



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Citizen Oversight Committee  
for Parks and Recreation  
Bond Projects

**SUBJECT: SEE BELOW**

**DATE:** 02-14-11

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**SUBJECT: FY 2009-10 STATUS REPORT ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOND PROJECTS**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Accept this report on the status of San José Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond Projects.

## **OUTCOME**

This report provides an opportunity for the City Council to review the status of the projects funded by the San José Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond Program (Parks Bond Program) approved by voters in November 2000. It also gives the community the opportunity to provide input on the remaining projects to be delivered by the Parks Bond Program. Acceptance of this report together with the audit of the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Fund for the Year Ended June 30, 2010 conducted by Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP concludes the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Park Bond Projects' oversight review of the implementation of the 2009-2010 Parks Bond Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2000, the City of San José voters approved a \$228 million General Obligation Bond, specifically known as the San José Safe Neighborhood Parks and Recreation Bond (Measure P), for the purpose of acquiring property for and constructing improvements to parks and recreation facilities throughout the City. This bond passed with an over 78% approval rating.

On April 10, 2001, the City Council designated the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Committee of the Whole (Committee) to conduct the citizen's oversight review responsibilities

associated with Measure P. The Citizen Oversight Committee provides the public with opportunities to understand, review, and address any significant and relevant issues related to the implementation of the parks and recreation bond projects.

On June 2, 2010, the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects (COC) conducted a public hearing wherein the status of remaining projects to be delivered under the Parks Bond Program through May 31, 2010 was discussed. This report provides an update on the status of the projects through June 30, 2010.

## **ANALYSIS**

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 marks the tenth year of the City's implementation of the Parks Bond Program. By June 2010, improvements to sixty-nine neighborhood parks and six of the seven regional parks projects, construction of seven of the nine community centers and four of the five trail projects had been completed. Attachment A lists completed projects through June 2010.

By June 2010, the construction of Happy Hollow Park and Zoo (HHPZ) – Phases I and II, two sports complexes, two community centers, and one trail project remained to be completed. Following is the status of these projects:

### **Regional Facilities**

The renovation and expansion of the approximately 12 acres of the Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is the largest project included in the Parks Bond Program. The project is comprised of Phase I: Parking Lot, Phase IIa: HHPZ Zoo and Attractions, and Phase IIb: Pedestrian Bridge. Construction on the zoo and attractions began on February 2, 2008 and beneficial occupancy occurred on December 21, 2009. The facility's grand opening to the public was on March 20, 2010.

The Grand Opening in March 2010 was followed with an all-time record number of visitors in April, with initial peaks exceeding 16,000 visitors per weekend. Through June 2010, HHPZ has had 217,126 visitors.

Phase IIb of the project is a pedestrian bridge across Coyote Creek that will connect Happy Hollow Park and Zoo to a new parking lot (Phase I) on the eastside of Coyote Creek. The bridge will consist of two 270-foot long spans with a center observation area. The observation area is at the edge of the riparian corridor and is 40 feet above the creek. Construction began in July 2009. Due to the complexity of the bridge, a revised completion date is being negotiated.

Construction of the parking lot was awarded on June 23, 2009 for \$4.5 million inclusive of three add alternates; full parking lot build-out, restroom building and two group picnic areas. Construction began in August 2009. Partial beneficial occupancy of the Northern end of the

parking lot to the City occurred on March 14, 2010. Project completion is anticipated to coincide closely with the completion of the pedestrian bridge.

### **Community Centers Projects**

As of June 30, 2010, construction of two remaining community centers to be delivered by the Parks Bond Program was underway. Construction of the Seven Trees Community Center and Branch Library was completed in July 2010 and the Community Center portion was opened to the public in October 2010. The contractor is currently going through minor adjustments, client requested needs, and punch list items--all anticipated to be completed by end of March 2011.

Construction of Bascom Library and Community Center was 87% complete by the end of June 2010. The Certificate of Substantial Completion was issued to the contractor on December 15, 2010. The contractor is currently working on the punch list items from the architect. Punch list items from other consultants and the client departments are anticipated to follow as soon as the contractor completes the final cleaning of the building.

### **Trail Projects**

Construction of the Guadalupe River Trail Reach 6 (Woz Way to Virginia Street) project began in March 2010. The project is currently 80% completed and should be open to the public by March 2011. Major pavement, ramp and under-crossing work has been completed. Remaining work involves installation of decorative pavements, a gateway feature at Virginia Street, seating, signage and striping.

### **Sports Parks**

Securing suitable sites for the construction of recreational sports facilities has been very challenging for the City.

On June 23, 2009, the City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Earthquakes LLC for the lease of a 2.4-acre soccer practice field on city-owned Airport West property. This site is adjacent to the proposed Earthquakes Soccer Stadium. City Staff is currently planning on placing a regional soccer complex adjacent to this site at the rear of the Airport West property.

Furthermore, the site is located to the northwest of the practice field and consists of approximately nine acres. The soccer complex consists of four artificial fields, parking, concession/dressing/office building, night use lights, and fencing.

The design/build bid package is scheduled for bidding beginning in February 2011 and a request for proposals for operations was released in December 2010. The first phase of construction is scheduled to begin in December 2011 with final completion of the entire complex in December 2012.

In addition, staff is continuing to pursue potential locations for a softball complex in the City.

The City remains committed to completing all remaining Parks Bond projects within the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Program. To ensure completion of projects, staff continues to implement cost management strategies which include, but are not limited to, requiring that the funding needs for the successful completion of the bond programs be considered prior to funding new capital projects in the City's Capital Budget, placing completion of the Bond programs as a priority over new projects when seeking external Federal and State grant funding, and re-scoping of projects.

