



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
August 15, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Fort Natomas at Jefferson Park Capital Improvement Program

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt the attached **Resolution:** 1) establishing a new Capital Improvement Program for improvements to Fort Natomas at Jefferson Park, CIP LQ66; and 2) appropriating \$100,000 from Park Impact Fee, Fund 791, for CIP LQ66.

**Contact:** Janet Baker, Park Development Manager, 808-8234

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Park Planning, Design & Development

**Organization No:** 4727

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** On Monday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, an arson fire destroyed the community-designed and built Leathers & Associates playground equipment (Attachment 1, page 4) in Jefferson Park in South Natomas (Attachment 2, page 5). The previous master plan has been included as Attachment 3 on 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.

**Committee/Commission Action:** The Parks and Recreation Commission was informed about the Fort Natomas playground rebuild at its July 6, 2006, meeting.



**Environmental Considerations:** Establishing a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is not subject to the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the general rule (15061(b)(3)) that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Environmental reviews will be completed prior to construction.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** In a matter of hours after the arson, the community was beginning to mobilize to begin a process to rebuild the playground. Staff is working with the community to determine the scope, budget and timeline for rebuilding. Community members are interested in a new Leathers & Associates playground. A community design day has been set for July 22<sup>nd</sup> which Leathers & Associates will also attend in order to begin the process of planning the new park playground. The community has slated construction of the playground for November 7-12, 2006. A Memorandum of Understanding will be developed with the volunteer group for the building and maintenance of the project.

Leathers & Associates has a long standing history of and special expertise in working with communities to design and build creative, cost-effective playgrounds (Attachment 4, page 7). The community will create an innovative and unique playground in a cost effective manner by utilizing the Leathers & Associates method of a volunteer-built playground.

**Financial Considerations:** Staff will work with the community and Councilmember Tretheway to determine if funding is available to enter into a contract with Leathers & Associates to start the design and fundraising efforts. Staff has contacted the City's Risk Management to determine if funds will be available from that source for the demolition and partial reconstruction of the project, but it is requested that an initial \$100,000 from Park Impact Fee, Fund 791, be appropriated to aid with the design of the facility.

Council Member Tretheway's office has requested that Gifts to Share, Inc., open an account for private contributions to rebuild the playground. A total cost for the playground rebuild has not yet been determined.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** No goods or services are being purchased in association with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II  
Director of Parks and Recreation

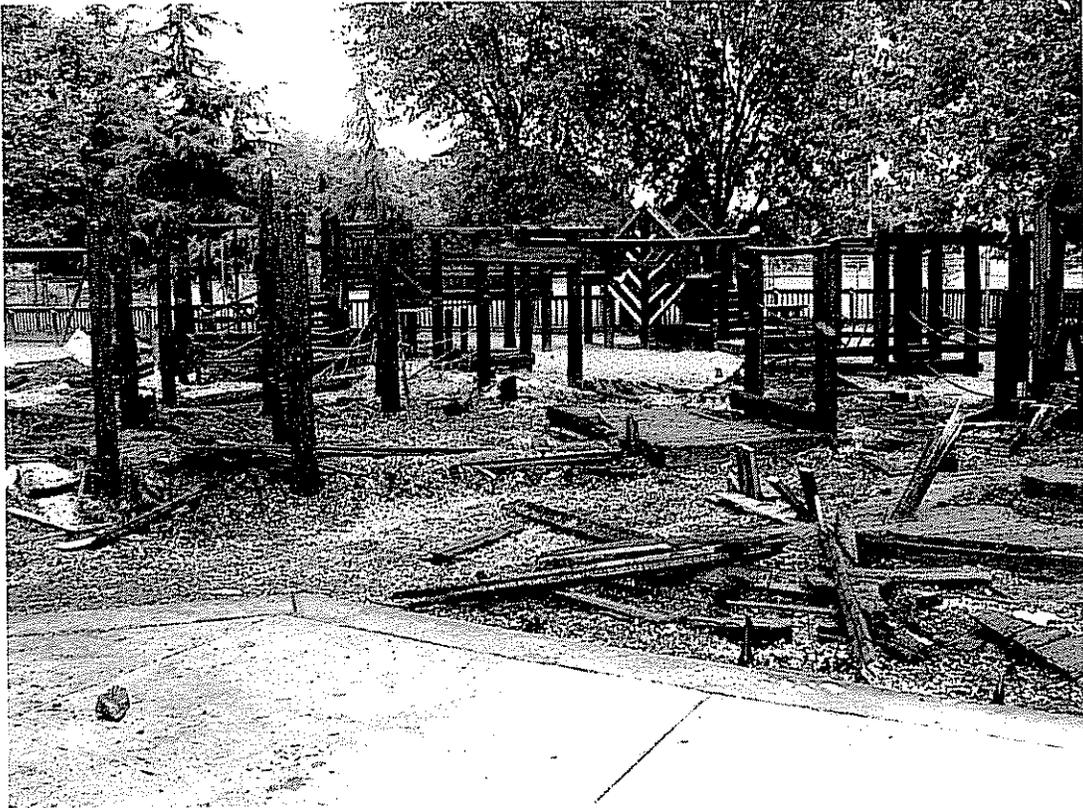
Recommendation Approved:

