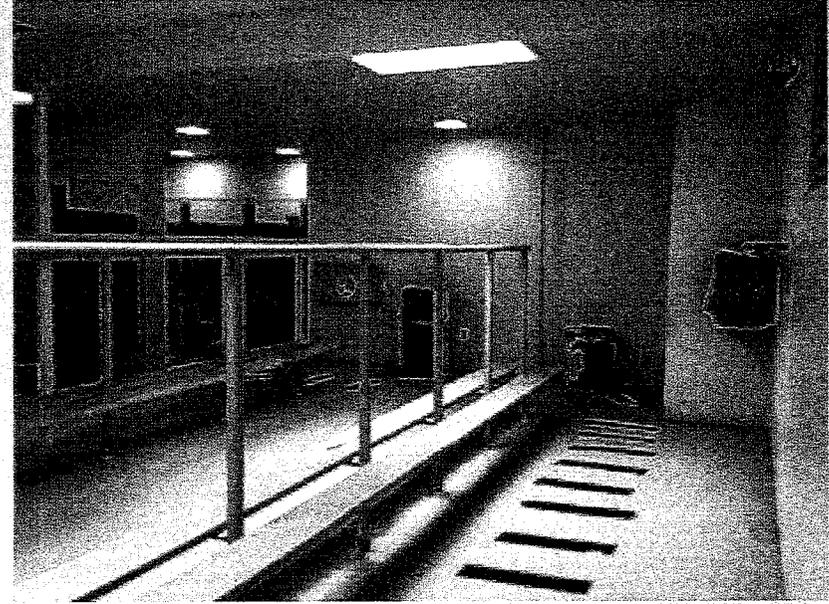
# **Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements**

- Interior ADA improvements to the pool facility
- Removal of non-ADA compliant elements and replacement with compliant features including: lockers, restrooms, showers, cabinets, counters, doorways, aisles, fixtures, pool deck, picnic table, etc.

# Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements



**Barrier Removal**



**Accessibility Improvements**

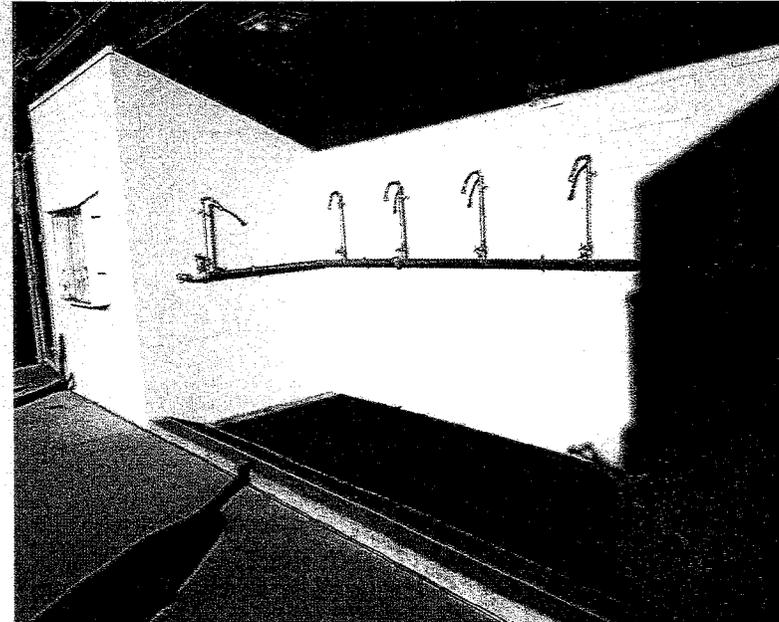
# **Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements**

- Exterior ADA improvements to the site
- Improved access outside the pool facility including: crosswalks, crossing signals, curb ramps, parking areas, public entry into the front lobby etc.

