

Date of Notice: August 31, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-22047.02.06

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Clay Neighborhood Park Improvements

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mid-City Communities (Eastern Area)

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 9

LOCATION: 4767 Seminole Drive, San Diego, CA 92115

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Approval of a General Development Plan (GDP) Amendment to add a comfort station south of the existing basketball court within Clay Neighborhood Park. The current approved GDP consists of construction of the proposed improvements including:

- Playground with integrated shade sails
- Fitness stations
- Wellness path
- Fenced dog park
- Permanent shade structure
- Additional shade trees
- Demonstration garden
- Upgrade existing turf, hardscape, landscape, irrigation, furnishings, etc.
- Security lighting
- Biofiltration basin

The project will require approximately 3,500 square feet (SF) of grading for the fenced dog park, demonstration garden, comfort station, plus approximately 1,000 SF of excavation for the comfort station's sewer main connection and security lighting.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as the

upgrades to turf, irrigation, and furnishings; 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the upgraded playground and security lighting; 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as the construction of a new fitness stations, additional fenced dog park, shade structure, Demonstration Garden, Biofiltration basin, comfort station, and other park amenities; and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows for the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, such as the grading and paving for a wellness path, hardscape and landscaping, excavation work for the new playground, planting and installation of irrigation systems and drainage as proposed by the project; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

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On August 31, 2023, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice, September 8, 2023. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in-person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) <u>Appeals filed in person:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building Public

Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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