



City Council Supplemental Report

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From: Jonathan Lait, Planning and Development Services Director

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Item Number: 8

Report #:2303-1055

TITLE

Supplemental Report to Agenda Item Number 8 – Adopt a Park Improvement Ordinance to Allow Construction in Greer Park to Replace a Private Sewer Connection from the 2850 West Bayshore Housing Development. CEQA Status – CLASS 32 Infill Exempt.

DISCUSSION

On February 28, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted 7-0 to recommend that the City Council approve the park improvement ordinance for the subject housing project. During the meeting, staff communicated that they spoke with the Little League and soccer teams that use the field to make them aware of the project. Both groups felt comfortable that the approach taken by the City and the developer, SummerHill, would not impact their schedules. Staff also noted that the Urban Forestry team was included in the discussions with the applicant and felt the realignment approach and tree protection measures proposed during construction would provide adequate protections for Greer Park's existing trees. Overall, Commissioners appreciated that the developer was trying to mitigate effects to both park users and the park itself by moving the sewer line to the edge of the field and eliminating the need for a service cover in the middle of Field 3 (as would otherwise be required if the developer used its existing easement location to replace the sewer line).

Commissioners requested staff provide noticing at the dog park to inform residents of the potential closure window as a result of the work to be done. Commissioners also requested staff return to the PRC at a later point to discuss re-dedicating the existing easement-to-be-vacated as parkland. Staff will implement these requests.

APPROVED BY:

Jonathan Lait, Planning and Development Services Director