



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
February 12, 2008

**Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council**

Title: Park Name and Master Plan for River Birch Park

Location/Council District: 2000 Terracina Drive / Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the name "River Birch Park" and 2) approving the River Birch Park Master Plan.

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning & Development Services

Organization No: 4727

Description/Analysis

Issue: River Birch Park (Goldenland Park) is a 4.9-acre park located in North Natomas. Long-term designs of public facilities and park names are to be reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the River Birch Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and a location map as Attachment 2 (page 5).

Policy Considerations: Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout the City.

Sufficient opportunities to provide input to this master plan were provided to the community (Policy 2.0 and 13.37 of the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*). This is part of the Park Development Process for park planning as stated in the *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Committee/Commission Action: The River Birch Park name and master plan (Attachment 3, page 6) were reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on January 5, 2006.

Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed this project and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15304. Projects that are exempt under Section 15303 (Class 3 exemptions) include new construction of accessory structures or appurtenant structures (Section 15303(e)). Projects that are exempt under section 15304 (Class 4 exemptions) include new gardening or landscaping.

Rationale for Recommendation: The naming of parks and the design of master plans are part of the Park Planning process as referenced in the approved *2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations for approval of a name change or a park master plan. Staff will return to Council for approval of a construction contract.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
JAMES L. COMBS
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

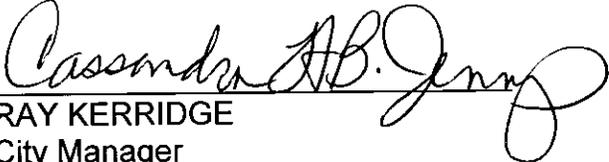

RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background Information

River Birch Park is a 4.9-acre park. It is considered a joint-use site as it contains a detention basin which is maintained by the Utilities Department. It is located at 2000 Terracina Drive off of Gateway Park Boulevard; the East Main Drain Canal is its western border.

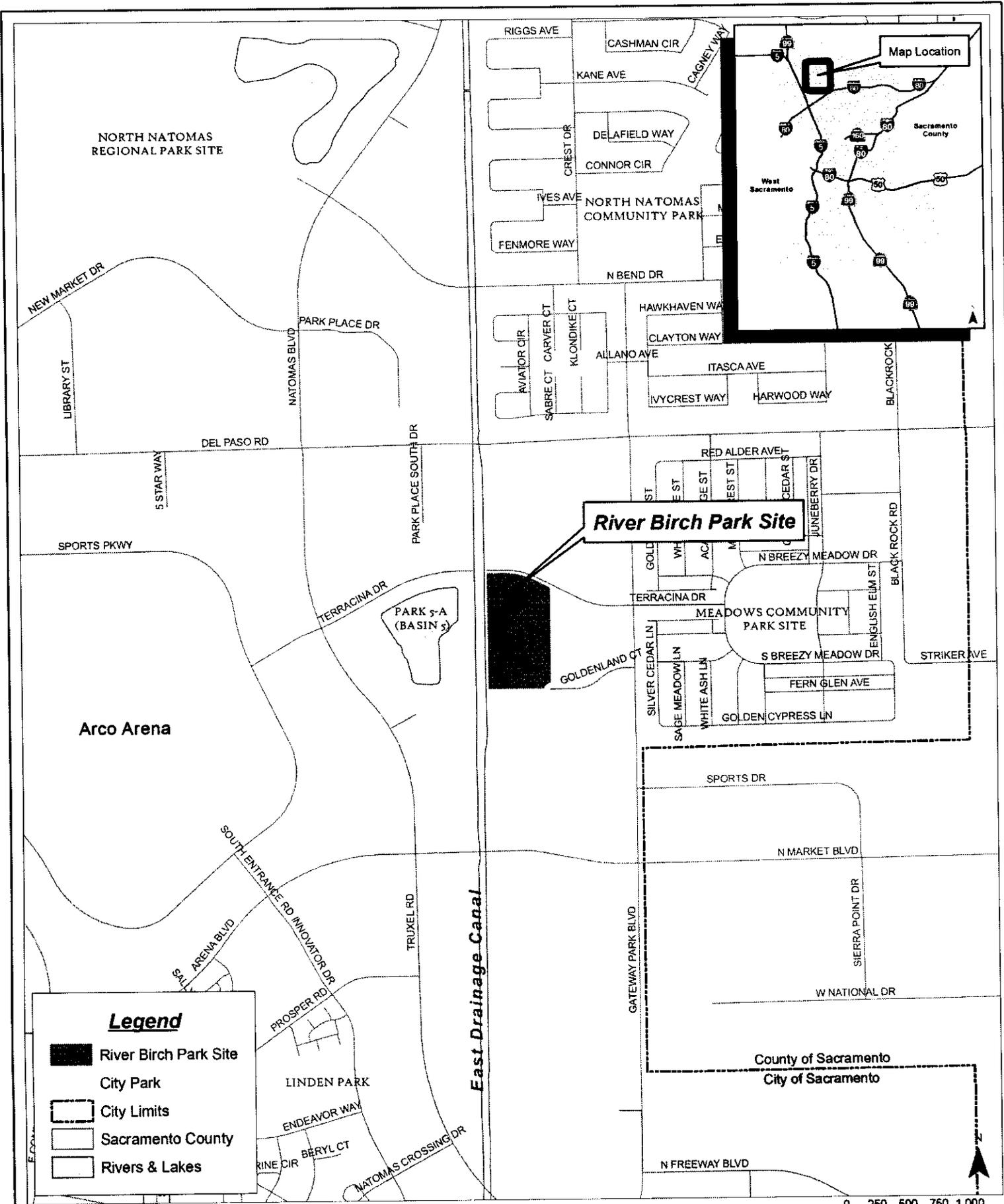
Staff held two community workshops in 2005 to create the master plan: August 29 and October 18. The community reviewed and supported the proposed park master plan at the final public meeting on October 18, 2005.