# Colina del Sol Pool ADA Improvements

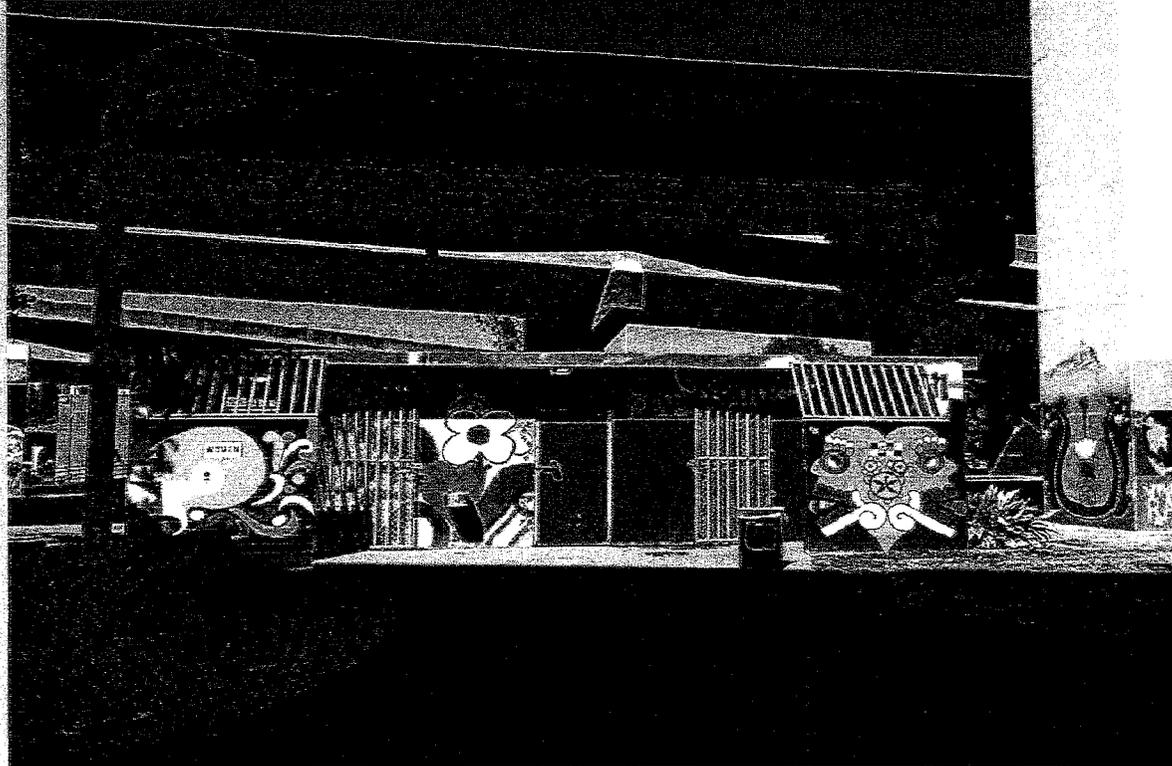


**ADA Compliant Accessibility Improvements**



**Outdoor Barrier Removal**

# **Chicano Park Comfort Station ADA Improvements**



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements  
Council District 8; Barrio Logan Community**

# Chicano Park Comfort Station ADA Improvements

- Interior and Exterior improvements to the comfort station
- Replacement of non- ADA compliant elements with compliant features including: New restroom facilities, walkways, crossing signals, curb ramps, and ADA compliant parking

