



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ABORN PARK
MASTER PLAN TO INCLUDE
A PLAY LOT

DATE: 02-19-08

Approved

Date

2/22/08

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an amendment to the Aborn Park Master Plan to allow for the development and construction of a new play lot.

OUTCOME

Approval of the Aborn Park Master Plan Amendment will enable staff to proceed with the design and construction of the new play lot.

BACKGROUND

Aborn Park is a two-acre neighborhood park that is located near Renfield Way and Aborn Road in Council District 8. It parallels Thompson Creek to the east and Renfield Way to the west; and is situated just north of the new Evergreen Branch Library (map attached). In its present condition, the park is a bowl-shaped open green space with no active recreation amenities. Other active neighborhood parks within a one-mile distance of Aborn Park include Boggini Park, Brigadoon Park, and Brigadoon Tot Lot.

The original park master plan was dated January 14, 1998. Since then, the new Evergreen Branch Library was built at the southern portion of the park. Subsequently, community members requested the City to build a playground at the park to provide the neighborhood children with a place to play. In response to the community's request, staff held community meetings in August and October 2007, and solicited public input in the development of the new playground. At the public meeting on October 9, 2007, the community endorsed staff's recommended location and concept plan (master plan report attached) for the play lot.

ANALYSIS

Addition of a playground at this park will provide play structures for the neighborhood children as well as for children visiting the Evergreen Branch Library. As an additional benefit, the play lot will encourage nearby residents to use the park on a regular basis, which in turn will improve security and recreation vitality at the park.

As a result of the public outreach process, the community agreed with staff's recommended concept plan that includes a two-tier terraced layout of approximately 5,000 square feet, with a combined youth and tot play lot. The play lot will be centrally located and accessible within the park. It will be outside of the 100-foot riparian setback from the nearby Thompson Creek. Staff presented the proposed concept plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 5, 2007, and received their approval on January 16, 2008. The new play structures will comply with the United States Access Board American Disability Act Guidelines for Play Areas.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Approval of the Aborn Park Master Plan Amendment will allow staff to proceed with the design and construction of the new play lot. If Council approves, no additional Council report will be submitted.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This project does not meet any of the above criteria. This memorandum will be posted on the City's Internet website for the March 4, 2008 Council meeting.

Staff initiated a public outreach process and worked with affected community members and neighborhood groups in developing the concept plan for the new play lot. Staff held community meetings on August 14, 2007 and October 9, 2007 to present possible locations, layouts and playground structures and solicit public input. At the community meeting on October 9, 2007, the community endorsed staff's recommended location and concept plan for the play lot. Additionally, staff presented the concept layout as an information item to the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 5, 2007, and received their approval on January 16, 2008.

This follows the standard public outreach process for capital projects, including master plan amendments.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

This project is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy Economic Recovery section in that it will spur construction spending in our local economy.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION/COST OF PROJECT: N/A
2. ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT

Construction	447,000
Project Delivery	131,000
Contingency	<u>22,500</u>
Total Project Costs	600,500
3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: A \$500,000 reserve for the project is included in the Adopted 2007-08 CIP. Additional funding to complete the project will be identified during the 2008-09 budget process.
4. FISCAL IMPACT: The increased annual operations and maintenance costs for this project are estimated to be \$5,000. The operations and maintenance funding will be requested during the FY 2009-10 operating budget process.

CEQA

CEQA: Exempt, PP07-265.


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and Neighborhood Services

For questions, please contact Matt Cano, Division Manager, at (408) 535-3580.

Attachment: Master Plan Report with location map and concept plan