



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
April 1, 2008

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

Title: Park Name, Environmental Exemption, and Master Plan for Dogwood Park

Location/Council District: Macon Drive & Bankside Way, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the name “Dogwood Park;” 2) determining that the Dogwood Park project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines; and 3) approving the Dogwood 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: Dogwood Park is a 3.02-acre neighborhood park located on Macon Drive at Bankside Way in North Natomas. Long-term designs of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the Dogwood Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and an area 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 Dogwood Park name and master plan (Exhibit A, page 7) were reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on January 3, 2008. The PRC requested that the park design concept be implemented with durable and noteworthy materials. With these changes, the PRC unanimously supported the park plan.

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 15301, 15303, and 15304. Projects that are exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1 exemptions) include repair and minor alteration of existing structures or facilities. Projects that are exempt under Section 15303 (Class 3 exemptions) include new construction or conversion of limited numbers of new, small structures or facilities. Projects that are exempt under Section 15304 (Class 4 exemptions) include new gardening or landscaping.

Rationale for Recommendation: The design of master plans is 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 environmental documents or a park master plan. Staff will return to Council to approve a construction contract.

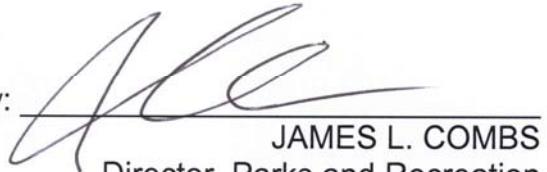
The Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (CFD) was established to reduce reliance on the general fund for neighborhood park maintenance and to preserve the level of maintenance in the parks system. The CFD pays for a portion of the maintenance costs for neighborhood parks. The 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 to the Department's approved 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 \$6,200/acre per year, totaling approximately \$22,940/year. Department staff will be working with Finance to address this funding gap.

Approval of the park's master plan does not constitute approval of the development of the facility. That approval will not be requested until funding for both development and operations/maintenance is secured.

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:



Cassandra H.B. Jenny
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City Manager

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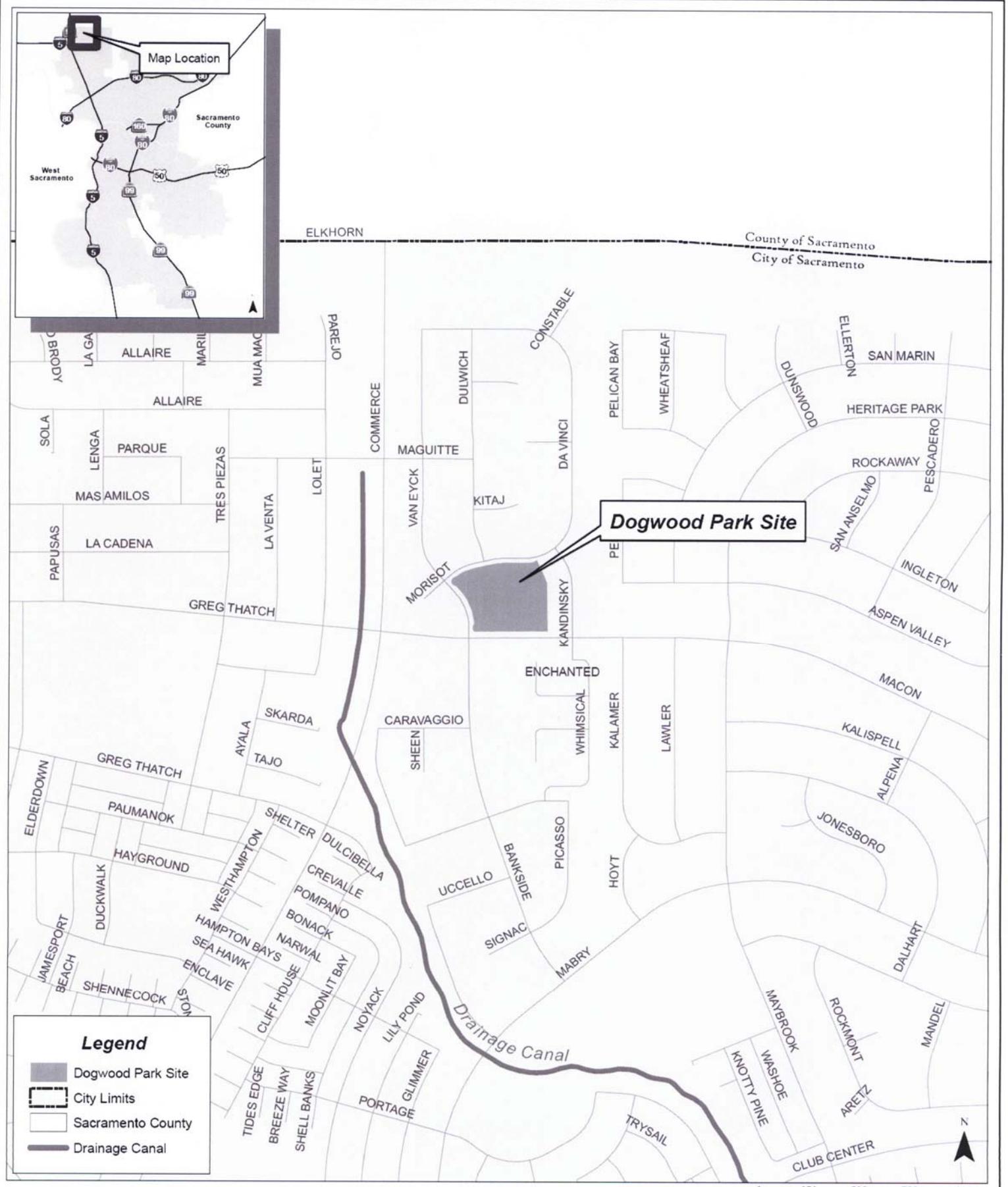
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Attachment 1**Background Information**

Dogwood Park is a 3.02-acre neighborhood park located in the Creekside Area of North Natomas at Macon Drive at Bankside Way. The park will include landscape development of the entire site with large canopy shade trees and dogwood trees. The park will also include one bantam soccer/multi-purpose field, one bocce and one horseshoe court, two half-court youth basketball courts, an interactive water spray feature, a decomposed granite walking and jogging trail with fitness stations, pathway lighting, a fort-themed adventure area playground, a tike race track, a large group picnic area with a shade structure, individual picnic areas, and site furniture. The public artwork will be a "Wildlife Wall," a ceramic tile mural of native plants and animals.

The Dogwood Park Master Plan was developed through the public review process, which included review and support by the public at meetings on August 20 and November 8, 2007.

On December 17, 2007, the Dogwood Park Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Committee. One committee member expressed concern about the viability of the walkway paving pattern that symbolizes a river. A committee member asked staff to make sure the concept was implemented with a durable and noteworthy material. The PRC Committee then unanimously approved the park plan on January 8, 2008.



City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Dogwood Park Site



RESOLUTION NO. 2008-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 1, 2008

**APPROVING THE PARK NAME, ENVIRONMENTAL EXEMPTION, AND MASTER
PLAN FOR DOGWOOD PARK**

BACKGROUND

- A. "Dogwood Park" is a 3.02-acre neighborhood park located at Macon Drive at Bankside Way. The "Dogwood Park" Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 3, 2008.
- B. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.
- C. 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 name "Dogwood Park" is approved.
- Section 2. The Dogwood Park project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.
- Section 3. The Dogwood Park Master Plan is approved.

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