



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
 April 7, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

Title: Zapata Park Master Plan

Location/Council District: 905 E Street / Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** approving the Zapata Park Master Plan.

Contact: Tin-Wah Wong, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-5540; J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning & Development Services

Organization No: 19001121

Description/Analysis

Issue: Zapata Park is a 0.94-acre neighborhood park located in Downtown Sacramento. Long-term designs of public facilities and park names are to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and City Council. A summary of the Zapata Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and a location map is included as Attachment 2 (page 6).

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 Zapata 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 Zapata Park Master Plan was supported by the Park Planning and Development Services Committee on January 12, 2009, and was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on February 5, 2009.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The revised master plan, which includes a new drinking fountain and community garden with the following amenities: eleven garden plots, an ADA accessible concrete planter, water hose bibs, tubular steel fencing, ADA accessible pathways, compost containers, a storage container for gardening tools, a common gathering area with a picnic table, and a seating area with a bench project has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to the following sections of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.): 15301 (minor alteration of topographical features), 15303 (construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and 15304 (minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation). The project is located in an existing neighborhood park and involves the construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and, new gardening including the replacement of conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping.

Sustainability Considerations: The Zapata Park Master Plan has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City Sustainability Master Plan (SMP). If approved, the contents of this report will advance the goals, policies, and targets of the SMP by: 1) maximizing composting of green waste within the park system; 2) increasing community gardens on parks; 3) increasing the supply of locally grown foods available at parks facilities; 4) increasing educational /recreational opportunities and programs on health, nutrition and gardening; 5) promoting gardening within the City; 6) promoting the use of locally grown food; 7) reducing the overall percentage of turf in the parks system; 8) improving the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities; and 9) using recycled content material. This project is using recycled content material as follows: concrete pavement and concrete raised planters (13.5%), drain rocks in the planters (10%), steel used on the site furnishings (45%) and recycled plastic lumber as the containment edge treatment for the garden plots (100%). These park improvements are consistent with sustainable design through the development of more community garden in City parks.

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

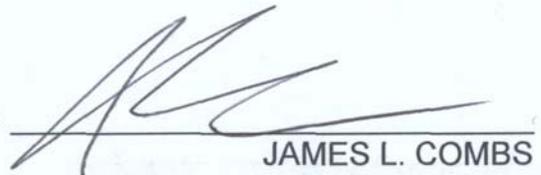
environmental documents or a park master plan. Staff will return to City Council to establish a Capital Improvement Program project number and approve a construction contract.

The ongoing maintenance and operations for this existing park will remain unchanged as it will be primarily maintained by the gardeners using the community garden plots.

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 development 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:

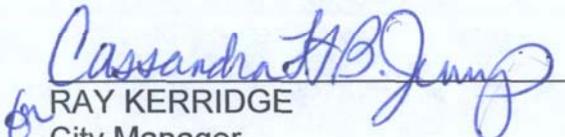

RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Background Information

On August 7, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution Number 2008-553 allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) in the amount of \$32,000 for a Zapata Park Master Plan update as part of SHRA's mid-year action plan update.

As part of the public master planning process, two public meetings were held for this project. The first meeting was held on October 25, 2008, and a second meeting on December 3, 2008.

The City proposed to install a community garden in Zapata Park at the request of the public and due to a waiting list in the area for community garden plots.

The revised master plan includes a new drinking fountain and community garden with the following amenities: eleven garden plots, an ADA accessible concrete planter, water hose bibs, tubular steel fencing, ADA accessible pathways, compost containers, a storage container for gardening tools, a common gathering area with a picnic table, and a seating area with a bench.

The master plan as proposed herein was supported by the PRC's Park Planning and Development Committee on January 12, 2009, and their requested changes included an accessible area for tools, a dwarf fruit tree in the triangular garden plot and repair of the existing damaged tiles on the park sign. These requested changes will be integrated into the construction documents.

