

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-902**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 11, 2007

### **SACRAMENTO HISTORIC CITY CEMETERY MASTER PLAN ADOPTION**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. In 2006, the City contracted with the consulting firm, Royston Hanamoto Alley and Abey to prepare a master plan for the Cemetery. In a series of meetings over the last year, the Cemetery stakeholder committee established a vision for the Cemetery -- as a historic cemetery, museum, and gardens -- as well as the plan's policies and guiding principles.
- B. The master plan is a preservation plan, intended to assure a smooth transition from an active cemetery to a new role as a cultural and historic community resource, without diminishing the cemetery's existing integrity. The master plan examines the issues that face the cemetery, establishes goals for the future of the cemetery, and lays out a plan to achieve these goals. The master plan includes recommendations to address Cemetery issues that include architectural conservation, infrastructure, facilities, circulation, historic landscape, horticulture, cemetery management, and programming, uses and recreation.
- C. On September 27, 2007, the draft plan was unanimously endorsed by the Sacramento Commission of History and Science. At their November 6, 2007 meeting, the City's Preservation Commission adopted a resolution unanimously recommending adoption of the plan.
- D. The City of Sacramento's Environmental Planning Services conducted or caused to be conducted an initial study on the Cemetery Master Plan Project ("Project") to determine if the Project may have a significant effect on the environment.
- E. The initial study identified potentially significant effects of the Project. Revisions to the Project made by or agreed to by the Project applicant before the proposed mitigated negative declaration and initial study were released for public review were determined by City's Environmental Planning Services to avoid or reduce the potentially significant effects to a less than significant level, and, therefore, there was no substantial evidence that the Project as revised and conditioned would have a significant effect on the environment. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project was then completed, noticed, and circulated in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Sacramento Local Environmental Procedures as follows:
  - 1. On September 12, 2007 a Notice of Intent to Adopt the MND (NOI) dated September 12, 2007 was circulated for public comments for 30 days. The NOI was sent to those public agencies that have jurisdiction by law with respect to the proposed project and to other interested parties and agencies, including

property owners within 500 feet of the boundaries of the proposed project. The comments of such persons and agencies were sought.

2. On September 12, 2007 the project site was posted with the NOI, the NOI was published in the Daily Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation, and the NOI was posted in the office of the Sacramento County Clerk.

- F. The City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the MND, including the initial study, the revisions and conditions incorporated into the Project, and the comments received during the public review process and the hearing on the Project. The City Council has determined that the MND constitutes an adequate, accurate, objective, and complete review of the environmental effects of the proposed project.
- G. The City Council has final approval authority over the Project.
- H. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091(e), the documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the City Council has based its decision are located in and may be obtained from, the Office of the City Clerk at 915 I Street, Sacramento, California. The City Clerk is the custodian of records for all matters before the City Council.

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

- Section 1. City Council adopts the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery Master Plan.
- Section 2. Based on its review of the Mitigate Negative Declaration and on the basis of the whole record, the City Council finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the City Council's independent judgment and analysis and that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
- Section 3. With respect to the entitlements over which the City Council has final approval authority, the City Council adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.
- Section 4. Pursuant to California Public Resources Code, section 21081.6 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15074, and in support of its approval of the Project, the City Council adopts a Mitigation Monitoring Plan to require all reasonably feasible mitigation measures be implemented by means of Project conditions, agreements, or other measures, as set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring Plan.
- Section 5. Upon approval of the Project, the City's Environmental Planning Services shall file or cause to be filed a Notice of Determination with the Sacramento County Clerk and, if the Project requires a discretionary approval from any state agency, with the State Office of Planning and Research pursuant to section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and title 14, section 15075 of the California Code of Regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

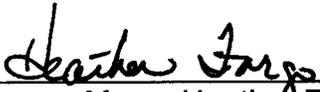
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 11, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Cohn.

  
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Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:

  
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Shirley Concolino, City Clerk