



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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STAFF REPORT
October 11, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council:

Subject: William Land Park Parking Restrictions

Location/Council District: Sutterville Road and Freeport Boulevard. Council District 4.
(See attached map, Attachment A)

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution to: 1) Implement a two-hour parking time limit from 8am to 6pm except Saturday and Sunday on certain portions of the streets in William Land Park during the college school year, and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement-in-Principle with Los Rios Community College District.

Contact: Howard Chan, Parking Services Manager, (916) 808-7488

Presenters: Howard Chan, Parking Services Manager

Department: Department of Transportation

Division: Parking Services

Organization No: 3481

Summary:

This report recommends implementing a two-hour parking time limit in portions of William Land Park to mitigate the negative effects of student parking in the park. As part of the Agreement-in-Principle document with Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD), the proposed parking restrictions will be implemented in January 2007 to coincide with the completion of the new Sacramento City College (SCC) parking facility. In addition, SCC will be expanding their student shuttle program during the construction period to further minimize impacts.

Committee/Commission Action:

The proposal to implement parking restrictions in William Land Park was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission as an information item on September 8, 2005. The Commissioners discussed the parking proposal with Parking staff and made several comments including the regional nature of the park, the growing utilization of student parking in the park, and the impact of student parking to park visitors. Land Park residents and a member of the Sacramento City College staff were in attendance

and presented their views on the proposed parking restrictions. While there was some concern that the proposal was too restrictive, the comments staff received overall were generally supportive.

Background Information:

The City of Sacramento's Department of Transportation has been tasked with developing a parking plan to implement parking time limit restrictions in William Land Park to mitigate the effects of SCC student parking in the park. Currently, students attending classes at SCC heavily use the parking spaces in William Land Park. This has contributed to the traffic congestion, noise, litter, and air quality issues experienced by both residents in the area and park visitors. Also, the availability of parking for park visitors while the college is in session is limited. The implementation of parking time limit restrictions will provide for adequate parking, and access to the park for visitors.

City staff has been working closely with SCC and the District 4 Councilmember to develop a plan to implement the parking restrictions while minimizing the impacts to both students and park visitors.

In May 2005, a public meeting was held to provide information to the surrounding community on the proposal to limit parking in William Land Park. While the comments varied from supportive of the proposal to adamantly opposed, a theme emerged where many felt the implementation of the proposed parking restrictions concurrent with the construction of SCC's parking garage was not in the best interest of the community. In addition, representatives from Fairytale Town and the Sacramento Zoo were very concerned about how the parking proposal would negatively impact their respective businesses.

As a result of the feedback from this public meeting, City staff worked with SCC to develop the attached Agreement-in-Principle document (as shown in Attachment B). Among other items, it states that parking restrictions will not be implemented until January 2007 to coincide with the completion of SCC's new parking facility. In return SCC has agreed to institute a mitigation plan to provide off-site parking for students and faculty during the construction of the new parking garage, and to build a new intersection at Sutterville Road & 23rd/24th streets to support the expansion of their campus.

Based on the above, City staff has developed a parking plan to implement a 2-hour parking time limit (8 AM to 6PM) in William Land Park on weekdays (Monday thru Friday) during the college school year. The following streets in William Land Park will be affected:

- Panhandle (14th Av.) – 122 parking spaces.
- 18th St. ½ Oval – 210 spaces.
- 19th St. ½ Oval – 288 spaces.

No parking restrictions are being recommended for the areas around the Zoo or Fairytale Town at this time. Staff will monitor parking in these areas as well as the other areas of the park. Should parking changes become necessary to address student or park visitor impacts, a report with recommendations to address the issues will be brought back to Council.

Financial Considerations:

The cost to implement the recommended parking regulations is estimated to be \$14,000 for the installation of regulatory signs. Funds are available in the Parking Services operating budget.

Environmental Considerations:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Services Division has reviewed the recommendation to implement a two-hour parking time limit from 8am to 6pm except Saturday and Sunday on the streets in William Land Park and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section 15301 (c) and Class 11, Section 15311 (a) of the CEQA guidelines. Projects exempted under Class 1, Section 15301 (c), consist of the operation, repair or minor alterations of existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and similar facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. Projects exempted under Class 11, Section 15311 (a), consist of the construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities, including but not limited to on-premise signs.

