REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
January 17, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Appropriate $381,600 in the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 for the North Natomas Regional Park, CIP LX66

Location/Council District:
North Park Drive, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) approving the appropriation of $381,600 in the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 for the North Natomas Regional Park, CIP LX66.

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

Presenters: None

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design and Development

Organization No: 4727

Summary:

The North Natomas Regional Park is a 172-acre park located on North Park Drive. Staff recommends appropriating $381,600 from the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 into the North Natomas Regional Park, CIP LX66 to fully fund the development of a bridge within North Natomas Regional Park to connect to a previously funded bike trail and landscaping project.

Committee/Commission Action:

On March 1, 2001, the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation supported approving the master plan.

Background Information:

The North Natomas Regional Park is a 172-acre park located on North Park Drive and Natomas Boulevard (Attachment 1, page 4). On March 20, 2001, Council approved the North Natomas Regional Park Master Plan (Attachment 2, page 5). As part of the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvement Program budget process, the City Council approved the establishment of a capital improvement project for North Natomas Regional Park Development, CIP LX66, for initial development of the regional park.

One of the design elements of the North Natomas Regional Park bike trails is the bridges between the community and the park. The North Natomas Financing Plan includes funding for various bikeways and bridges from development impact fees. Funding of a bridge over the Drainage Channel is an appropriate use of North Natomas fees. Staff recommends that the City Council approve an appropriation of $381,600 in the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 to fund the development of a bridge and trail within North Natomas Regional Park.

The recommended appropriation will be used solely for the purposes of developing a bike trail and bridge connecting Inderkum High School and Northborough Drive. The requested amount will minimally cover the complete cost to develop the bike trail and bridge. Additional funding, including Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791) and Quimby In Lieu Fees (Fund 710), has been appropriated to this project to cover the additional costs associated with landscaping and beautification. Additional elements as part of this project will be evaluated once the bike trail and bridge are complete.

Financial Considerations:

There is no impact on the General Fund. The North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 has funding of $465,400 for all regional park bikeways. The request to appropriate $381,600 of these funds is consistent with the North Natomas Financing Plan. The appropriation will also fund the highest priority for the use of these funds, which is a bikeway connection between Inderkum High School and Northborough Drive. Appropriating the aforementioned funds would then make the total project budget for this project $1,937,464.

Approval of the staff recommendation will appropriate $381,600 from the contingency of the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund (Fund 780) into the North Natomas Regional Park Project, CIP LX66. For every increase over $100,000 to an adopted budget, Council's approval is needed.

Environmental Considerations:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the North Natomas Regional Park and Multi-Use Trail and Landscaping project and has determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) under Class 3, Section number 15303(d), Class 4, Section number 15304 & 15304(b). Projects exempted under Class 3, Section number 15303(d) consists of construction of new, small structures or facilities including water main, sewage, gas and other utility extensions. Projects exempted under Class 4, Section number 15304 consists of minor alterations to land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Projects exempted under Class 4, Section number 15304(b) consists of new gardening or landscaping including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping.

Policy Considerations:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance liveability in Sacramento's neighborhoods by expanding park and recreation facilities throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of Landscape Architect consultants and contractors for this project follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firm.

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

Recommendation Approved:

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RAY KERRIDGE
Interim City Manager