A request was made by the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Planning, Design & Development Committee at its October 27, 2005, meeting to add additional trees along the western border of the park. This will be addressed during the development of the construction documents.

Though never approved by City Council, the park site was unofficially named "Goldenland Park Site." However, the Parks and Recreation Commission requested that parks east of I-5 in North Natomas be named after trees and plants and parks west of I-5 be named after birds or animals. The name proposed and supported by the community and PRC is "River Birch Park."

Development of the park Master Plan was reprioritized in 2006 and early 2007, because the River Birch Park site was under consideration as a staging area for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Board Upper North West Interceptor (UNWI) project. The Master Plan was also delayed due to potential Burrowing Owl nests at the site. Recently completed environmental studies have determined that no Burrowing Owl populations are located on the site, and it is cleared for development.

The River Birch Park Master Plan includes basic landscaping, walkways, a baseball/softball field, a soccer field, two half-court basketball courts, one horseshoe pit, one bocce ball court, an adventure play area, a small group picnic area with a shade structure, and a small amphitheater.



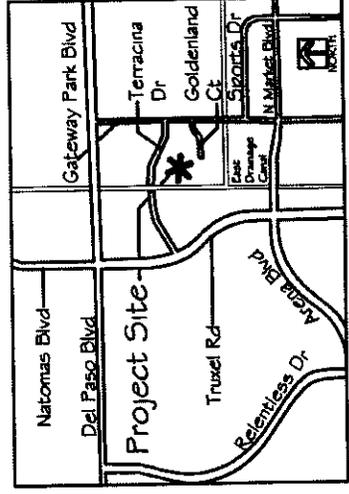
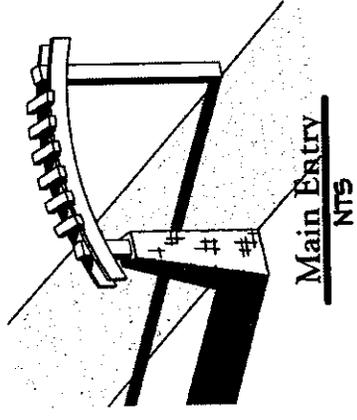
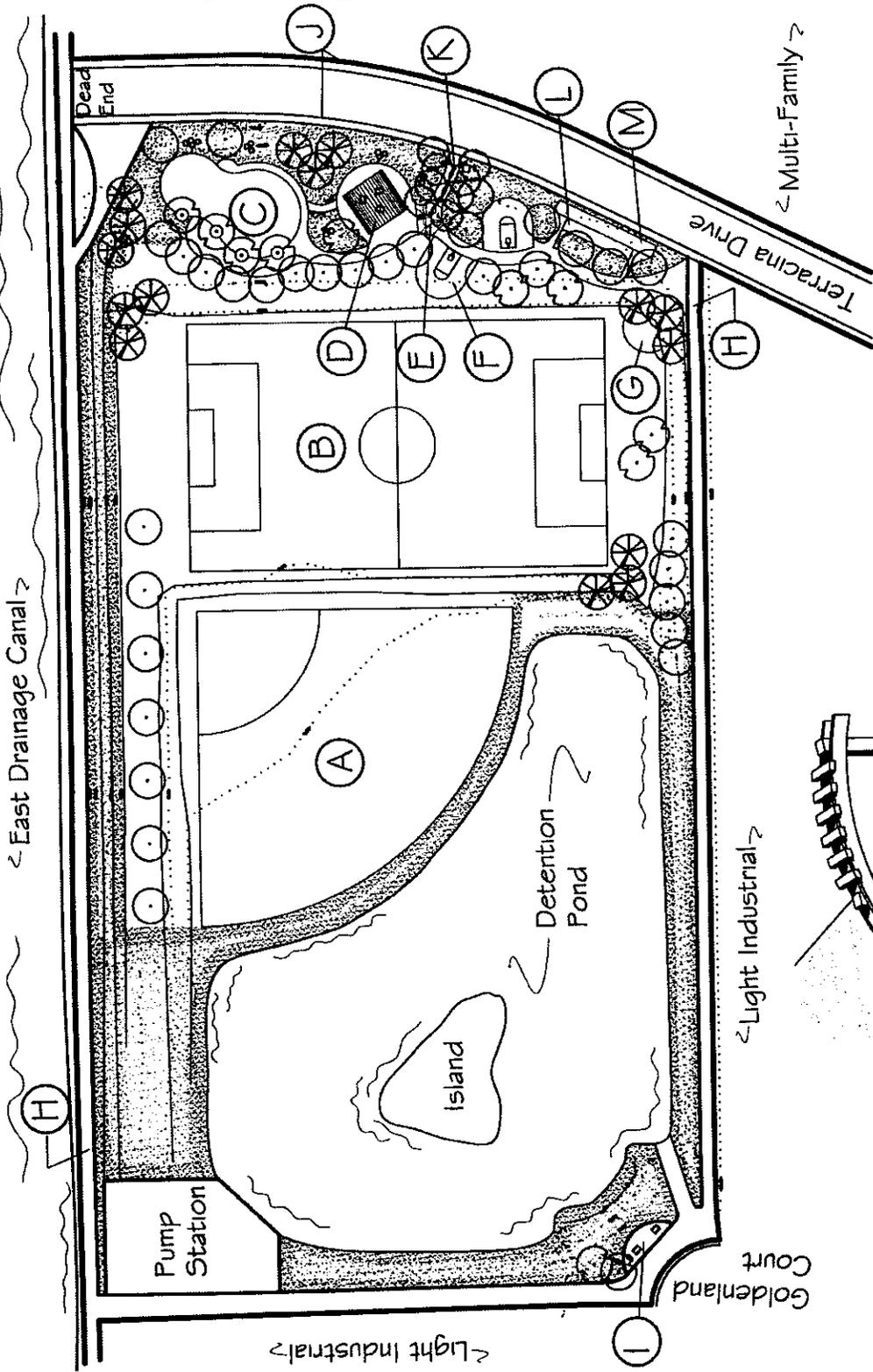
Legend

-  River Birch Park Site
-  City Park
-  City Limits
-  Sacramento County
-  Rivers & Lakes

City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
River Birch Park Site

Legend