# **Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements**



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements**



**Council District 8  
Barrio Logan Community  
Barrio Station nonprofit**

# **Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements**



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements**

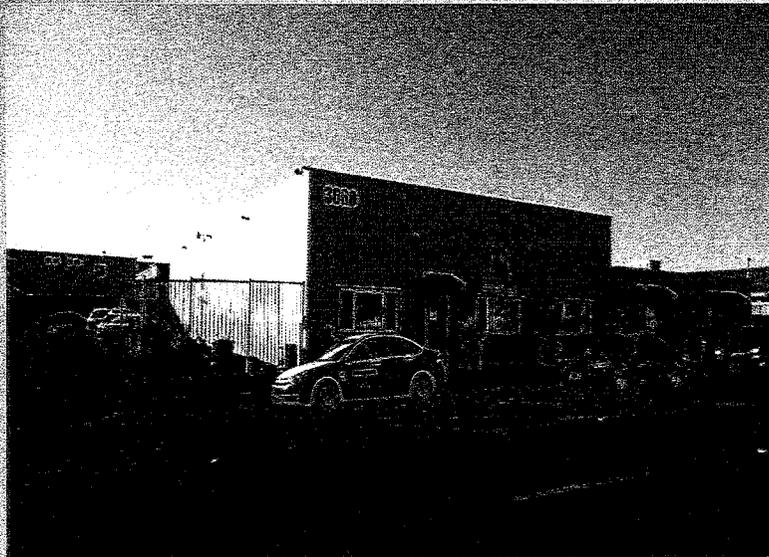


**Council District 8  
Barrio Logan Community  
Barrio Station nonprofit**

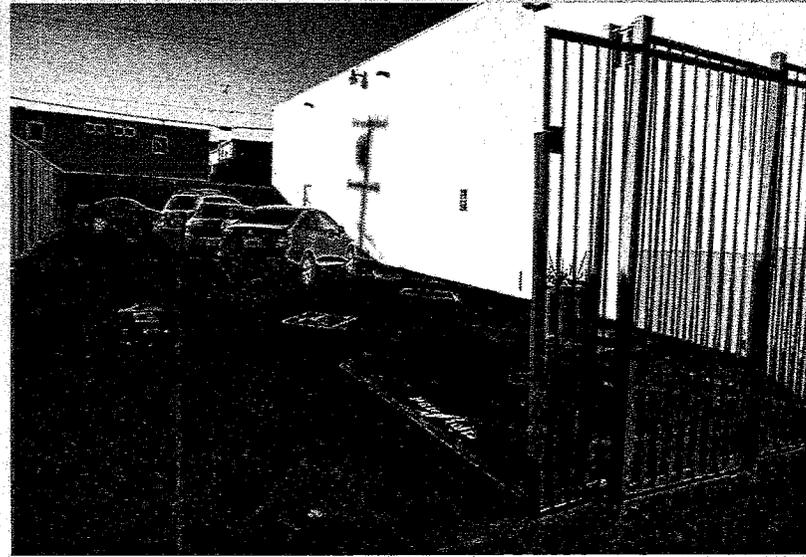
# Barrio Logan Youth Facilities Improvements

- ADA improvements to two facilities at the site
- Replacement of non- ADA compliant elements with compliant features including: path of travel, parking areas, walkways, interior and exterior restrooms, cabinets, counters, doorways, aisles, lockers, railings, fixtures

# **City Heights Youth and Community Center Improvements**



**Barrier Removal  
Accessibility Improvements**

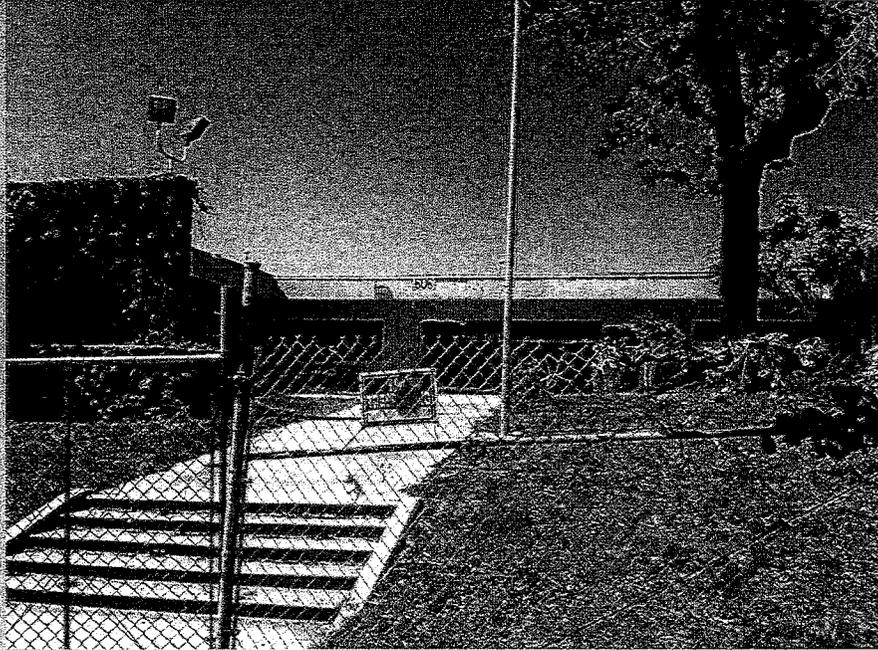


**Council District 9  
City Heights Community  
San Diego Youth Services**

# City Heights Youth and Community Center Improvements

- Interior and Exterior ADA improvements
- Replacement of non- ADA compliant elements with compliant features including: Walkways, crossing signals, parking areas, restrooms, cabinets, counters, doorways, aisles, lockers, railings, fixtures

# Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity



**Demolition of old community  
center structure**



**Council District 8  
Logan Heights Community**

# Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity



**Demolition of old community  
center structure**



**Council District 8  
Logan Heights Community**

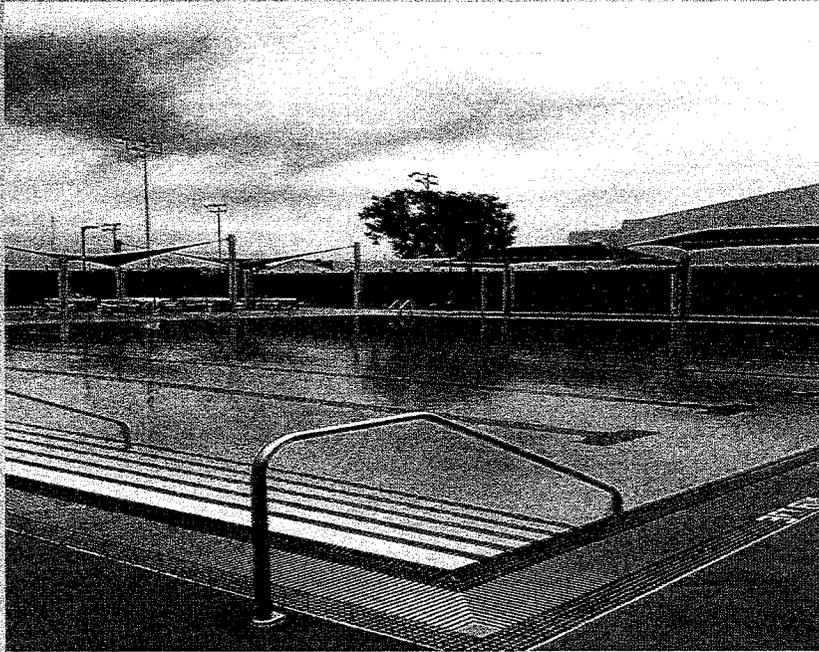
# Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity

