



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: May 9, 2019

REPORT NO: 102

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of May 16, 2019

SUBJECT: Olive Street Park – General Development Plan

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of the General Development Plan (GDP) for Olive Street Park in the Uptown Community, including the provision for a future AIDS Memorial.

Director's Recommendation – Recommend approval of the GDP for the proposed Olive Street Park in the Uptown community, including the provision for a future AIDS Memorial.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken made by these groups are listed below.

- On April 2, 2019 the Uptown Planning Group voted 9-3-2 to recommend approval of the Site Development Permit for the proposed GDP.
- On February 22, 2018, The City of San Diego presented the General Development Design to the Uptown Planning Group. During the meeting the Bankers Hill Community Group presented a similar design which was approved by “straw vote”.

Fiscal Impact – The total project budget, including a portion of the cost for site acquisition, is approximately \$3.27 million within CIP Project S10051. Design and construction are expected to cost \$2.17 million. Primary funding for the proposed project is available from Uptown Development Impact Fee (DIF) and contributions from the City General Fund. The cost to operate and maintain this project on an annual basis has not been determined.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed Olive Street Park GDP complies with all water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Environmental – Review of the project is currently in progress for both the Site Development Permit (SDP) and environmental document; therefore, the information provided in this

section is preliminary. The project may qualify for a Categorical Exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15332 of CEQA Guidelines (In-Fill Development Projects) which applies to projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in Section 15332, if all project review issues are adequately addressed. Since the SDP application is processing, this exemption determination is preliminary and subject to change.

BACKGROUND

This project provides for the design and construction of a 0.60-acre park within the Uptown Community. The park improvements will include typical neighborhood park amenities, such as multipurpose turf areas, children's play area, adult exercise area, seating areas, walkways, overlook deck, landscaping, monument sign, security lighting, and acquisition of property.

DISCUSSION

Public Works Department staff and the consultant conducted five public workshops with the community, mostly via Uptown Planners. The initial workshop was focused on a survey of amenities for community input and vision for this future site. During these community workshops, staff and the consultant team presented concepts of proposed park amenities appropriate for this site.

In addition to traditional park amenities, Olive Street Park is intended to be the location for an AIDS Memorial. The San Diego AIDS Memorial Task Force conducted a competition for an AIDS Memorial in Olive Street Park; the Task Force selected a preferred design by Domus Studio. Domus Studio, Public Works Department staff, the consultant met to incorporate all elements into one design including the design presented by Bankers Hill community.

The proposed GDP is a product of consensus achieved through those meetings as well as substantial design development undertaken by the community, staff, and project designers.

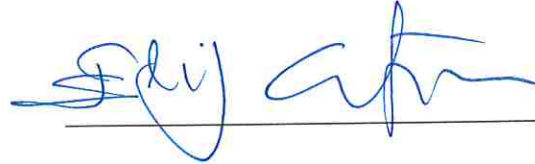
Park amenities included within the proposed GDP (Attachment 1) include:

- Children's play area
- Adult exercise area
- Overlook deck
- High-low drinking fountain with dog bowl
- Interpretive signage
- Decorative concrete seat wall
- Multipurpose turf areas
- Landscaping area
- Walkways
- Monument sign
- Security lighting

ALTERNATIVES

1. Recommend approval of the GDP for the Olive Street Park.
2. Recommend approval of the GDP for the Olive Street Park with modifications.
3. Do not recommend approval of the GDP for the Olive Street Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

1. Olive Street Park - General Development Plan
2. Supporting Exhibits

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