



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
June 12, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Earl Warren Park Master Plan Update and Notice of Exemption

Location/Council District: 7420 Vandenberg Drive / Council District 6

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) approving the Earl Warren Park Master Plan Update; and 2) adopting the Notice of Exemption for Earl Warren Park.

Contact: J.P. Tindell, Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design & Development

Organization No: 4727

Description/Analysis

Issue: In order to proceed with this project, staff requests the approval of this master plan update which consists of the rehabilitation of the existing park irrigation system, restroom, baseball field, picnic area and site furniture including benches and the park sign. It also includes replacement of the existing sand volleyball court with an adventure play area, reprogramming the existing tennis courts into a skatepark, as well as incorporating additional low maintenance landscaping and trees.

Long-term designs of public facilities are reviewed and approved by City Council. A summary of the Earl Warren Park project history is included as Attachment 1 (page 4) and a location 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.

Committee/Commission Action: The Earl Warren Park Master Plan Update (Attachment 3, page 6) was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 1, 2007.

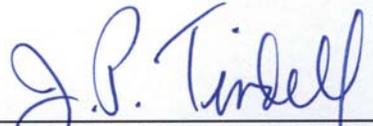
Environmental Considerations: The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation Project and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301(b), Class 2, Section 15302(c) Class 3, Section 15303 and Class 4, Section 15304(f) and Class 11, Section 15311(a). Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301(b) consists of repair and/or minor alteration of existing facilities or structures. Projects exempted under Class 2, Section 15302(c) consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving no expansion of capacity. Projects exempted under Class 3, Section 15303, consist of new construction and location of small structures. Projects exempted under Class 4, Section number 15304(f) consists of new gardening and landscaping. Projects exempted under Class 11, Section 15311 consist of construction or placement of accessory structures including on-premise signs.

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 Update 2005-2010*.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations for approval of a park master plan. Staff will return to Council to seek approval of a construction contract.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:


for CASSANDRA H. B. JENNINGS
Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:


for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background Information

Earl Warren Park was purchased and developed by the City of Sacramento in 1953. Adjacent to Earl Warren Elementary School, the park is in the center of the colonial Village Neighborhood. As it is the only park in the neighborhood, it serves as a hub of social, cultural and recreational activities.

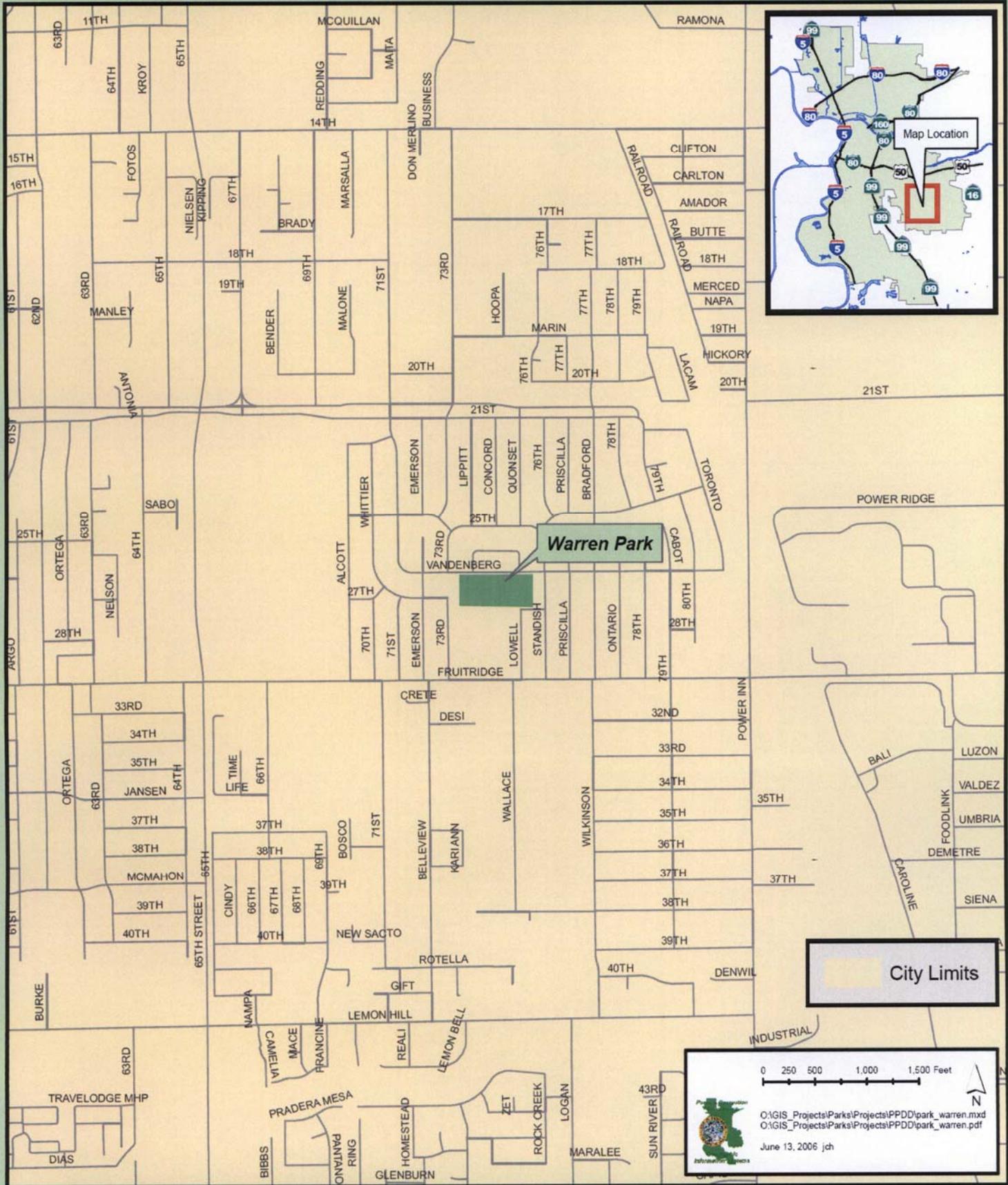
The park is in need of renovation. The group picnic area has been vandalized and is not usable; the park furniture is aged and damaged. The turf field is difficult to maintain and keep functional. The aged irrigation system and lack of drainage results in poor irrigation coverage and turf condition during the summer and fall. The City of Sacramento and its partners including the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and the California Department of Water Resources have pulled together enough funding to repair the park's most basic infrastructure.

