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September 20, 1990

Budget and Finance/Transportation
and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Pocket Girls' Softball Lease - Authorization to Negotiate Lease

SUMMARY

This report requests, in accordance with City Code 12.39 (f), that City Council, by resolution, give notice of intention to negotiate for a lease with the Pocket Girls' Softball League.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Pocket Girls' Softball League is a nonprofit youth service organization. The League has been using the fields at Caroline Wenzel Elementary School for 21 years and has approximately 240 families in their program. The League currently uses the three softball fields at Caroline Wenzel School plus a fourth which has been marked into the grass but does not have a backstop. The four play fields are all on School District property.

The League is requesting authorization to upgrade the softball fields which would entail moving the fields thirty feet into Seymour Park which is adjacent to the school (see Exhibit A). The League would pay for the installation of the two diamonds and will also continue to maintain the playing fields. They would make all improvements at no cost to the City and are requesting a lease agreement for first priority use of the fields during their league season of mid-March to mid-July. The League has agreed to pay for all costs associated with the installation of the diamonds and future maintenance of playing fields.

This project would include moving two of the existing diamonds from the school property onto the park area to provide better separation between playing fields and constructing a new backstop for the fourth field currently being used. Thus, two backstops (one new and one relocated from the school property) would be on the park site rather than on the school property. The diamonds would each include a backstop (maximum height of 12'), foul lines fences, two fenced dugouts with benches, a pitching mound, and baselines with pegs for bases. These modifications would increase the safety and bring up to standard the current level of the fields.

Because of the dramatic increase of youth sports programs for both boys and girls, the shortage of available playing fields and the limited availability of land in the Pocket area, staff supports the request from the Pocket Girl's Softball League. The proposed project is supported not only by the requesting league but also the Greenhaven Soccer League and other youth sports groups in the area that utilize the fields on a permit basis.

The proposed field modifications are opposed by a group of citizens made up primarily of residents of Greenway Circle which borders Seymour Park. Several meetings have been held with these residents. Their main areas of concern are increased traffic, litter and noise resulting from use of the fields.

An Environmental Assessment Report is being developed by the City's Environmental Planning Section to examine the potential negative impacts of the proposed field modifications and identify mitigation measures to prevent any adverse impacts on the neighborhood. Additionally, City Code, Park Use Permit Regulations and the City's standard youth sports league lease agreement set restrictions and requirements on litter control, amplified sound and hours of use.

Staff is requesting authorization to negotiate the City's standard four year lease agreement with the Pocket Girl's Softball League to use a portion of Seymour Park. This agreement will be consistent with existing city agreements with other youth sports groups. The final agreement will be presented to Council with the results of the Environmental Assessment Report and a letter of agreement with the School District regarding the use of the fields.

FINANCIAL DATA

None. Terms of the actual agreement will be provided at the time of request for execution.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Chapter 12, Article 2, Section 13.39 (f) of the City Code authorizes the City to negotiate the terms of the new lease without competitive bidding.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

None.

September 20, 1990

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, give notice of intent to negotiate a lease in accordance with City Code Section 12.39 (f).

Respectfully submitted,

for G. Eiling Loring
Robert P. Thomas, Director
Parks and Community Services

Approved:

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October 2, 1990
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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO
TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE WITH THE POCKET GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE
FOR THE USE OF SEYMOUR PARK WITHOUT CALLING FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That the City Council hereby gives notice of its intent to negotiate a four year lease with Pocket Girls' Softball League for the use of Seymour Park without calling for bids.
2. That pursuant to Sacramento City code Section 12.39 (f), the City Council hereby finds and determines that special circumstances make the use of the bid procedure inappropriate. These circumstances include the fact that Pocket Girls' Softball League is a private, nonprofit, tax exempt organization which provides recreational services to Sacramento youth.
3. That the City Clerk shall publish this notice of intention once in the official newspaper of the City of Sacramento.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____

