



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
March 18, 2008

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

Title: Oakbrook Park Environmental Exemption and Master Plan

Location/Council District: 1805 San Juan Rd./ Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) determining that the Oakbrook Park project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15304; and 2) approving the Oakbrook 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: Oakbrook Park is a 4.8-acre neighborhood park site located in South Natomas. Long term designs of public facilities are to be reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the Oakbrook Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and a location map is included 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 the Oakbrook Park 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 Oakbrook Park Master Plan (Exhibit A, page 7) was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on October 4, 2007.

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) construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. Projects that are exempt under Section 15304 (Class 4 exemptions) include new gardening or landscaping (Section 15.04(b)).

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

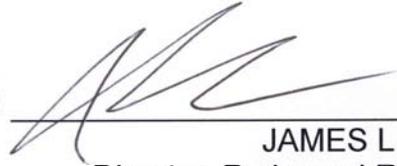
Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations for approval of environmental documents or a park master plan. Staff will return to Council at a later date to approve a construction contract.

The Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (CFD) was established to reduce reliance on the General Fund for neighborhood park maintenance and to preserve the level of maintenance in the parks system. The CFD pays for a portion of the maintenance costs for neighborhood parks. The amount of funding in the CFD depends upon the year the homes in that neighborhood were built and annexed to the CFD; maintenance of parks built before 2002 and all community parks, regional parks, open space, trails and buffer areas are not covered by the CFD. This park is included in the CFD. The funding of park maintenance not provided for by the CFD must be supported from other sources.

Development of parks creates an ongoing cost for park maintenance and utilities based on the size of the park. Maintenance staffing for this park development has not been provided for in the Department's approved FY07/08 Operating Budget. Budget augmentations have also not been made to cover water and utility costs associated with development of this park. Total unfunded operating and maintenance impact is \$10,450/acre per year, totaling approximately \$38,950/year. Department staff will be working with Finance to address this funding gap. Approval of a park master plan does not constitute approval of development of a new park.

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

Oakbrook Park is a 4.8-acre neighborhood park site located in South Natomas on the corner of San Juan Road and Soda Drive.

On May 2, 2007, a community meeting was conducted to obtain feedback from residents of what amenities and themes they would like in their park. The Department of Parks and Recreation took the information from the meeting and prepared a preliminary master plan. On June 13, 2007, a second community meeting was held to review the preliminary master plan with the community. The community recommended the City move forward with the master plan as presented with a few minor changes consisting of moving the basketball court further away from the tetherball court and encircling the jogging path around the open turf area. Also they recommended this park should have climbing boulders as the theme for the play equipment. The Parks and Recreation Commission then supported the recommended master plan on October 4, 2007. The City is currently reconsidering the name "Oakbrook Park."

The proposed Oakbrook Park Master Plan includes the following amenities: a park main entrance, pedestrian walkways, tetherball courts, a children's play area, a group picnic area, a full-size basketball court, a jogging path with fitness stations, a large open turf area, shade trees, and basic landscaping.

The park is expected to begin construction in spring of 2009 and be completed by winter 2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 18, 2008

**APPROVING THE OAKBROOK PARK ENVIRONMENTAL EXEMPTION
AND MASTER PLAN**

BACKGROUND

- A. Oakbrook Park is a 4.8-acre neighborhood park located in South Natomas.
- B. The Oakbrook Park Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on October 4, 2007.
- C. 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) construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. Projects that are exempt under Section 15304 (Class 4 exemptions) include new gardening or landscaping (Section 15.04(b)).
- D. Long-term designs 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 Oakbrook Park project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15304
- Section 2. The Oakbrook Park Master Plan is approved.

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Exhibit A – Oakbrook Park Master Plan

