



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
January 31, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Regency Community Park Amended Master Plan, CIP LV 78

Location/Council District:

5500 Honor Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95835, Council District 1

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: approving an amendment to Regency Community Park Master Plan, CIP LV78.

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 City Council approved the name and master plan for Regency Community Park on September 3, 2002. Phase I was completed in 2004. The proposed Phase II project is to develop the remaining five acres of the park. Per the community's request, staff recommends amending the Regency Community Park Master Plan to include an accessible playground and a dog park with seating.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Regency Community Park name and master plan were reviewed and approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation on January 10, 2002. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and supported the Phase II Amendment for Regency Community Park Master Plan with the suggestions their subcommittee recommended, additional seating areas with benches inside the dog park, at the December 1, 2005, meeting.

Background Information:

Regency Community Park is a planned 42-acre park in North Natomas at Regency Circle and Honor Drive (Attachment 1, page 5). City Council approved the park name and master plan for Regency Community Park on September 3, 2002.

Development of Phase I was 15 acres and was completed in Fall 2004. A water retention basin was also developed in conjunction with the rest of the park, but with separate funding from the Utilities Department.

Phase II constructs the remaining undeveloped five acres of Regency Community Park. The approved Regency Community Park Master Plan included the following park amenities for Phase II: baseball field, soccer field, adventure play area, sheltered picnic area (shade structure with picnic tables and trash receptacles), pedestrian pathways/bike trails, seating areas, and irrigated landscaping.

Due to the high number of requests from the North Natomas community, the Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to amend Regency Community Park Master Plan (Attachment 2, page 6) to include an accessible playground and a two acre dog park with seating. The proposed baseball field in Phase II will be eliminated and replaced with the two acre dog park per the community's request at a May 26, 2005, community meeting. The North Natomas Little League organization, the primary user of baseball fields in the area, agreed to this change and wants to concentrate their use in the southern side of the park. Two additional community meetings were held to develop Regency Community Park's accessible playground theme and design. Community input for the accessible playground design was obtained on June 15, 2005. The community reviewed and approved the proposed accessible playground design at the final public meeting on August 24, 2005 (Attachment 3, page 7).

The theme of the playground is agriculture. The playground features are unique and intended to provide the users with a sensory-enriched experience. The playground includes the following amenities: sand and water area with pump house, swings, play village, tree stump play area, tire swing play area, spinners, and platform bouncer play area. In addition, the playground will have a community gathering area with benches, a community information kiosk, a low stone stacked wall, a dry creek area, and a cherry orchard with a decomposed granite path.

Financial Considerations:

Funding for Phase II of the park (\$945,847 from Park Impact Fees, Fund 791) was approved by the City Council during the 2004 and 2005 CIP processes. The park funds were generated from Park Impact Fees (PIF) collected in the North Natomas Planning Area. This report is solely to approve the Master Plan.

Staff will return to Council once the bid process has been completed (Spring 2006) to request funds to supplement the additions to the scope. It is estimated that \$820,000 would be necessary for the cost differential between the previously budgeted items and the aforementioned additional park and recreational amenities. Sufficient funds remain in the Quimby Act Fund (Fund 710) in that planning area.

There will be approximately \$40,000 per year in ongoing operational and maintenance costs for Regency Park: \$26,800 in park maintenance and \$13,200 in water and utility costs. Seventy-five percent of the maintenance costs will be borne by the Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (CFD) revenues.

The CFD was established to reduce reliance on the general fund for neighborhood park maintenance and to preserve the level of maintenance in the parks system. Revenues from the CFD provide 75% of the cost associated with maintaining new neighborhood parks for those newly developed subdivisions that annex to the District.

Environmental Considerations:

City Council adopted the Addendum to the Adopted Negative Declaration for Regency Community Park on September 3, 2002, finding that the addendum adequately addressed the impacts of the project, and finding that no subsequent environmental document was required.