- Memorial Community Park is heavily used by local residents with recreation features that include:
  - Memorial Recreation Center
  - 2 children's playgrounds
  - Memorial Skate Park
  - New Memorial Swimming Pool

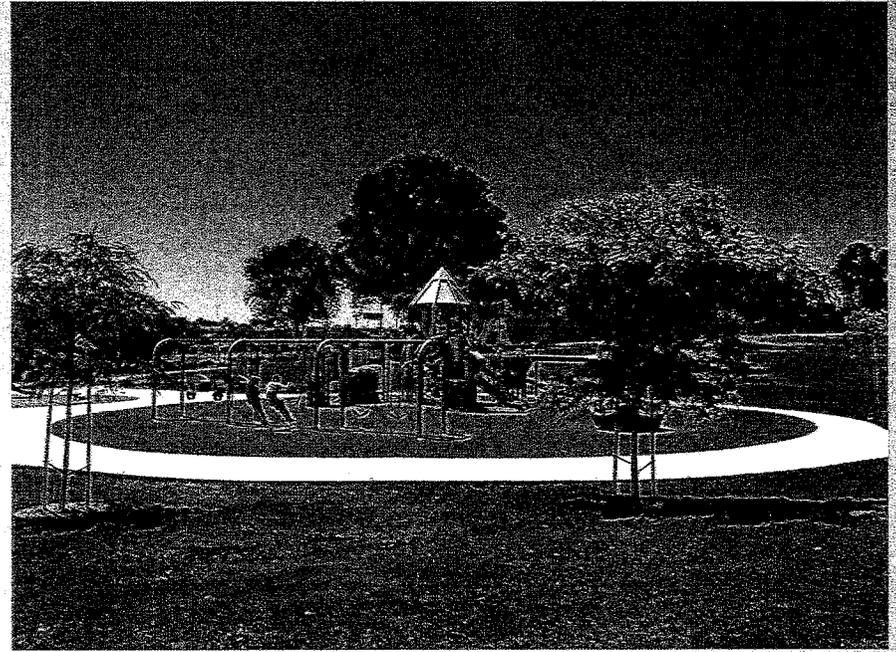
# Memorial Park Community Building Clearance Activity

- Old community center structure built in 1959 and sits on dedicated parkland
- Building has been vacant since 2008
- Deteriorated structure invites criminal activity and vandalism to the park
- Construction contract needed for demolition

**Thank you for supporting valuable  
community park projects!**



**Memorial Park Pool**

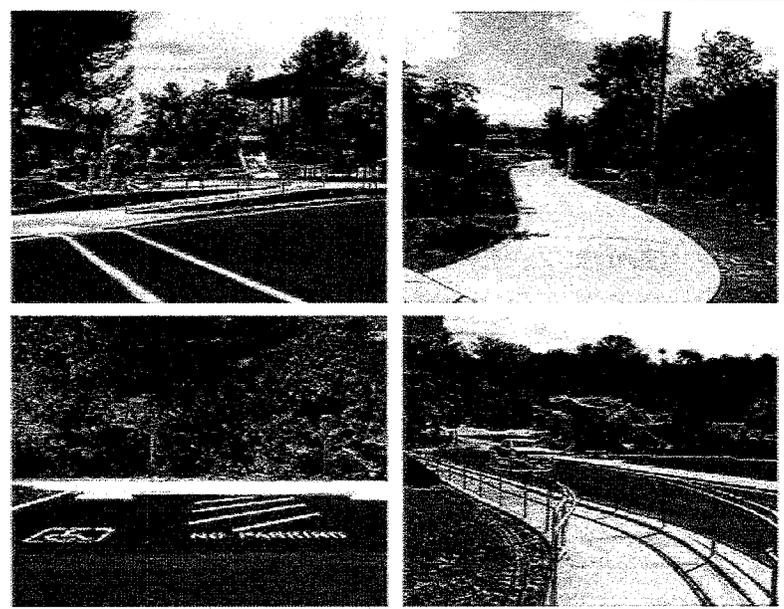


**Gompers Park**

# Thank you for supporting valuable community park projects!



**Linda Vista Picnic Shelter**



**Views West ADA  
Improvements**

# We appreciate your support!

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Department

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