



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
May 16, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Muir Park Renovation Master Plan, CIP LZ21

Location/Council District:
1515 C Street, Council District 3

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) Approving Muir Park Renovation Master Plan, CIP LZ21.

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

Presenters: None

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design and Development

Organization No: 4727

Summary:

For the past two years, staff has worked with Councilmember Steve Cohn, his staff, and representatives from the Alkali Flat/Washington Park neighborhoods on a Muir Park redesign strategy to increase park use. Staff is seeking support for the Muir Park Renovation Master Plan.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Muir Park Renovation Master Plan was reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) on April 6, 2006. The Master Plan includes additional lighting (four walkway lights) along the internal pathway to the park requested at the PRC Park Development Committee meeting on the February 28, 2005.

Background Information:

Muir Park is a 2.69 acre park in the central city planning area, and is one of the original ten Sutter's Land Grant parks (Attachment 1, page 4). The park is located at 16th and C Streets in the Washington Park neighborhood.

Over the past two years, staff has worked with Councilmember Steve Cohn, his staff, and representatives from the Alkali Flat/Washington Park neighborhoods on a Muir Park redesign strategy to increase park use by adding additional children's play elements. Current park elements include a youth soccer field, basketball court, and children's play and picnic area. The new master plan (Attachment 2, page 5) incorporates the community's desire to make Muir Park a destination for downtown and midtown children; it includes new and innovative play features in the park to increase family usage. Features include: new benches; picnic tables; play equipment; bulletin board; service path; entry plaza with water play misters; trees; shrubs; and seat wall. Additional changes include: a re-orientation of the existing soccer field; a relocation of existing benches, irrigation heads, playground equipment, and concrete paths; and a new day camp area for summer activities.

Financial Considerations:

The current budget for this project is \$245,471. An additional \$468,000 from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Community Development Block Grant fund, Fund 205, has been earmarked for this project and will bring the total budget to \$713,471.

There will be approximately \$22,058 per year in ongoing operational and maintenance costs for Muir Park: \$16,140 in park maintenance and \$5,918 in water and utility costs. The park is currently developed and maintained by city staff; the added amenities and community use may slightly increase the maintenance costs.

Environmental Considerations:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the Muir Children's Park project and determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1, Section number 15301, which consists of minor alterations of existing facilities or structures, Class 3, Section number 15303(e) which consists of new construction of new, small facilities or structures including accessory structures and Class 4, Section number 15304(f) which consists of minor alterations to land including new gardening and/or 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 and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

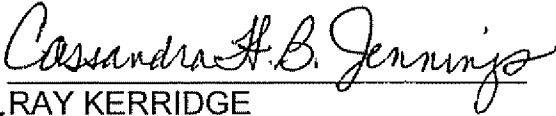
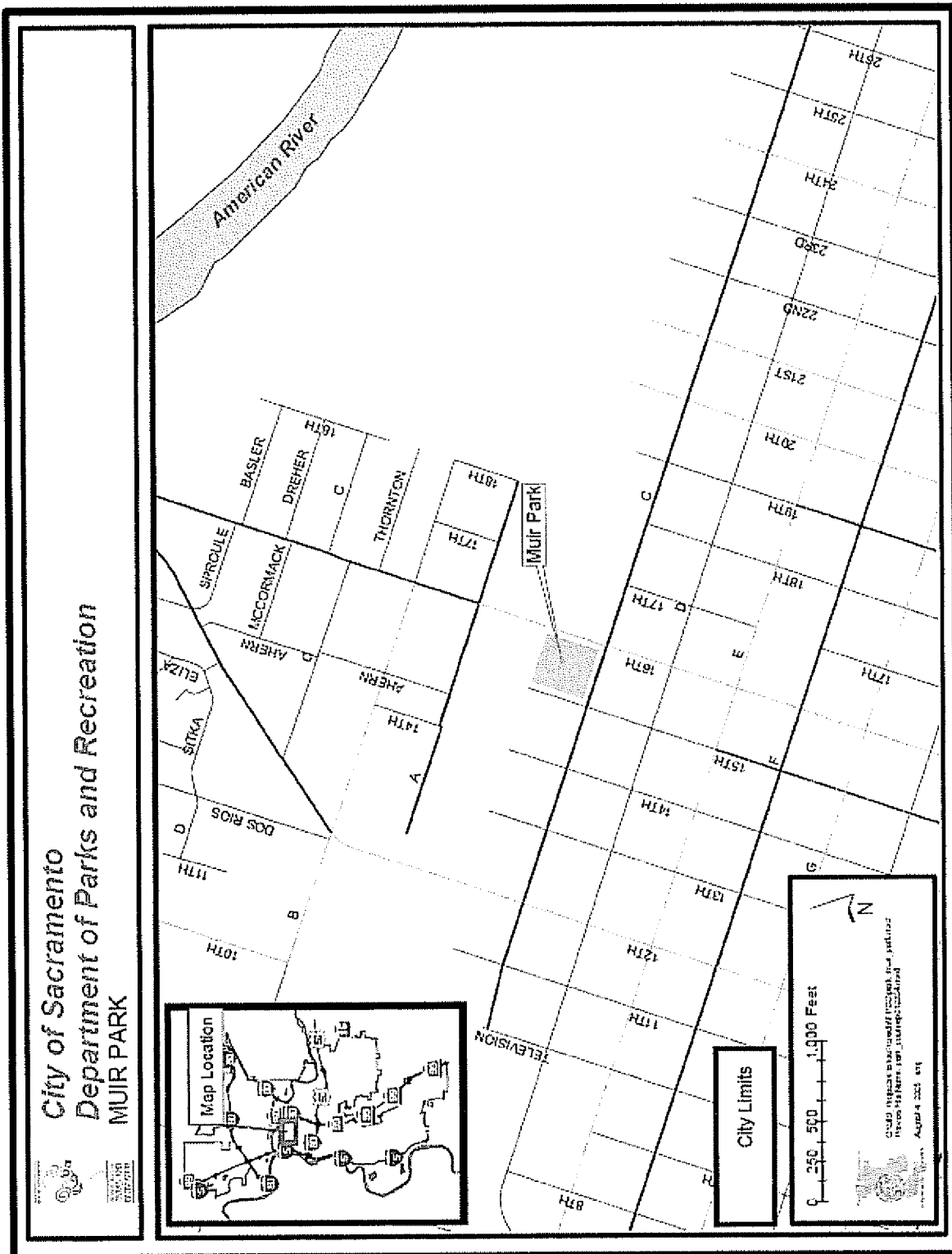

for RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

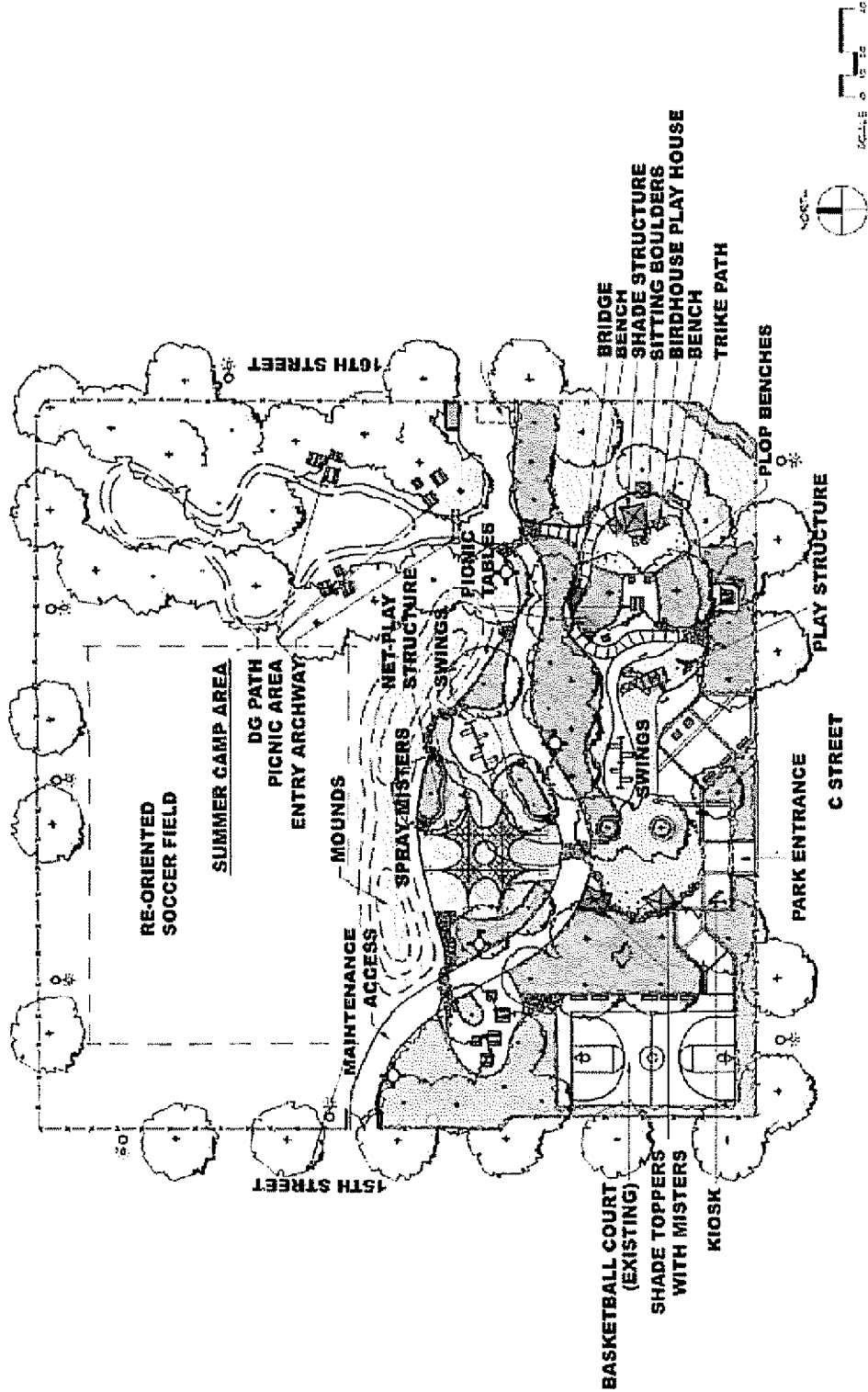
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Attachment 2 – Proposed Master Plan for Muir Park Renovation



MUIR PARK RENOVATION
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN

AUGUST 2005

MIDDLEBACH AND GUNLAW, P.C.
 4200 BRIDGEWAY
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 SACRAMENTO, CA 95834

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 16, 2006

APPROVING MUIR PARK RENOVATION MASTER PLAN, CIP LZ21

BACKGROUND:

- A. Muir Park is a 2.69 acre park in the central city planning area, and is one of the original ten Sutter's Land Grant parks.
- B. Over the past two years, staff has worked with Councilmember Steve Cohn, his staff, and neighborhood representatives on a park redesign aimed at increasing park usage.
- C. The Muir Park Renovation Master Plan is supported by the community and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

Section 1. Approves Muir Park Renovation Master Plan, CIP LZ21.