  
for RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

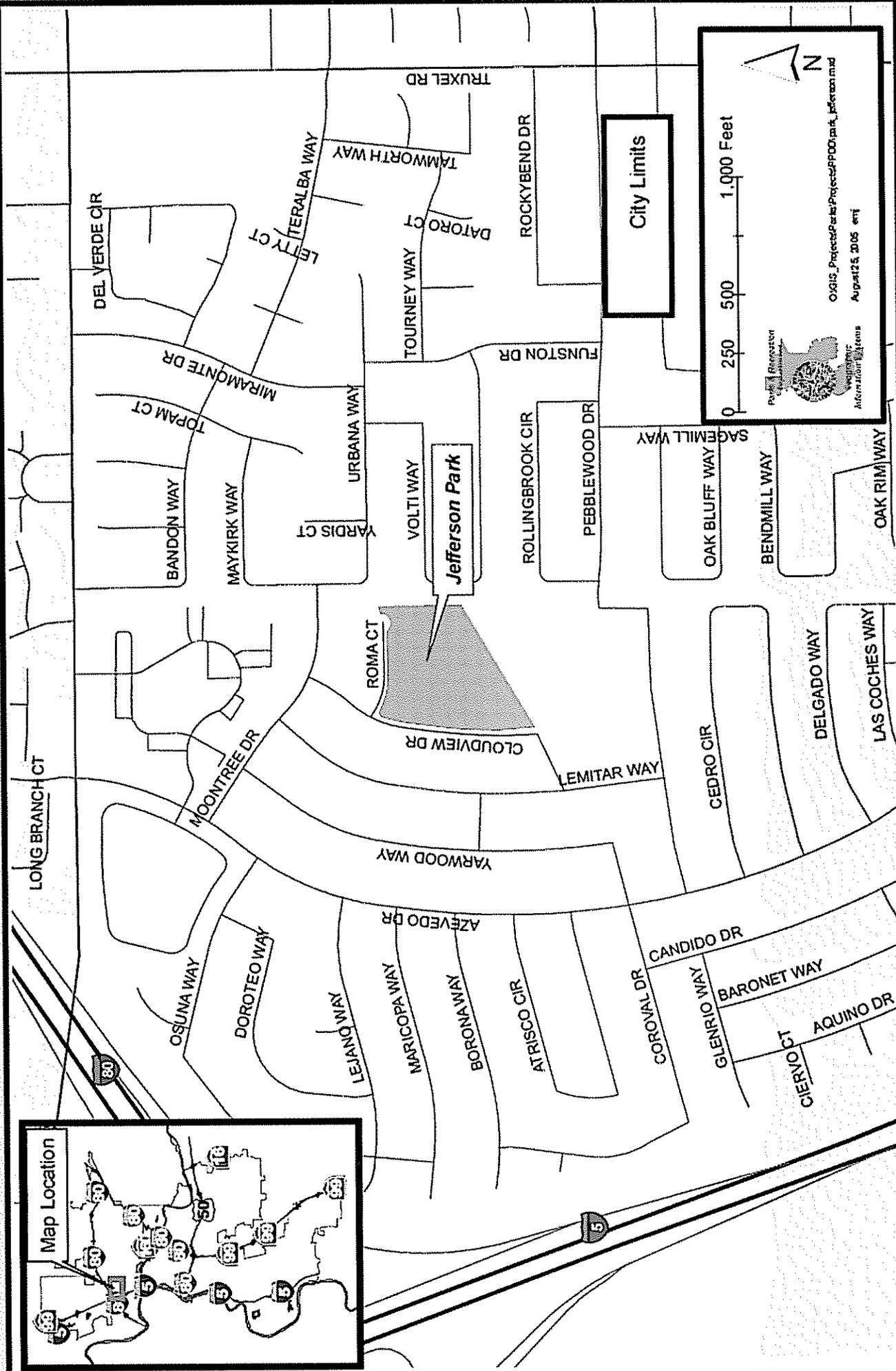
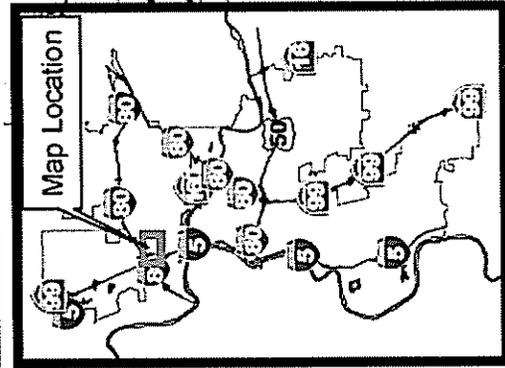
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# City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Jefferson Park

