



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: June 1, 2020

REPORT NO: 202

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of March 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed General Development Plan Amendment for Rancho Bernardo  
Community Park

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of amending the Rancho Bernardo Community Park General Development Plan?

Director's Recommendation – Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Rancho Bernardo Community Park General Development Plan (Attachment A).

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

- On October 16, 2019, the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Group unanimously approved to recommend amending the Rancho Bernardo Community Park General Development Plan to repurpose the lawn bowling area to a multi-sport area (Attachment B).
- On February 5, 2020, the Community Parks I Area Committee unanimously approved to support amending the Rancho Bernardo Community Park General Development Plan to repurpose the lawn bowling area to a multi-sport area (Attachment C).

Fiscal Impact – None.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed action would not have an impact on water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental – This activity is not a “Project” as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it involves an amendment of the Rancho Bernardo Community Park General Development Plan, which on its own accord will not cause either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. As such, this activity is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) and (3). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15352(a), approval of this amendment does not

constitute approval of a project. Approval of any future project associated with this action will be subject to CEQA pursuant to the City's Land Development Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15004, which provides direction to lead agencies on the appropriate timing for environmental review.

#### BACKGROUND

The current General Development Plan (GDP) for Rancho Bernardo Community Park includes a designated lawn bowling area which was previously under a Special Use Permit for a lawn bowling operation.

The Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Group took action on October 16, 2019 to change the designated use of this area on the GDP to a multi-sport area to gain viable interest from potential operators of sports other than lawn bowling (Attachment D).

#### DISCUSSION

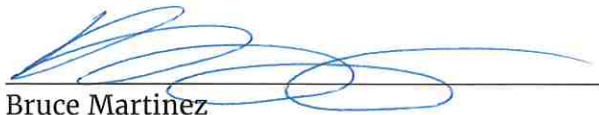
The Rancho Bernardo Community Park GDP currently includes a designated lawn bowling area. For many years the lawn bowling area was operated by an outside organization under a Special Use Permit. The operator eventually could no longer sustain operations or members and did not renew their permit. The area has been vacant for two years lacking interest from a lawn bowling operator. Multiple groups have approached staff inquiring about the potential investment and reuse of the area for unique recreational opportunities.

The lawn bowling area is adjacent to a tennis facility and senior citizen facility, both operated under Special Use Permits. The area has a dedicated office at the site and when in operation, it splits costs of many services used between the three tenants which ultimately has the potential to reduce costs for all. By amending the GDP to allow for multiple sport options, we are broadening the pool of potential interested operators to revive this area of the park offering new recreational opportunities to the community of all ages.

#### ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not approve the GDP Amendment for Rancho Bernardo Community Park
2. Recommend an alternate action to the Rancho Bernardo Community Park GDP

Respectfully submitted,



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**Attachments:**

- A. Rancho Bernardo General Development Plan
- B. Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Group October 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Community Parks I Area Committee February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- D. Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Group Recommendation

cc: Council District 5