Within the ½ mile service area of Zapata Neighborhood Park are the following existing City owned parks: Cesar E. Chavez Plaza is a 2.5 acre community park located at 910 I Street which includes a water fountain, group picnic areas, and a café; Crocker Park is a 3.62 acre neighborhood park located at 211 O Street which includes a multi-use field; J. Neely Johnson Park is a 0.91 acre neighborhood park located at 516 11th Street which includes an off-street trail and a community garden; and John Muir Children's Park is a 2.5 acre neighborhood park located at 1515 C Street which includes water play misters, group picnic areas, seating areas, a tot lot, an adventure play area, and a bantam soccer field.

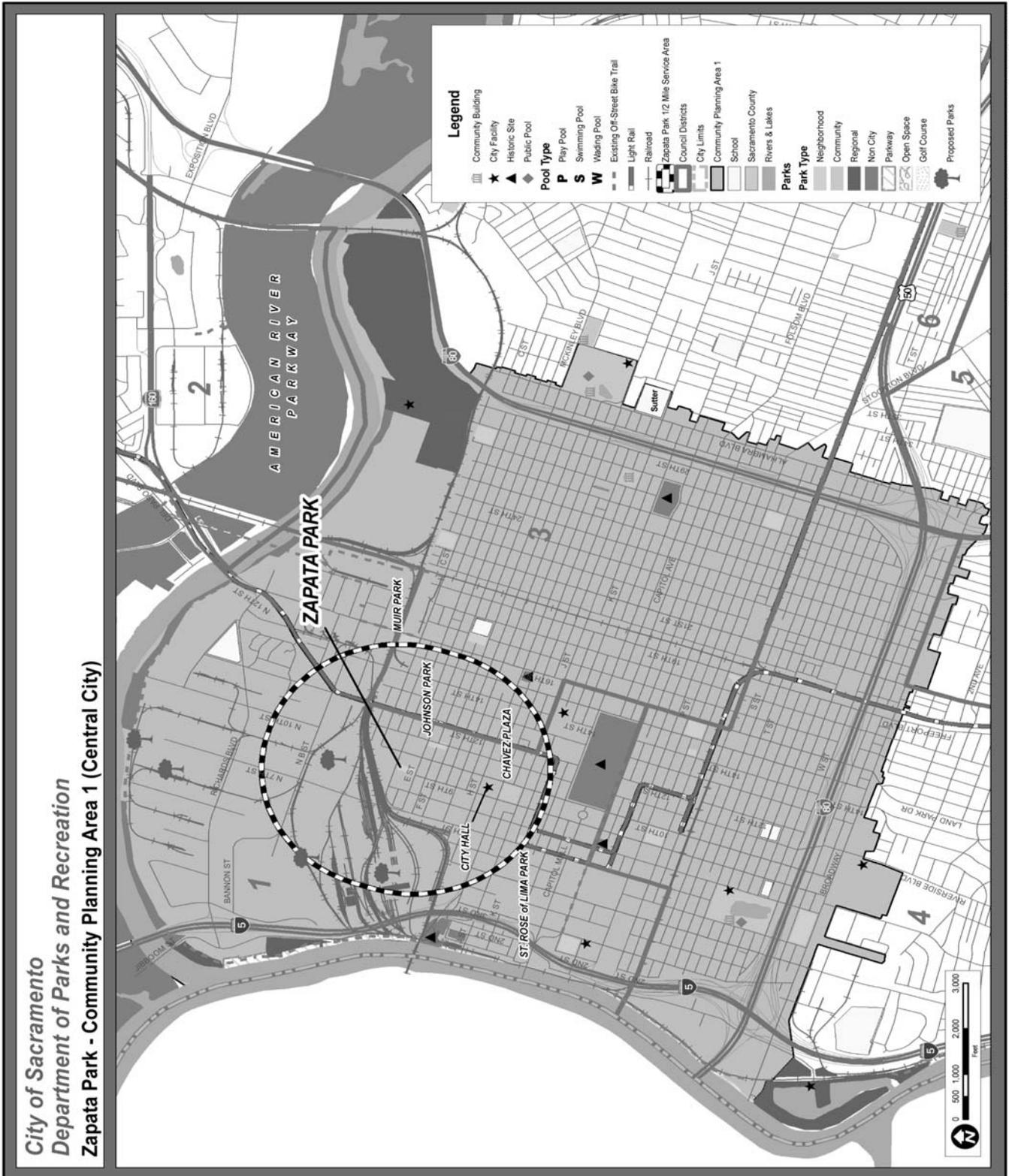
Zapata Park is one of 14 neighborhood parks in the Central City. Four community and two regional parks, two regional parkways, and five school sites also lay within the Central City's Community Planning Area.