### **Annual Audit of the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Fund**

The Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Fund (Fund 471) is supported by the General Obligation (GO) Bond proceeds. The project activity in 2009-2010 was funded through a combination of existing fund balance, grant proceeds and bond proceeds issued through 2007-2008.

A total of \$228,030,000 in General Obligation Bonds has been issued through 2007-2008 to fund Parks and Recreation Bond projects. These bond proceeds, combined with interest earnings and other revenues of \$22,265,402, have provided total revenues of \$250,295,402 through 2009-2010. Through June 2010, a total of \$214,505,408 of these bond funds have been expended or encumbered. The balance of the funds will be used to complete the projects indicated above. There are no new projects to be funded from the San José Parks and Recreational Bond Act of 2000.

The independent accounting firm of Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP completed their annual audit of the Parks and Recreation Bond Projects Fund (Fund 471) for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2010 and submitted its report to the City on January 5, 2011. The report was presented to and accepted by the Citizen Oversight Committee for Parks and Recreation Bond Projects on January 19, 2011.

The audit is posted on the City's website (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/sjcommissions/pbcoc/agenda-pboc-2011.asp>). Copies can also be obtained from the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department on the 9th floor of City Hall at 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, California.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

The COC reports on the status of the Parks Bond Program to the City Council on an annual basis.

### COORDINATION

This report was coordinated with the Finance Department, the City Manager's Budget Office, the City Auditor's Office and the City Attorney's Office.

### POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Not Applicable.

### 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)**

Although this project does not meet the criteria set above, the City posted the item on the COC's website for its January 19, 2011 meeting; this report was presented to and accepted by the COC at that public meeting. Outreach was conducted through posting of flyers in community centers and libraries. Additionally, this memorandum will be posted on the City's website prior to the March 8, 2011 City Council meeting.

### FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

This report meets the legal commitment and requirement to implement a Citizen's Oversight Committee to review the implementation of the Parks Bond Program and provide the public with opportunities to understand, review, and address any significant and relevant issues related to the implementation of the Program.

### COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

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Not a project.

/s/

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and Citizen Oversight Committee

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**Attachment A  
Completed Projects**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>FY Completed</b>
<b>Neighborhood Parks</b>	
Almaden Meadows Park Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Alviso Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Backesto Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Biebrach Park Youth Tot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2003-04
Bramhall Park Restroom	FY 2003-04
Brigadoon Park Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Butcher Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Cahalan Park Youth Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2003-04
Calabazas Park Restroom	FY 2002-03
Capital Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Cataldi Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Children Of Rainbow Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Cimarron Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
De Anza Park Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Erickson Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Evergreen Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Fernish Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Flickinger Park Youth Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Fontana Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Forestdale Park Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Graystone Park Youth/Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Great Oaks Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Guadalupe Oak Grove Restroom	FY 2003-04
Hamann Park Youth Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Hathaway Park Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Hillview Park Play Area Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Houge Park Play Area Renovation/Restroom	FY 2003-04
Huerta Park Youth Tot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Kirk Park Youth Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Lone Hill Park Youth Tot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2003-04
Los Alamitos/Calero Creek	FY 2003-04
Los Paseos Park Youth Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Martin Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Meadowfair Center Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Meadows Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Melody Park Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Mise Park Restroom	FY 2003-04
Murdock Park Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03

<b>Projects</b>	<b>FY Completed</b>
<b>Neighborhood Parks Continued</b>	
Noble Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2004-05
Northwood Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Parkview I Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Parkview II Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Parma Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Parque De La Amistad Renovation	FY 2003-04
Paul Moore Park Restroom	FY 2003-04
Plata Arroyo Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Playa Del Rey Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Rainbow Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Ramblewood Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
River Glen Park Youth Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2003-04
Roy Avenue Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Ryland Park Youth & Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
San Tomas Park Youth/Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Saratoga Creek Park Youth Lots Renovation	FY 2003-04
Silver Leaf Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Silvia Cassell Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Solari Park Play Area Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Stonegate Park Youth/Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Terrell Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Thousand Oaks Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
TJ Martin Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Townsend Park Youth & Tot Lot Renovation	FY 2003-04
Turtle Rock Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Vinci Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2002-03
Vista Park Youth Lot Renovation	FY 2002-03
Wallenberg Park Play Area Renovation	FY 2003-04
Watson Park Youth Lot Renovation/Restroom	FY 2002-03
Welch Park Restroom	FY 2002-03
William St Park Restroom	FY 2005-06
<b>Community Centers</b>	
Almaden Community Center and Library	FY 2005-06
Berryessa Youth Center	FY 2005-06
Camden Community Center	FY 2005-06
Gardner Community Center	FY 2004-05
Mayfair Community Center	FY 2008-09
Roosevelt Community Center	FY 2008-09
Southside Community Center	FY 2005-06

<b>Projects</b>	<b>FY Completed</b>
<b>Trails</b>	
Coyote Creek Trail	FY 2009-10
San Tomas Aquino Saratoga Creek Trail Reach 6	FY 2005-06
Los Gatos Creek Trail Reach 4	FY 2007-08
Los Alamitos Creek Trail	FY 2006-07
<b>Regional Parks</b>	
Almaden lake Park Phase I	FY 2004-05
Almaden Lake Park Phase II	FY 2007-08
Emma Prusch Park	FY 2007-08
Emma Prusch Park LeFevre House	FY 2006-07
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo Phase IIa (Zoo & Attractions)	FY 2009-10
Municipal Rose Garden	FY 2003-04