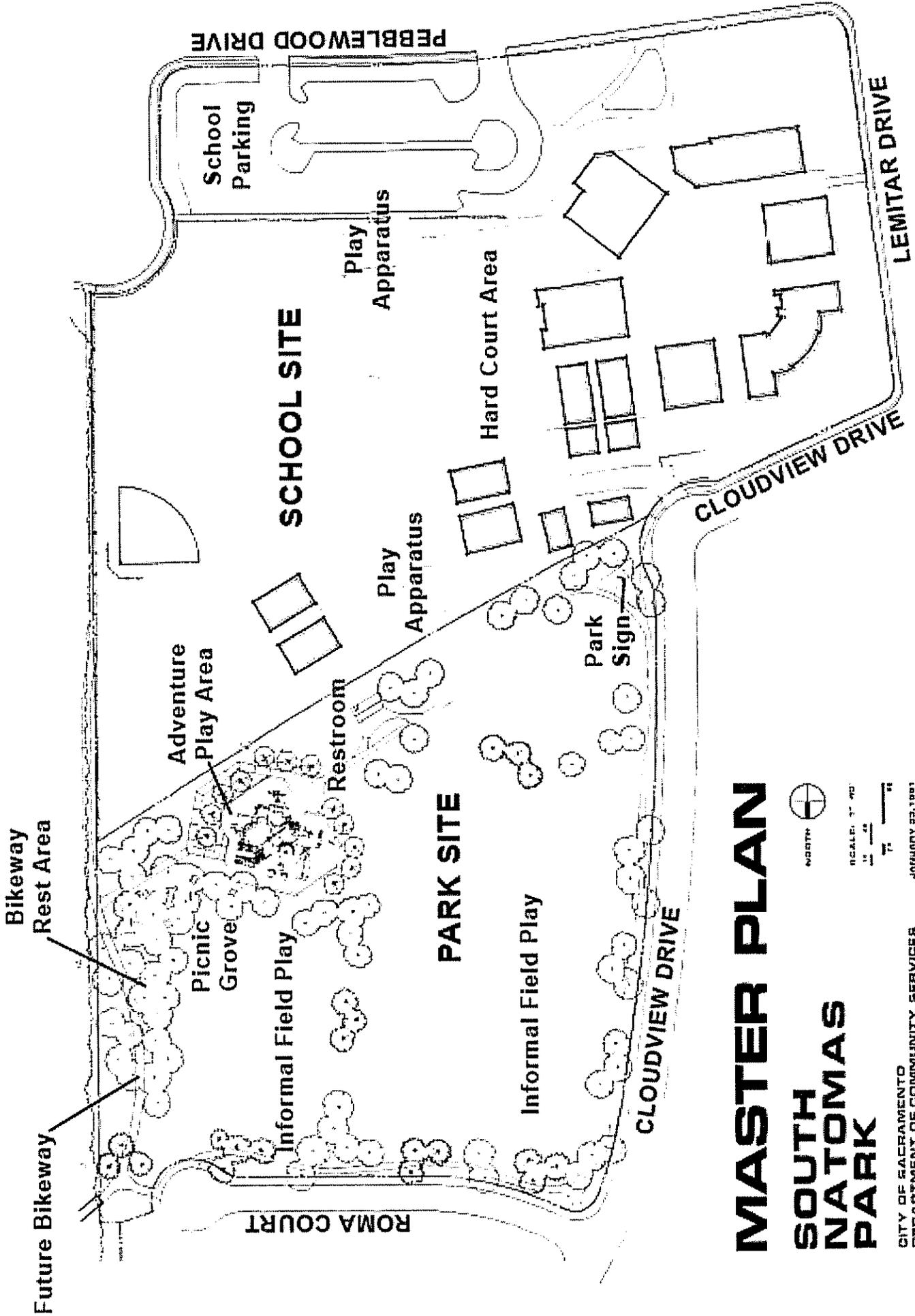


City Limits

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# MASTER PLAN

## SOUTH NATOMAS PARK

CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



SCALE: 1" = 40'  
1" = 40'

JANUARY 22, 1981

# LEATHERS & ASSOCIATES

UNIQUE PLAYGROUNDS – IMAGINED BY CHILDREN – BUILT BY COMMUNITY

## THE COST OF A LEATHERS' PLAYGROUND

The budget for a community-built playground consists of material costs and fees for design and construction, and will depend on the size and complexity of the project. Conspicuously absent from the budget are labor costs, which in any conventionally built construction project would make up over two-thirds of the project's total cost. With community-built construction, labor is free (volunteered); thus, the value of the end product is threefold.

Leathers & Associates has designed playgrounds with a wide range of sizes and complexities. All-inclusive costs typically begin at about \$50,000, and vary depending on a community's desires and its ability to raise funds. Projects can be completed for less than that, so please talk to us before ruling out a Leathers' project. Fundraising for the playground is an integral part of the community-built process. It raises community awareness of the project, helps instill a sense of ownership in the playground, and ensures a strong volunteer turnout for construction week. We work closely with committees to share with them the successful fundraising strategies used by more than 1,700 committees in the past.

Each of the projects is unique to the individual community. Once our designer has met with the community and created a design that is tailored to the desired scale, scope, and complexity of the project, we will provide a detailed materials list that the committee can price out to compile a materials budget, as well as a proposal outlining our design and consulting fees. Because our playgrounds are custom-designed, we have the flexibility to adjust the design to accommodate fundraising results that come in either under or over budget projections. Indeed, over half our projects exceed their fundraising goals.