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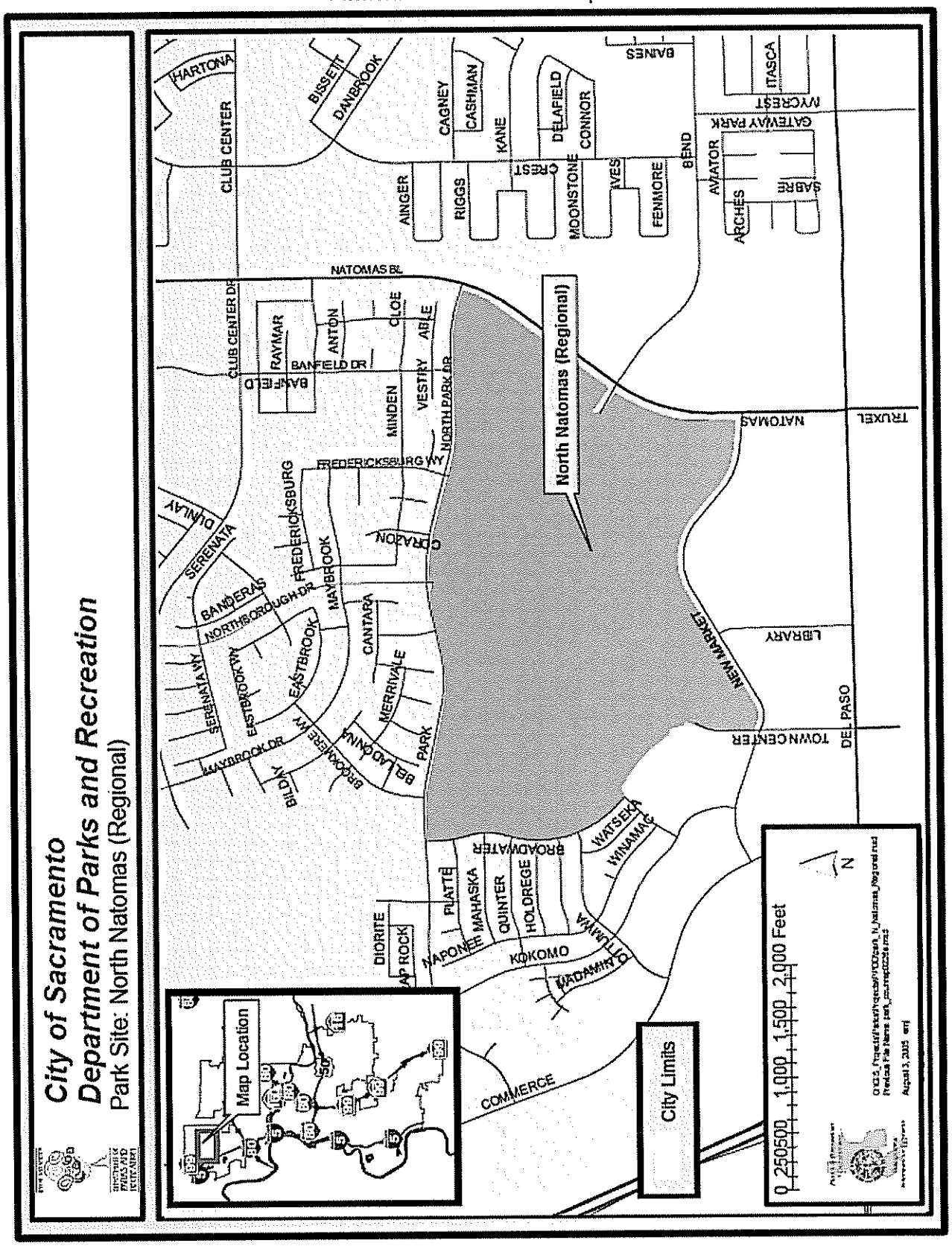
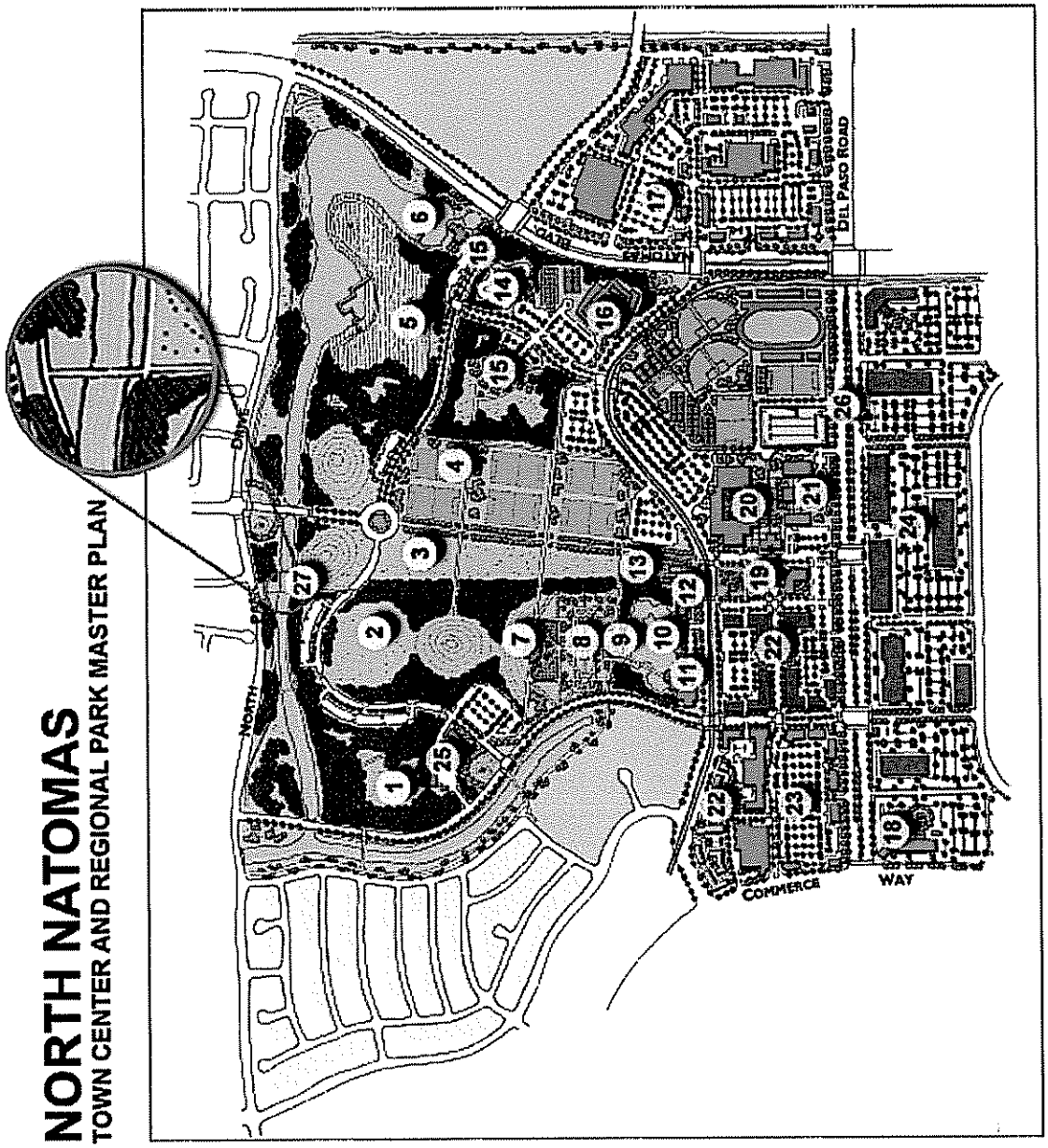
Attachment 1 – Area Map



