



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
May 12, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Jefferson Park Master Plan Update

Location/Council District: 1990 Roma Court / Council District 1

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

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: Thomas Jefferson Park is an existing 6.6 acre neighborhood park in South Natomas. Long-term designs of public facilities are to be reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the Jefferson 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 Jefferson Park Master Plan Update were provided to the community (Policy 2.0 and 13.37 of the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*). This is part of the Park Development Process for park planning as stated in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*.

Committee/Commission Action: The Jefferson Park Master Plan Update was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on April 2, 2009.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): The proposed 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.): Section 15301 consists of minor alterations to existing public structures involving negligible expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; Section 15302 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and Section 15303 consists of new construction of new, small facilities, or structures.

Sustainability Considerations: The Jefferson Park Master Plan Update has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City Sustainability Master Plan (SMP). If approved, development of this project will advance the goals, policies, and targets of the SMP by: 1) reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of trees and other plantings in the park; 2) reducing the urban heat island effect through trees and plantings; 3) reducing water use for irrigation by planting native, drought tolerant, and low water using vegetation; 4) encouraging the public to reuse and recycle local materials by installing permanent recycling receptacles; 4) improving the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities; 5) maximizing composting of green waste within the park system; 6) increasing community gardens on parks; 7) increasing the supply of locally grown foods; 8) increasing educational /recreational opportunities and programs on health, nutrition and gardening; 9) promoting gardening within the City; 10) reducing the overall percentage of turf in the parks system; and, 11) using recycled content material. This project will use 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%), recycled plastic in the play equipment (90%), recycled metal in the play equipment (100%), tiles and walls from the old Fort Natomas playground (100%), and recycled plastic lumber as the containment edge treatment for the garden plots (100%).

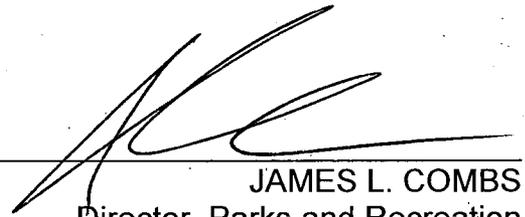
Rationale for Recommendation: The design of master plans is part of the Park Planning process as referenced in the approved *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations associated with approval of a park master plan. Staff will return to City Council to establish a Capital Improvement Program project and approve a construction contract. 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.

The ongoing maintenance and operations for this existing park will remain principally unchanged with the proposed development, and can be absorbed by existing maintenance staff.

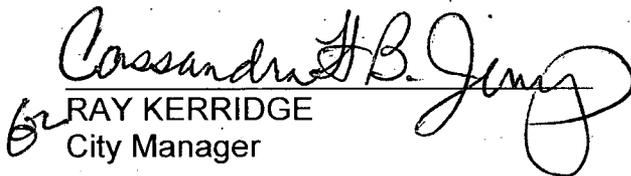
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:



JAMES L. COMBS
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background Information**

Jefferson Park is a 6.6 acre neighborhood park in South Natomas. Three public meetings were held to gather public input for this master plan. The first meeting was held on October 16, 2008, the second meeting on December 10, 2008, and the third meeting on January 28, 2009. The public meetings were well attended and there was significant and spirited debate on the proposed park improvements. The proposed plan is a synthesis of public input, existing site conditions, City adopted park development guidelines, and the best professional judgment of the City's Landscape Architecture staff.

The updated master plan includes: fitness stations, decomposed granite jogging trails, pedestrian walkways, seating areas, an adventure play area, a climbing structure area, a tot lot, a swings area, an interactive misters area, group picnic areas, a skate plaza, bike racks, removal of the existing non-ADA compliant restroom, landscaping, and connection to the adjacent school site. Inclusion of a future cooperative community garden (to be shared by City residents and the school district) was recommended; however, this feature is not part of the official master plan update. It will be a subject of future joint use discussions between the City and the school district.

The master plan as proposed herein was supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Committee on March 16, 2009, and their requested changes include to install motion sensor light to the existing shade structure, to retain the existing memorial drinking fountain, to eliminate one of the proposed seating areas along Roma Court and relocate it along the existing walkway at the south east corner of the park, to add a seating area adjacent to the tot lot, and to change the proposed rock climbing area to a pole and cable climbing structure similar to the one located at Muir Park. These requested changes are reflected in the master plan supported by the PRC on April 2, 2009.

Within the ½ mile service area of Jefferson Park is South Natomas Community Park, portions of the Bannon Creek Parkway and the Oakbrook Park Site. South Natomas Community Park is a 25.11 acre community park located at 2901 Truxel Road. The South Natomas Community Park includes a community center, library, fitness stations, BMX park, a rose garden, picnic areas, baseball fields, soccer fields, an adventure play areas, and tot lots. The Bannon Creek Parkway an 18.44 acre regional parkway. The Oakbrook Park Site is a 4.80 acre undeveloped park site.

