



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: June 17, 2021

REPORT NO: 102

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of June 17, 2021

SUBJECT: John Baca Park – General Development Plan

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for John Baca Park in the Linda Vista community?

Director's Recommendation – Recommend approval of the proposed John Baca Park in the Linda Vista community.

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 August 11, 2020 Linda Vista Community Recreation Group voted unanimously (8-0-0) recommending approval of the proposed GDP.

Fiscal Impact – The total project budget is approximately \$4.2M. The construction phase of the proposed project will be funded in future budget allocations. Funding for the GDP preparation included Capital Outlay funds.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed John Baca Park GDP complies with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental - This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

BACKGROUND

This project provides for the development of a General Development plan, design and construction of improvements at the existing John Baca Park (formerly Morley Green) located at the corner of Linda Vista Road and Comstock Street. The park is located in the Linda Vista Neighborhoods community, within Council District 7, and will provide approximately 2 acres of population-based park land in this community.

DISCUSSION

Engineering & Capital Projects Department staff and the design consultant conducted two public workshops with the community. The initial workshop was focused on a survey of amenities for community input and vision for this future site. During these community workshops, staff and the consultant provided concepts of proposed amenities.

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) are listed below.

- Play equipment
- Shade structure
- Picnic and game tables
- Fitness equipment
- Nature exploration area
- Passive open lawn area
- Benches
- Drinking fountains
- BBQ
- Fencing
- ADA path of travel improvements

The primary issues raised during community input meetings was the need for community gathering areas and flexible lawn spaces, accessible routes to all amenities, play equipment with shade and fencing, and adult fitness equipment. In response to this, several community gathering locations have been incorporated into the design of the General Development Plan including the shaded grove with picnic tables and a shade shelter. Additionally, the play equipment will have shade sails incorporated and will be fenced, and fitness equipment has been included in the design.

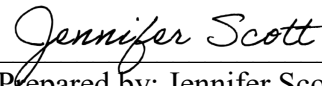
ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the John Baca Park.
2. Recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the John Baca Park with modifications.
3. Do not recommend approval of the General Development Plans (GDP) for the John Baca Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

1. John Baca Park General Development Plan
2. Supporting exhibits.

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