Attachment 2 – North Natomas Regional Park Master Plan



1 DOG PARK
2 GREAT MEADOW
3 MALL
4 SPORTS FIELD
5 NATURALISTIC AREA (with boardwalk)
6 BOATHOUSE CAFE
7 OUTDOOR CONCERT
8 CULTURAL GARDEN
9 CONSERVATORY
10 BOTANIC GARDENS POND
11 PARK ADMINISTRATION CENTER
12 GARDENS CONFERENCE CENTER
13 FESTIVAL/FARMERS MARKET
14 SKATEBOARD PARK
15 FAMILY CENTER (with Kids Park)
16 AQUATIC CENTER
17 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AREA
18 HOTEL
19 TOWN SQUARE (Library, Community CTR, Transit Stop)
20 HIGH SCHOOL
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER
22 MIXED USE AREA
23 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AREA
24 EMPLOYMENT CENTER
25 PARK MAINTENANCE
26 PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING
27 BIKE TRAIL BRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 17, 2006

APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF $381,600 IN THE NORTH NATOMAS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND 780 FOR THE NORTH NATOMAS REGIONAL PARK, CIP LX66

BACKGROUND:

A. The City Council approved funding for the development and construction for North Natomas Regional Park, CIP LX66, in the Fiscal Year 2006 CIP.

B. One of the design elements of the North Natomas Regional Park bike trails is the bridges between the community and the park. The North Natomas Financing Plan includes funding for various bikeways and bridges from development impact fees. Funding of a bridge over the Drainage Channel is an appropriate use of North Natomas fees.

C. It is requested that an appropriation of $381,600 in Fund 780 for the North Natomas Regional Park Project, CIP LX66, be made. Appropriation of these funds is consistent with the North Natomas Financing Plan.

D. The recommended appropriation will be used solely for the purposes of developing a bike trail and bridge connecting Inderkum High School and Northborough Drive. The requested amount will minimally cover the complete cost to develop the bike trail and bridge. Additional funding, including Park Development Impact Fees (Fund 791) and Quimby In Lieu Fees (Fund 710), has been appropriated to this project to cover the additional costs associated with landscaping and beautification. Additional elements as part of this project will be evaluated once the bike trail and bridge are complete.

E. For every increase over $100,000 to an adopted budget, Council's approval is needed.

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

Section 1. Approves the appropriation of $381,600 in the North Natomas Community Improvement Fund 780 for the North Natomas Regional Park, CIP LX66.