

DATE ISSUED:	February 18, 2021	REPORT NO: 101
ATTENTION:	Park and Recreation Board Agenda of February 18, 2021	
SUBJECT: <u>SUMMARY</u>	Southwest Neighborhood Park – General Deve	elopment Plan

<u>Issue</u>: Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Southwest Neighborhood Park in the Otay Mesa-Nestor community?

<u>Director's Recommendation</u> – Recommend approval of the proposed GDP for Southwest Neighborhood Park in the Otay Mesa-Nestor community.

<u>Other Recommendations</u> – 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 10, 2019, the Otay Mesa Recreation Advisory Council voted unanimously recommending approval of the proposed GDP.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u> – The total project cost is approximately \$21.6 million. Funding for the GDP preparation included Developer Impact Fee (DIF) funds. The design and construction phases of the proposed project will be funded in future budget allocations.

The estimated first year cost to operate and maintain this project is \$395,850. The estimated annual cost thereafter is \$323,850. This includes all labor, equipment, utilities, supplies, and contracts for this facility.

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

<u>Environmental</u>- The Development Services Department has prepared and posted for public comment Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), Project No. 654348, for Southwest Neighborhood Park (SCH No. 2020120458); the comment period expired on January 25, 2021. The Development Services and Engineering & Capital Projects Department are preparing responses to comments received. Those comments and responses will be incorporated into the Final MND.

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### BACKGROUND

This project provides for preparation of GDP, design, and construction of a new neighborhood park located east of the Interstate-5 and bounded by 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Street, and Grove Avenue. The proposed neighborhood park is located in the Otay Mesa-Nester Community within Council District 8 and will provide approximately 11.5 acres of population-based park land in this park deficient community.

#### DISCUSSION

Community input played an integral part in the GDP development. Engineering and Capital Projects Department staff and the design consultant conducted three public workshops with the community. The initial workshop focused on a survey of themes and amenities for community input and vision for the future park. The preferred amenities include children's play areas, a comfort station, picnic and shade structures, a dog park, lighted athletic fields, walking paths and fitness stations. The preferred theme was an equestrian ranch inspired by the site history. Based on the survey results from the first workshop, workshop #2 presented two conceptual design alternatives for community feedback. A third workshop was held on October 10, 2019 to vote on the refined, preferred alternative, which was unanimously approved by the Otay Mesa Recreation Advisory Council.

Traffic and safety were the primary issues raised during the community meetings. In response, the project has included traffic calming and safety measures along 25<sup>th</sup> Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Fencing and security lighting has also been included to provide security for the park. Surveillance was considered in the design of the parking lots and consideration was taken to preserve clear sightlines into the site.

The proposed GDP before the Board is a product of consensus achieved through those meetings as well as substantial design development undertaken by staff, the community, and project designers.

The proposed General Development Plan improvements (Attachment 1) include:

- Multi-use natural turf field
- Basketball courts (1 full, 2 half)
- Dog park with separate large and small dog areas
- Fitness stations
- Picnic area with shade structure and tables
- Overlook plaza with picnic tables
- Comfort station with drinking fountain and storage room
- 5-12 year old playground with resilient surfacing
- 2-5 year old playground with resilient surfacing
- Game tables
- Performance area with shade structure
- Biofiltration basin
- Street lighting
- Pedestrian lighting
- Sport lighting

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- Two parking lots with 53 parking stalls (49 standard, 4 accessible)
- 59 offsite parallel parking stalls
- Park entry gateway

## ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Southwest Neighborhood Park.
- 2. Recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Southwest Neighborhood Park with modifications.
- 3. Do not recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Southwest Neighborhood Park

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- 1. Southwest Neighborhood Park General Development Plan
- cc: Council District 8

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# Attachment 1

PARTMENT WBS No. P-18010