Once a budget is compiled, committees then seek donations of materials that can lower the dollar cost of their playground—the more donations, the lower the cost.

When comparing our costs with those of other playground equipment manufacturers, please keep in mind that our costs include groundcover, swings, fencing, and play components for toddlers and school-aged children, as well as all fees involved with design and installation. Leathers' playgrounds provide continuous balanced play opportunities for children at each stage of their development and include play elements for children aged 2 to 5 as well as those aged 5 to 12.

A Leathers' playground is more than a product; it is a process. We provide a service that draws upon years of experience working with thousands of volunteers in communities throughout the world. The end product is an architectural fulfillment of children's dreams, and the process promotes a strong sense of community that lasts long after the project is completed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council  
August 15, 2006

**ESTABLISHING THE FORT NATOMAS AT JEFFERSON PARK CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. On Monday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup>, an arson fire destroyed the community-designed and built Leathers & Associates playground equipment in Jefferson Park in South Natomas
- B. Staff is working with the community volunteers to determine the scope, budget and timeline for rebuilding.
- C. It is requested that an initial \$100,000 from Park Impact Fee, Fund 791, be appropriated to aid with the design of the facility.

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

- Section 1. That a new Capital Improvement Program for improvements to Fort Natomas at Jefferson Park, CIP LQ66, is established..
- Section 2. That \$100,000 from Park Impact Fee, Fund 791, is appropriated to CIP LQ66.