The Agreement-in-Principle document (Exhibit B) calls for LRCCD to construct a new onsite parking structure by January 2007 and to install a fully operational four-way traffic signal and related improvements at Sutterville Road and 24th/23rd Streets. LRCCD has performed an environmental review of these two projects and the EIR documents were adopted by the LRCCD Board of Trustees. The Agreement-in-Principle may be subject to future environmental reviews and applicable Federal, State, and City process requirements.

Policy Considerations:

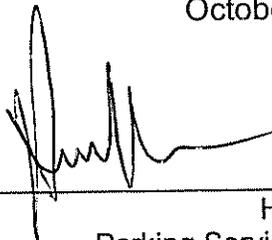
This proposal is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan and the goal of the City Council to enhance and preserve the neighborhoods.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

No goods or services are being procured.

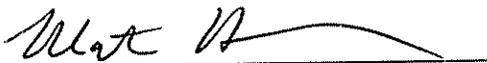
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Respectfully Submitted by:



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Parking Services Manager

Approved by:



Marty Hanneman
Director, Department of Transportation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON STREETS IN WILLIAM LAND PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE

BACKGROUND

- A. Currently, students attending classes at Sacramento City College (SCC) heavily use the parking spaces in William Land Park. This has contributed to the traffic congestion, noise, litter, and air quality issues experienced by both residents in the area and park visitors. Also, the availability of parking for park visitors while the college is in session is limited
- B. City staff has been working closely with SCC and the District 4 Councilmember to develop a plan to implement parking restrictions from 8am to 6pm except Saturday and Sunday.
- C. Implementing the parking restrictions in January 2007 to coincide with the completion of SCC's new parking facility will minimize the impacts of those restrictions to both students and park visitors.
- D. As a result of the feedback from the public meeting held in May 2005 City staff worked with SCC to develop an Agreement-in-Principle document.
- E. The City of Sacramento has agreed not to implement the parking restrictions in William Land Park until January 2007 to coincide with the completion of SCC's new parking facility. In return SCC has agreed to institute a mitigation plan to provide off-site parking for students and faculty during the construction of the new parking garage, and to build a new intersection at Sutterville Road & 23rd/24th streets to support the expansion of their campus.

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

Section 1. Implement two-hour restricted parking (8 AM to 6 PM) in the loop portion of William Land Park beginning January 1, 2007 on weekdays (Monday thru Friday) during the college school year. The following streets in William Land park will be affected:

- 14th Avenue, both sides, from Land park drive to 18th Street.

- 18th Street, both sides, from 19th Street to 13th Avenue.
- 19th Street, both sides from 19th Street to 13th Avenue

Section 2: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement-in-Principle with Los Rios Community College District.

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Exhibit B: Agreement-in-Principle