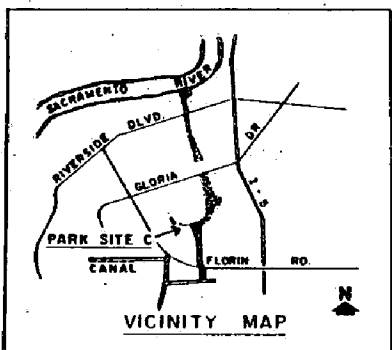
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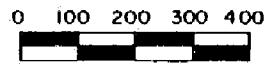
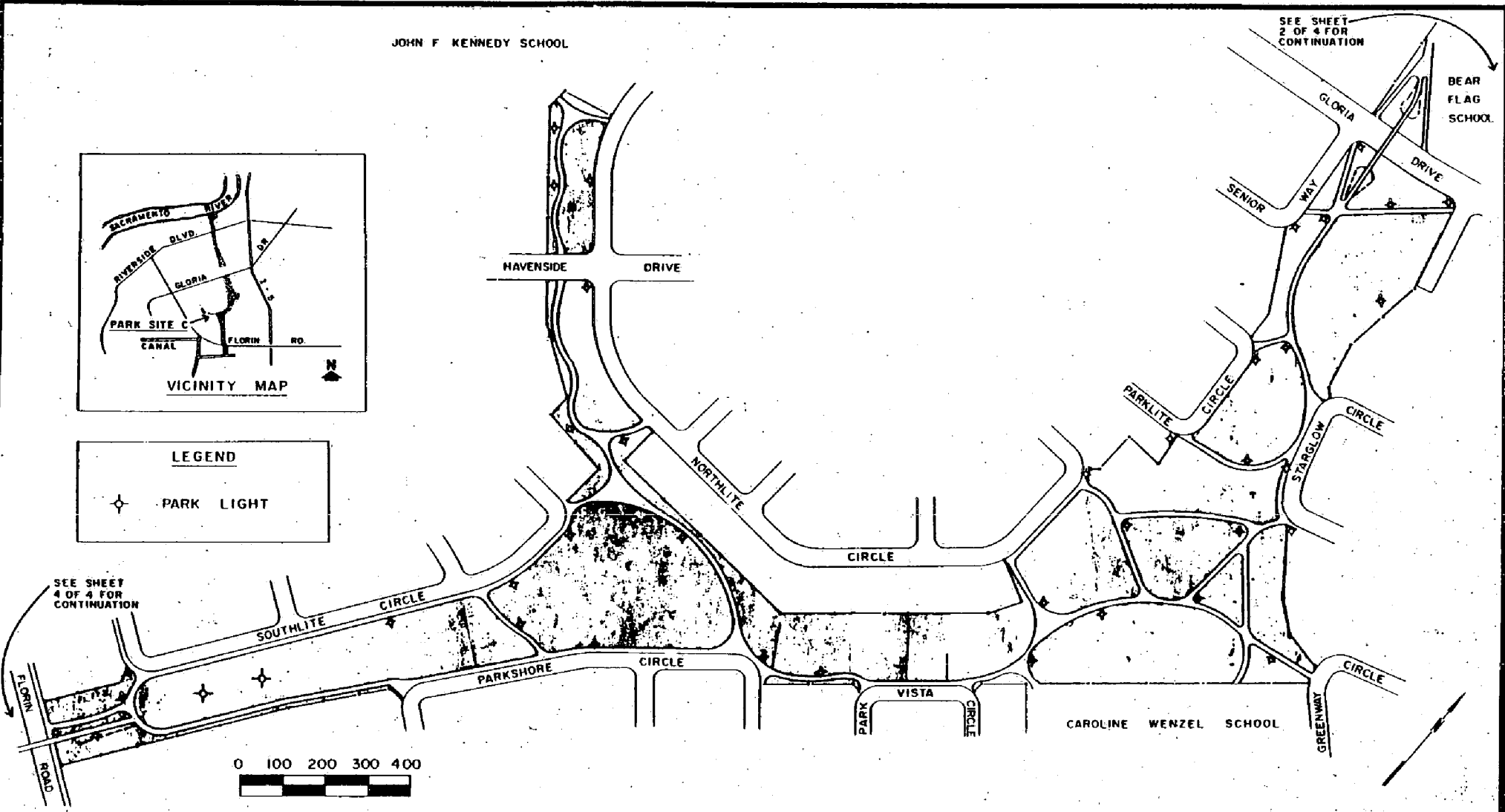
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