



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: July 12, 2017 REPORT NO. 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of July 20, 2017

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL JOINT USE  
FACILITY GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility in the Serra Mesa Community?

Director's Recommendation: Recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility in the Serra Mesa Community.

Other Recommendations: The following Recreation Council has reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made are listed below.

On June 20, 2017, the Serra Mesa Recreation Council voted (4-0-0) to recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan for Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility with a desired focus on the proper execution of the final plan and the on-going maintenance and staffing of the joint use facility.

Fiscal Impact:

- I. Capital Funding: The General Development Plan (GDP), inclusive of the environmental document, design and construction of the turf field is currently 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 additional area on an annual basis is: \$24,015. This includes all labor, material, equipment and supplies, as well as the cost to hire a security company to lock the gates at dusk.

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 has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) covering the park development and use of the property.

## BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2017, Report No. 106, the Park and Recreation Board took action to recommend approval of the General Development Plan for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility. This site is located at 9191 Gramercy Drive within the Serra Mesa Community, Council District 7. Funding for the initial proposed project (4.70 acres) is available from the City's Development Impact Fee (DIF) Fund.

This project provides for the design and construction of an additional approximately 1.20 acres of population-based park land at the proposed joint use facility at Taft Middle School. This project would result in a total of approximately 5.90 acres of population-based park land in this park deficient community. The proposed amendment to the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility does not change any of the planned improvements previously approved for this site.

## DISCUSSION

The Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility is part of the 'Play All Day Parks Program' a partnership between the City and the SDUSD to expand the City's existing joint use parks program by adding over 45 new or expanded joint use facilities in the next 5-10 years. SDUSD is the Lead Agency directing the design and construction of the additional 1.20 acres of park land at the previously approved joint-use facility at Taft Middle School.

The amendment to the General Development Plan (Attachment 2) will provide the following:

- Multi-purpose natural turf field (approximately 1.20 additional acres)
- Drinking Fountain
- Fencing

The previously approved General Development Plan City funded improvements (Attachment 1) include:

- Multi-purpose natural turf field (approximately 1.7 acres)
- 12' wide walking track
- Drinking fountain, bike rack
- Off-street parking lot with 46 spaces
- Parking lot lighting
- Concrete stage, seatwalls and benches
- Exercise equipment and nature play exercise facilities
- Vehicular and pedestrian hardscape
- Existing hardcourts
- Trees

The primary issue raised during the Recreation Council meeting was the concern for the proper execution of the construction of the joint use facility and provision for staffing and maintenance once the park is opened to the public. The Park and Recreation Department will work with SDUSD to ensure that the construction and maintenance of the park is well coordinated.

#### ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility.
2. Recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility with modifications.
3. Do not recommend approval of the amendment to the General Development Plan (GDP) for the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

1. Original Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan
2. Amendment to the Taft Middle School Joint Use Facility General Development Plan

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