Jefferson Park is one of 11 neighborhood parks in South Natomas. Five community parks, four regional parkways, and eleven school sites also are within the South Natomas Community Planning Area.

The demographic information for the ½ mile service area of Jefferson Park has been provided below; it illustrates that Jefferson Park serves a population consisting of 30.3% children and teens (ages 0-19), 62.6% adults (ages 20-59), and 7.1% older adults (ages

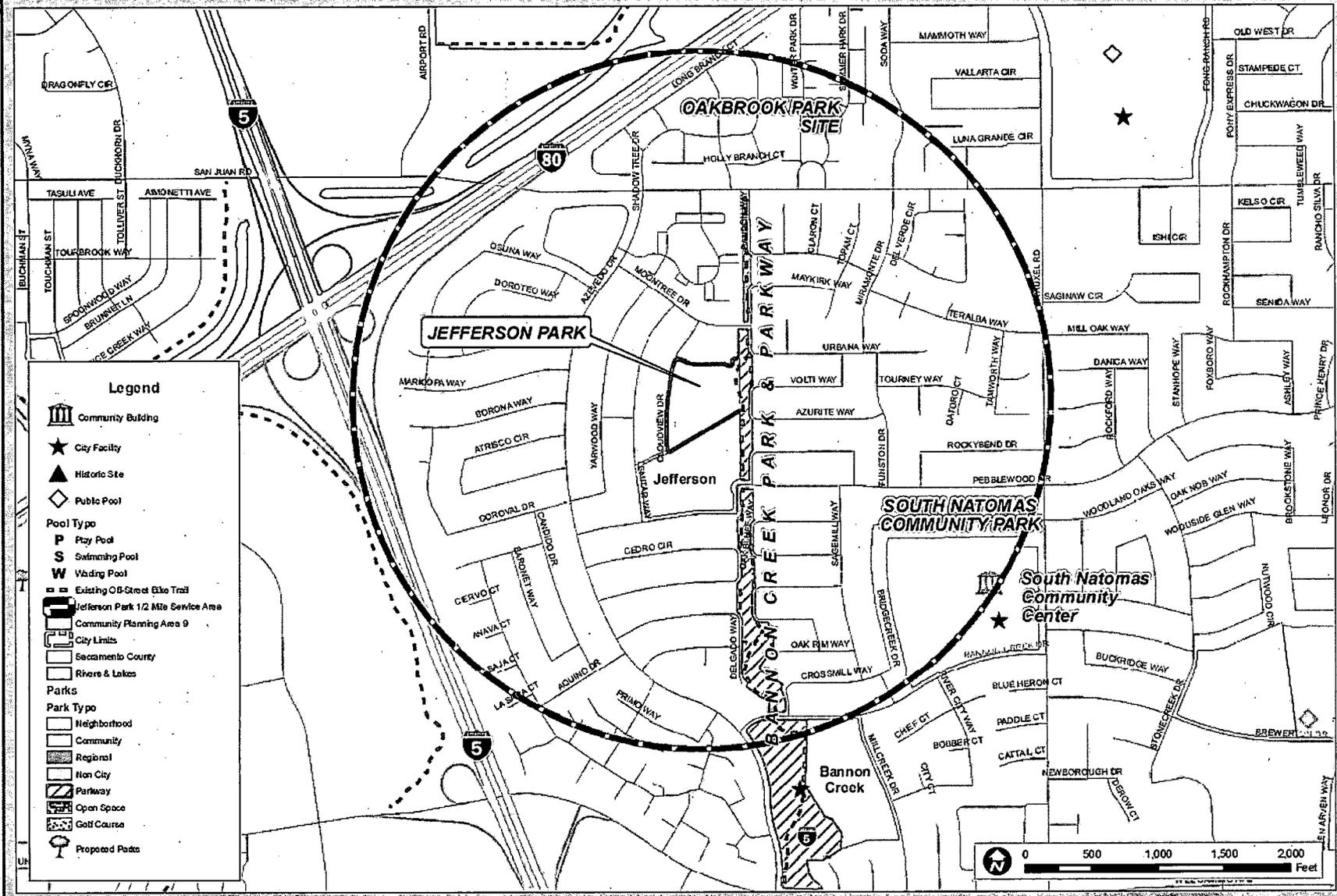
60+). The amenities proposed in the new master plan were developed with community input and meet the needs of the ages of the population identified in the table shown below.