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 facilities throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project followed City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

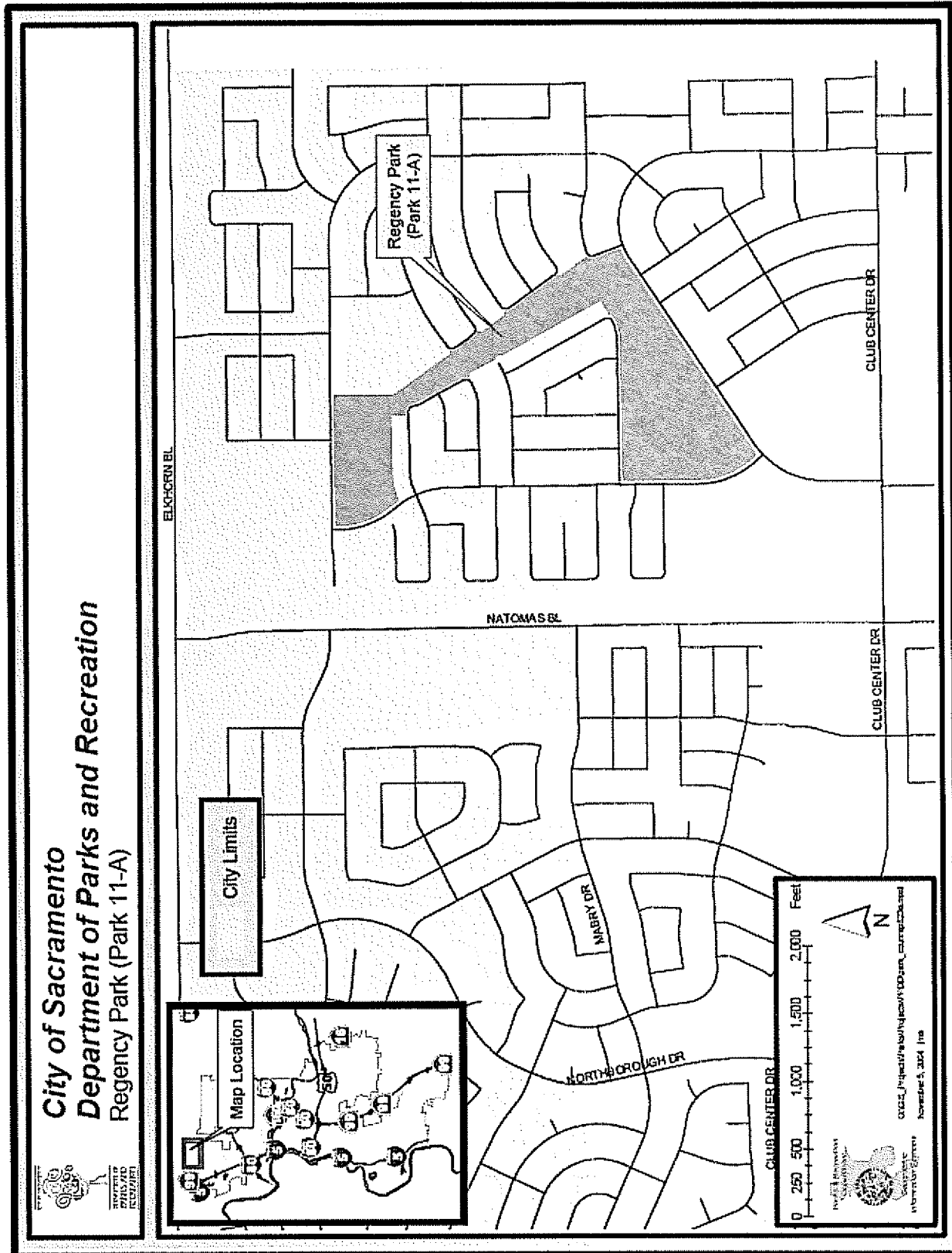


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Interim City Manager

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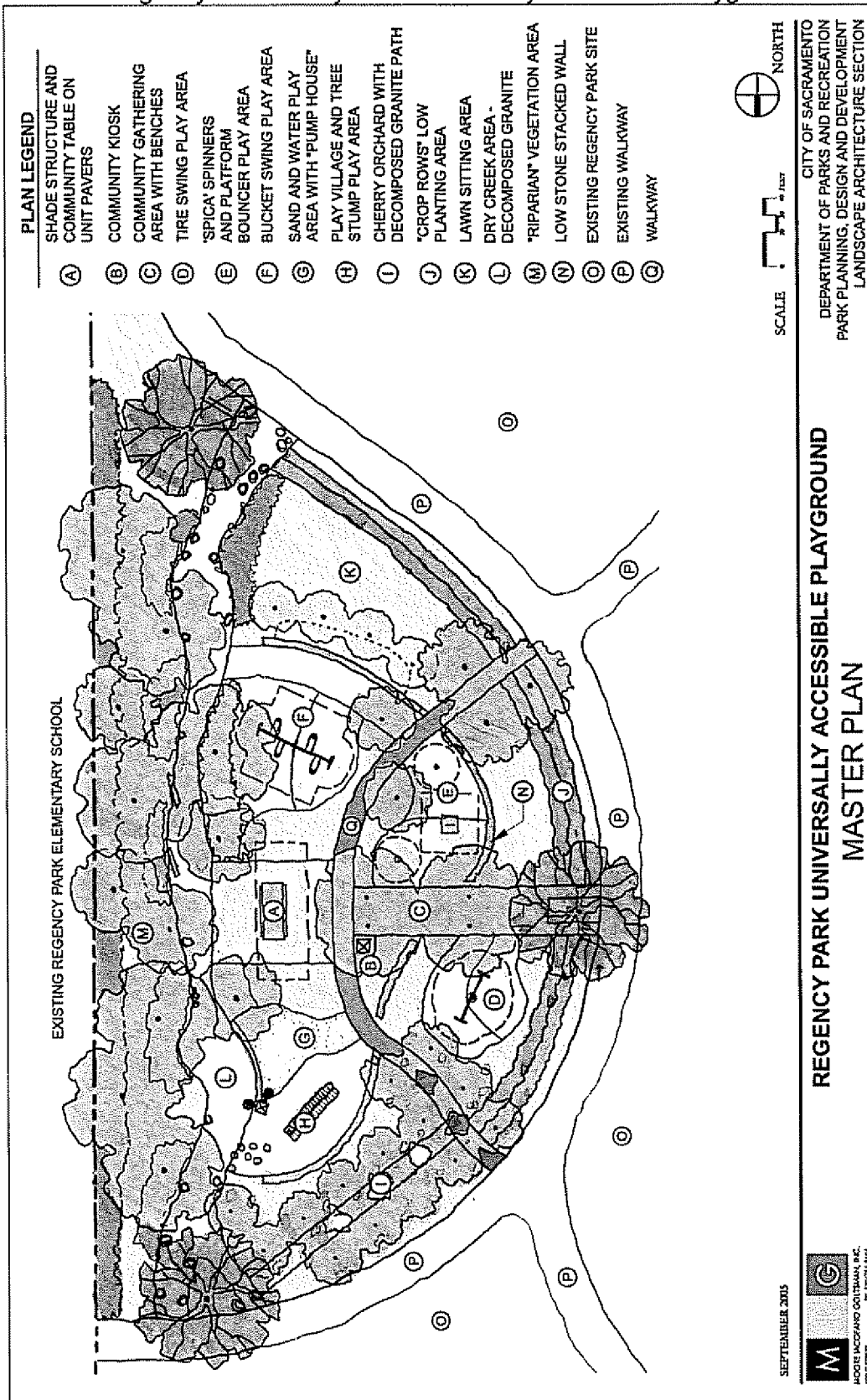
Attachment 1 – Area Map



Attachment 2 – Regency Community Park Amended Master Plan



Attachment 3 – Regency Community Park Universally Accessible Playground Master Plan



RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

January 31, 2006

**APPROVING REGENCY COMMUNITY PARK AMENDED MASTER PLAN,
CIP LV78**

BACKGROUND:

- A. The City Council approved the name and master plan on September 3, 2002.
- B. Funding from Park Impact Fees, Fund 791, was approved by the City Council during the 2004 and 2005 CIP processes.
- C. Phase I development of this site was 15 acres and was completed in Fall 2004.
- D. Due to requests from the North Natomas community, the Parks and Recreation Department proposes to amend Regency Community Park Master Plan to include an accessible playground and a two acre dog park with seating. The proposed baseball field in Phase II will be eliminated and replaced with the two acre dog park per the community's request at a May 26, 2005, community meeting.
- E. Staff will return to Council once the bid process has been completed (Spring 2006) to request funds to supplement the additions to the scope. Sufficient funds remain in the Quimby Act Fund (Fund 710) in that planning area.

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

- Section 1. Approves Regency Community Park Amended Master Plan, CIP LV78.