- Contour Lines
- Natural Planting
- ⊗ Evergreen Trees
- Deciduous Trees
- Flowering Trees
- ⊞ Turf
- (A) Ball Field (Rad 250')
- (B) Soccer Field (195' x 330')
- (C) Adventure Play Area
- (D) Picnic Area with Shade Structure
- (E) Tree-lined Plaza with Paving Pattern
- (F) (2) Half-court Basketball Court
- (G) Amphitheater
- (H) Existing Bike Path and Walkway
- (I) Overlook and Picnic Area
- (J) Existing Sidewalk
- (K) Main Entry
- (L) Horseshoe Court
- (M) Bocce Ball Court



0 2550 100 200
Scale 1" = 125'

Master Plan River Birch Park

City of Sacramento, Department of Landscape Architecture, Roy Tatman
Parks and Recreation, Drawn by, Linsey Payne
Landscape Architecture Section
August 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 12, 2008

APPROVING THE PARK NAME AND MASTER PLAN FOR RIVER BIRCH PARK

BACKGROUND:

- A. River Birch Park is a 4.9-acre neighborhood park located in North Natomas at 2000 Terracina Drive.
- B. Parks and Recreation held two community workshops to create the master plan. The community reviewed and supported the proposed park master plan at the final public meeting on October 18, 2005.
- C. A request was made by the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Planning, Design & Development Committee at the October 27, 2005, meeting to add additional trees along the western border of the park. This will be done in the construction documents. The River Birch Park name and master plan were reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 5, 2006.
- D. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- E. Long-term designs and names of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The name "River Birch Park" is approved.
- Section 2. The River Birch Park Master Plan is approved.