

DATE ISSUED:	January 19, 2017	REPORT NO: 101
ATTENTION:	Park and Recreation Board Agenda of January 19, 2017	
SUBJECT:	GUYMON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK GENE	RAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

Issue:

- 1. Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Guymon Neighborhood Park in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community?
- 2. Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend naming the park Hawk Pocket Park?

Director's Recommendation:

- 1. Recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Guymon Neighborhood Park in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community.
- 2. Recommend approval of the naming of the park as Hawk Pocket Park.

<u>Other Recommendations</u>: The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by other groups are listed below.

On September 24th, and November 5th of 2015, public meetings were conducted at Horton Elementary School to introduce the project and gather community input in preparation of the GDP.

On November 19, 2015, the Martin Luther King Recreation Council voted (4-1-0) to recommend approval of the General Development Plan for the Guymon Neighborhood Park and the new name 'Hawk Pocket Park'.

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Fiscal Impact:

- I. <u>Capital Funding</u>: The GDP inclusive of the environmental document and a Site Development Permit (SDP) is currently funded by a Developer contribution for project park requirements. The cost of design and construction is being paid for by both a Housing Related Park Program grant from the State Department of Housing and Community Development and continued appropriation from the Developer contribution.
- II. <u>Operations and Maintenance</u>: The cost to operate and maintain this project on an annual basis is: \$67,764. This includes all labor, material, equipment, supplies, etc. This project is located in a park deficient community and the funding sources are a grant and developer contribution. A funding request by the department will be made to the Mayor's Office in the budget year the facility goes into operation for on-going maintenance and security.

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

<u>Environmental</u>: The City of San Diego, as a lead agency under CEQA, has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), covering the park development, operation and maintenance.

BACKGROUND

This project provides for the design and construction of a new neighborhood park located on Guymon Street within City fee-owned property known as Guymon Open Space, adjacent to the future Horton Elementary School Joint Use Facility. The proposed neighborhood park is located in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community, within Council District 4, and will provide 0.86 acres of population-based park land in this park deficient community.

DISCUSSION

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

- Synthetic turf
- Decomposed granite area with exercise stations
- Drinking fountain
- Picnic shade structure
- Play Equipment
- Pre-fab comfort station
- Game tables

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• Drought tolerant plant material

This site is identified in the Recreation Element of the Encanto Neighborhoods Community Plan as a future park site. The site is approximately four (4) acres and has a natural vegetated streambed running through the middle. To avoid potential wetland impacts, the park is located within the southwestern area of the site adjacent to the public street. The area to the northeast, approximately 1 acre, will be part of the future Horton Joint Use Facility at the adjacent Horton Elementary School. The remainder of the site will remain as open space.

The primary issue identified during the community input process was the need for a comfort station at the park. During the Recreation Council consideration of the project, the GDP showed a comfort station but was noted as a future phase pending funding. The one vote by a member of the Martin Luther King Recreation Council not supporting this GDP, was due to the fact staff could not guarantee funding for the comfort station during the first phase. However, following receipt of the State Housing Grant by the City in October 2016, the entire park including the comfort station will be constructed as one phase.

Naming of the park was discussed and the name Hawk Pocket Park was voted on and supported by the community during the public input process. The hawk is the mascot for the adjacent Horton Elementary School.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Guymon Neighborhood Park in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community.
- 2. Recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the Guymon Neighborhood Park in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community with modifications.
- 3. Do not recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Guymon Neighborhood Park in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community.
- 4. Recommend approval of the name Hawk Pocket Park.
- 5. Recommend a name other than Hawk Pocket Park.
- 6. Do not recommend the name Hawk Pocket Park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

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cc: Council District 4

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