Jefferson Park Service Area Age Distribution (2009)	Total	Percentage
0-4	1,065	8.1%
5-9	975	7.5%
10-19	1,924	14.7%
20-29	2,646	20.2%
30-39	2,237	17.1%
40-49	2,022	15.4%
50-59	1,299	9.9%
60-64	337	2.6%
65+	584	4.5%
Total population within ½ mile radius of Jefferson Park	13,089	

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

Park construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2009 for a first phase of development to include the adventure playground, tot lot, climbing structure, a pedestrian walkway (from the north to the existing shade structure), group picnic areas, skate plaza, and swings and misters areas. The jogging trail, cooperative garden, and fitness stations will be installed in future phases as funding is available.

**City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Jefferson Park**



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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 12, 2009

APPROVING THE JEFFERSON PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND

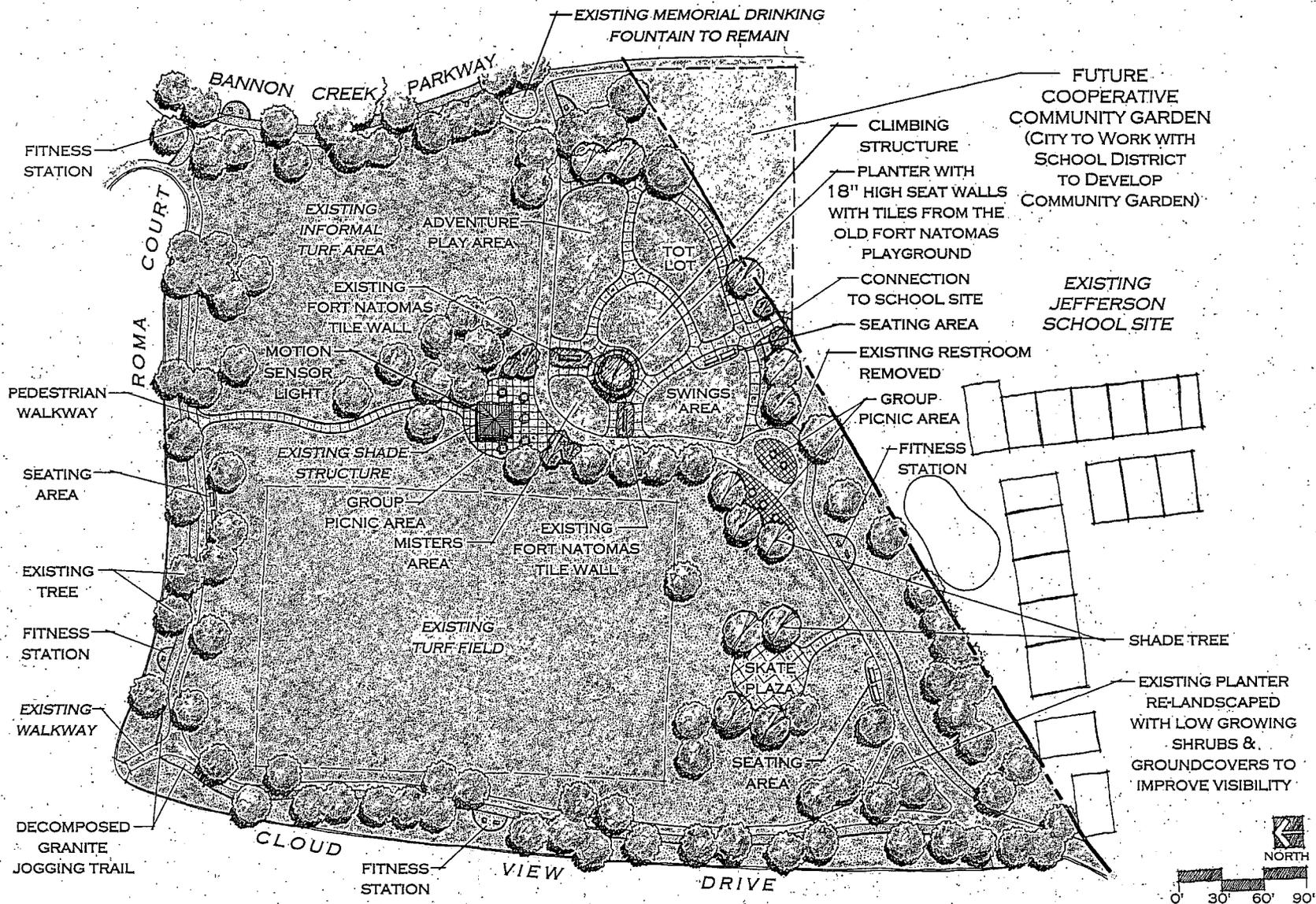
- A. Jefferson Park is an existing 6.6 acre neighborhood park in South Natomas.
- B. The Jefferson Park Master Plan Update was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 2, 2009.
- C. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements 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 Jefferson Park Master Plan Update is approved.

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JEFFERSON PARK (6.6 ACRES)

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SECTION
 APRIL 6, 2009