In May 2006, with PRC and City Council support staff prepared a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program grant for additional park improvements, resulting in the need to update the park's master plan. Unfortunately, grant funds were not secured.

The proposed master plan update includes new sustainable landscaping (low water-using & easy maintenance), site furniture and picnic facilities, a new adventure play area, reprogramming the existing tennis courts into a skate park and relocation of the existing baseball field with an overlaid soccer field. Public meetings were held with various groups during the update of the master plan, including the Army Depot Redevelopment Advisory Committee in April 2006 and the Colonial Village Neighborhood Association in April 2006 and November 2006.



City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Warren Park





PARK SIZE: 5.05 ACRES

DATE: 1/11/11

LANSBURY ARCHITECT
 DESIGN PREPARED BY
 ANDREW W. ADAMS
 DATE: 11/29/10
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
 SHEET NO.: 1-1
 PROJECT NO.: 1102-2010
 REVISIONS:

EARL WARREN PARK

REHABILITATION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
 PARKS AND RECREATION
 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
 915 I STREET, 5TH FLOOR, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 12, 2007

**APPROVING THE EARL WARREN PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE
AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

BACKGROUND

- A. Earl Warren Park is a 5.05-acre neighborhood park located at 7420 Vandenberg Drive. The Earl Warren Park Master Plan Update was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 1, 2007.
- B. The Environmental Services Manager has reviewed the project for compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 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 Earl Warren Park Master Plan Update is approved.

Section 2. The Notice of Exemption for Earl Warren Park is adopted.

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Exhibit A – Notice of Exemption



ENDORSED:

APR 27 2006

CRAIG A. KRAMER, CLERK-RECORDER
By [Signature] DEPUTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: X County Clerk
County of Sacramento

FROM: City of Sacramento
Environmental Planning Services
2101 Arena Blvd., Ste. 200
Sacramento, CA 95834

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

ACTIVITY/PROJECT TITLE: Earl Warren Park Rehabilitation (LL02)

ACTIVITY/PROJECT LOCATION: 7420 Vandenburg Drive, Sacramento, CA 95820

CITY: Sacramento

COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/PROJECT: This project consists of the rehabilitation of the existing park irrigation system, restroom, baseball field, picnic area and site furniture including benches and park sign. Remove existing sand volleyball court and replace with an adventure play area. Add low maintenance landscaping, additional trees, including benches and picnic tables, a skateboard park and soccer goals.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING ACTIVITY/PROJECT: City of Sacramento

NAME OF PERSON/AGENCY CARRYING OUT ACTIVITY/PROJECT: City of Sacramento Dept. of Parks & Recreation 915 I Street, 5th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814; Contact: Jonathan Rewers (916) 808-7590.

THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO FINDS THAT THE ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378 [Section 15061(b)(1)]
- Activity has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment [Section 15061(b)(3)]
- Statutory Exemption [Section 21080(b)(8)]
- Ministerial Exemption [Section 15268]
- Declared Emergency Exemption [Section 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 15269(b) and (c)]
- Categorical Exemption-State Class 1,2,3,4,&11 and Section Number(s) 15301(b)15302(c)15303;15304 and 15311(a)

REASONS WHY ACTIVITY/PROJECT IS EXEMPT: 15301(b); Repair and/or minor alteration of existing facilities and/or structures; 15302(c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving no expansion of capacity; 15303; New construction and location of small structures; 15304(f) New gardening or landscaping; 15311(a) Construction or placement of accessory structures including on-premise signs.

CONTACT PERSON: Ronnie Bess, Planning Technician

TELEPHONE: (916) 808-1909

SIGNED: [Signature]

DATED: April 27, 2006

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