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on by the following vote

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

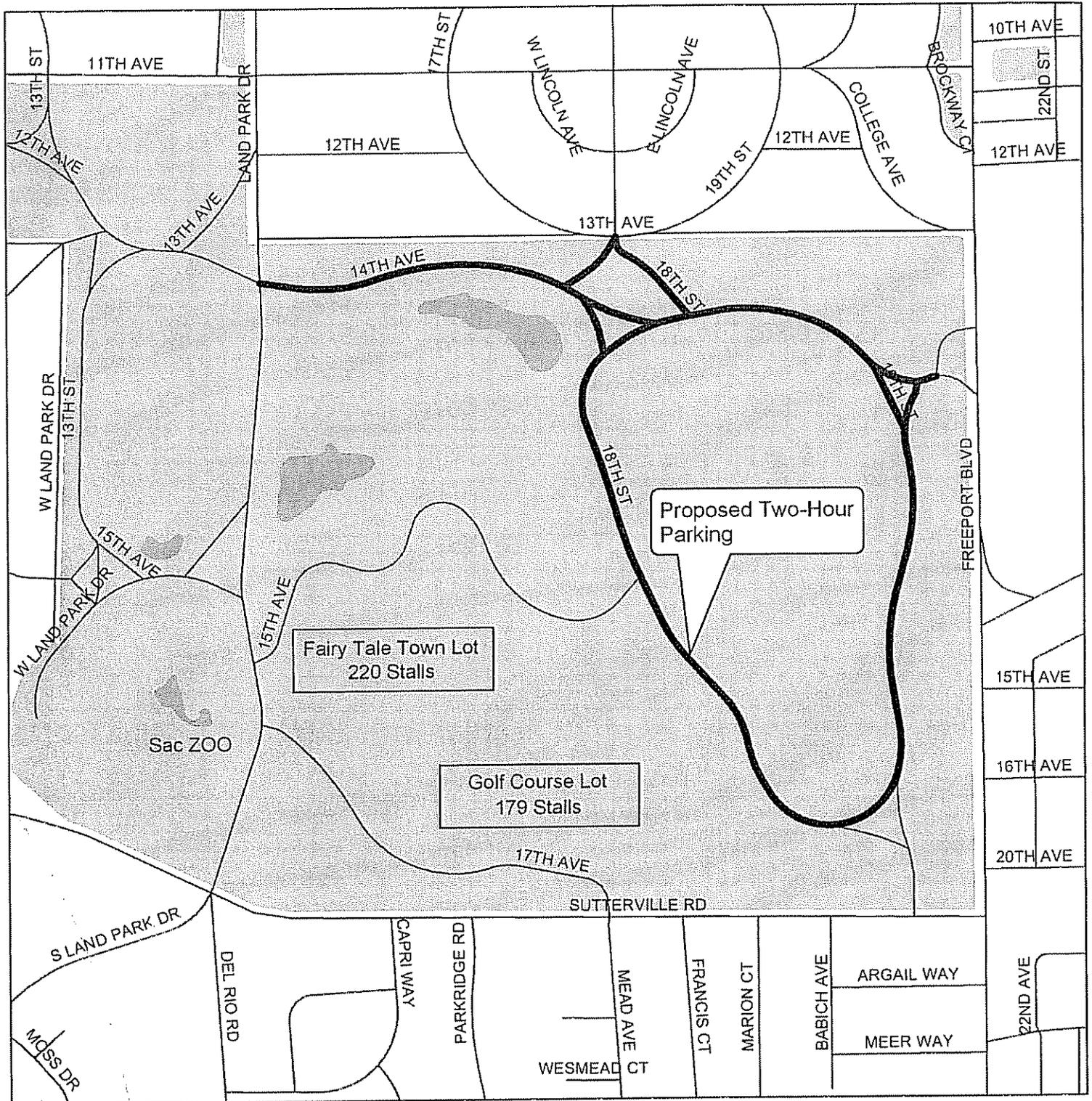
Mayor Heather Fargo

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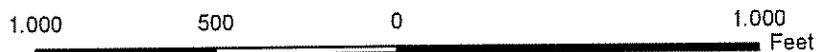
Shirley Concolino, City Clerk



Location Map for William Land Park Proposed Two-Hour Parking



Map Contact: D. Wilcox
Map Date: September 2005
City of Sacramento/IT/Central GIS Unit



City Of Sacramento and
Los Rios Community College District
Agreement-In-Principle
October 11, 2005

AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE

THIS AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE, ENTERED INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 11 , 2005, is between the CITY OF SACRAMENTO, referred to herein as "CITY", and LOS RIOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, referred to herein as "LRCCD".

RECITALS

LRCCD AGREES:

1. To construct a new 1954 space on-site parking structure by January 2007.
2. Institute a mitigation plan to provide off-site parking for students and instructors during construction of the new intersection at Sutterville Road and 24th/23rd and new on-site parking structure. The approximate construction schedule is September 2005 to January 2007.
3. To develop a comprehensive plan to communicate with students in Fall 2006 to use the new, on campus, facilities.
4. The District will work with all constituent groups, including SCC students and the Board of Trustees, to obtain support of this agreement. Upon achievement of support, the District will communicate its support to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. To install a fully operational four-way traffic signal and related improvements at Sutterville Road and 24th/23rd Streets by January 2007. LRCCD to incur all costs.

CITY AGREES:

1. To recommend the City Council abandon rights-of-way of 24th street (west of light rail tracks) necessary for intersection improvements for the new intersection of Sutterville Road and 24th/23rd Streets.
2. Expedite plan reviews and permits for work within City rights-of-way.
3. To bring a report to City Council in October 2005 recommending restricting parking in William Land Park beginning January 1, 2007.
4. Install two-hour restricted parking (8 AM to 6 PM) in the loop portion of William Land Park beginning January 1, 2007 on weekdays (Monday thru Friday) during the college school year.

- Attend and support this agreement at meetings with City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, LRCCD Board and Sacramento City College Student representatives.

Note:

This Agreement-In-Principle maybe subject to future environmental reviews and applicable Federal, State, and City process requirements.

LRCCD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Dr. Brice Harris
Chancellor

Robert P. Thomas
City Manager

Approved as to form:

By: _____
LRCCD Attorney

By: _____
City Attorney

File: City-LRCCD Agreement WLP Parking 8-05