The demographic information for the Zapata Neighborhood Park ½ mile service area has been provided below, illustrating that Zapata serves a population consisting of 12.8% children and teens (ages 0-19), 72.3% adults (ages 20-59), and 14.9% older adults (ages 60+). There is also a map showing the boundary of the service area on page 6 of this report. The amenities proposed in the new master plan include community input and meet the needs of the ages of the population as identified in the Zapata Neighborhood Park Service Area.

Zapata Neighborhood Park Age Distribution (2009)	Total	Percentage
0-4	190	2.9%
5-9	183	2.8%
10-19	462	7.1%
20-29	1,542	23.5%
30-39	1,282	19.6%
40-49	1,097	16.8%
50-59	811	12.4%
60-64	310	4.7%
65+	671	10.2%
Total population within a half mile radius	6,548	100%

Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2004 via City Economic Development Department website

Park construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2009.



RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 7, 2009

APPROVING THE ZAPATA PARK MASTER PLAN

BACKGROUND

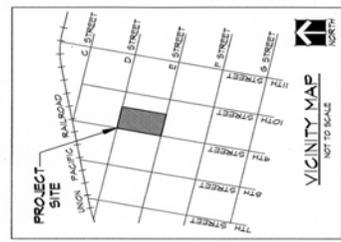
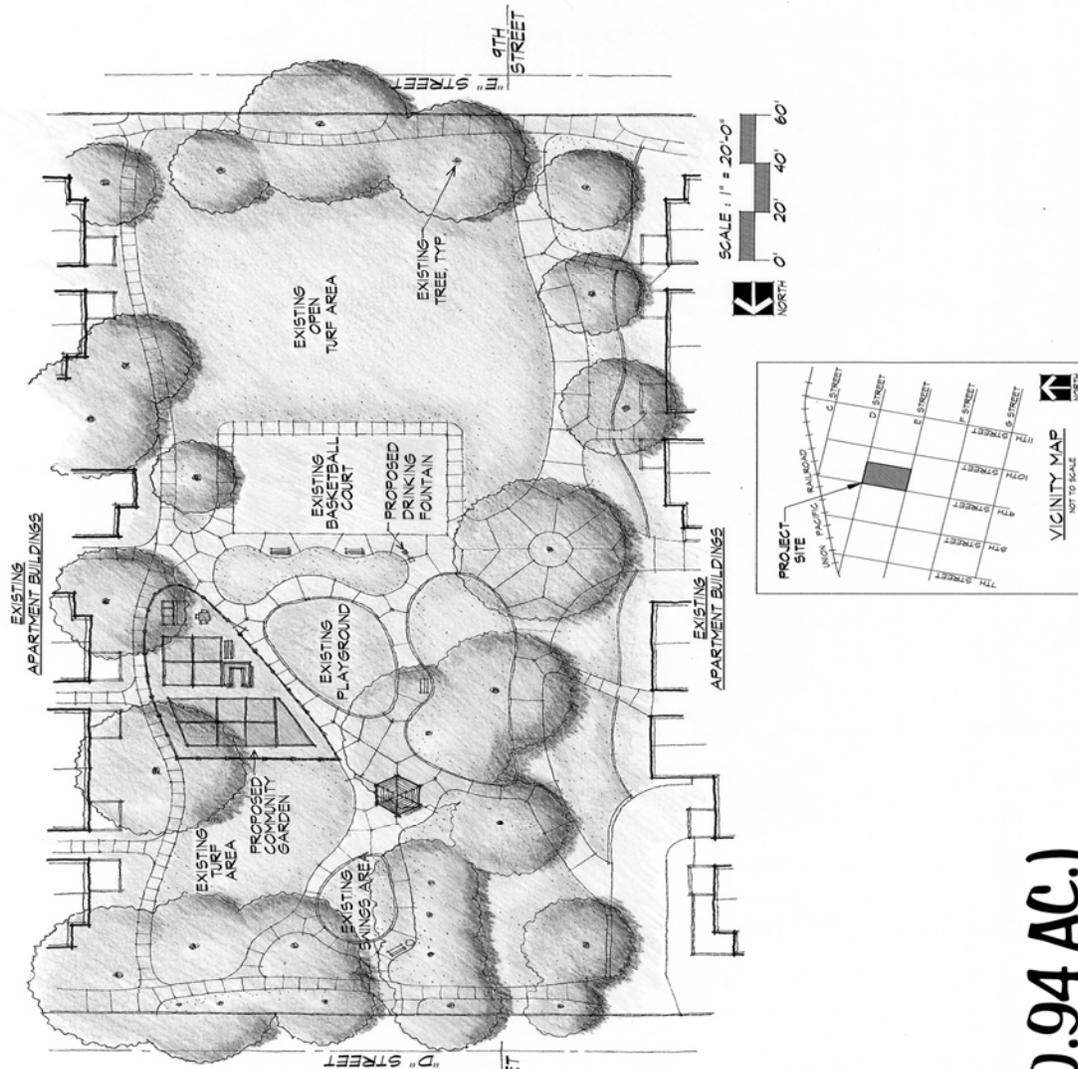
- A. Emiliano Zapata Park is a 0.94 acre neighborhood park in downtown Sacramento.
- B. The Zapata Park Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on February 5, 2009. The PRC requested to include an accessible area for tools, a dwarf fruit tree in the triangular garden plot, and repair of the existing damaged tiles on the park sign.
- C. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined this project to be exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.).
- 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:

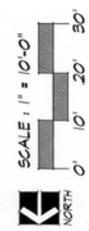
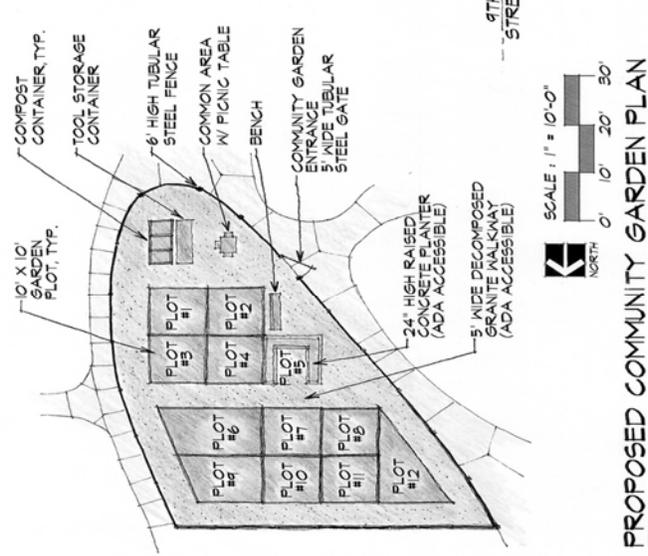
Section 1. The Zapata Park Master Plan is approved.

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Exhibit A – Zapata Park Master Plan



DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2008



PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDEN PLAN

ZAPATA PARK (0.94 AC.)

MASTER PLAN

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SECTION

