



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: January 19, 2017

REPORT NO: 102

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of January 19, 2017

SUBJECT: HORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JOINT USE GENERAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Horton Elementary School Joint Use Facility in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community?

Director's Recommendation: Recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Horton Elementary School Joint Use Facility in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community

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

On September 24, and November 5, of 2015, public meetings were conducted at the 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 (5-0-0) to recommend approval of the General Development Plan for the Horton Elementary School Joint Use Facility.

Fiscal Impact:

- I. Capital Funding: 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 the grading and required retaining walls is funded through a Housing Related Park Program Grant

from the State Department of Housing and Community Development. The cost of design, and construction of the turf and walking track improvements, is funded by the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) through the use of Proposition S and Z voter approved bond funding.

- II. Operations and Maintenance: The cost to operate and maintain this project on an annual basis is: \$41,300. This includes all labor, material, equipment, supplies, etc. This project is located in a park deficient community and the funding sources are a grant, developer contribution and San Diego Unified School District bond funds. 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.

Water and Energy Conservation Status: The proposed project complies with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental: 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 joint use facility at both Horton Elementary School located at 5050 Guymon Street and the adjacent City fee-owned open space known as Guymon Open Space. The proposed joint use is located in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community, within Council District 4, and will provide 3.5 acres of population-based park land in this park deficient community.

DISCUSSION

The Horton Elementary School Joint Use Facility is part of the 'Play All Day' partnership between the City and the SDUSD to expand the City's existing joint use parks program by adding over 30 new joint use facilities in the next 5-10 years. SDUSD is the Lead Agency directing the design and construction of the joint-use facility at Horton Elementary School.

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

- Multi-purpose natural turf field (approximately 1.3 acres)
- 6' wide walking track
- Drinking fountain
- Existing Hardcourts
- Existing Play Equipment
- Off-street parking area with approximately 60 spaces

Both a joint use facility at Horton Elementary School and a park located in Guymon Open Space are identified as future parks in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community Plan. However, the available acreage for a multi-use field within the property of Horton Elementary School was not large enough to provide a useable field. By using the adjacent city owned land (1 acre) and the school district land (2.5 acres) the combined acreage will provide for a useable playing field and multi-purpose courts of 3.5 acres.

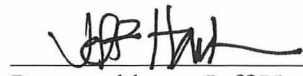
The primary issue raised during community input meetings was the concern for nighttime security. The community requested that the joint use facility be closed at night due to its distance from the public street. In response to this, closing the joint-use facility at night will be done by the School District during the week when school is in session. When school custodial staff are not available to lock and open the gates, the City's Park and Recreation Department will request operational funds to hire a security company to lock the fields in the evening and reopen the gates in the morning. All budget requests are subject to approval by the City Council, and are not guaranteed year to year. The specific hours of use will be determined with each school site, and will be dependent on the school's schedule. This information will be reflected in the joint-use agreement for the school site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the Horton Elementary Joint Use Facility in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community.
2. Recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the Horton Elementary Joint Use Facility in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community with modifications.
3. Do not recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the Horton Elementary Joint Use Facility in the Encanto Neighborhoods Community.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments:

Horton Elementary School General Development Plan

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Horton Elementary School Joint Use General Development Plan

November 3, 2016

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