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April 3, 1986

Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Traffic Control - William Land Park

SUMMARY

This report recommends: (1) authorization for the City Manager to immediately initiate street closure and modification, and appropriate signing of William Land Park; and (2) transfer of \$ 25,350 from the Administrative Contingency Fund to the Parks Division Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

With the arrival of good weather each year, the number of visitors to William Land Park increases. Traffic often becomes congested and anti-social behavior increases, particularly on weekends and holidays. Loitering increases, park visitors are sometimes harrassed, the golf course is forced to close, and alcohol consumption among youth and young adults is prevalent.

In the early 1970's, City Police and the Department of Parks and Community Services devised a plan whereby gates were installed at strategic locations so that traffic could be more easily routed and streets could be closed when parking reached its maximum. Auxillary police were used for traffic and crowd control. Recently, however, the visitor patterns and activities have begun to change, resulting in conditions which necessitate more stringent traffic and crowd control.

Presently, the most serious problem appears to originate in the Village Green area, within the park on 18th and 19th Streets and 14th Avenue, and the entrances to the park on Freeport Boulevard and Sutterville Road (Exhibit A).

A large and hazardous traffic back-up occurs near the intersection of Freeport and Sutterville Boulevards as vehicles attempt to enter the park at the 19th Street entrance. In addition, drivers often travel through the residential area south of the park in an attempt to bypass the congestion. Complaints have been received from citizens of this residential area because of speeding, litter, and illegal parking.

In the Village Green area, on 18th Street, 19th Street, and 14th Avenue, congestion often occurs when drivers frequently stop their cars, thereby blocking the streets for a considerable length of time or until a law enforcement officer intervenes and moves them. Often, there are confrontations between park visitors and police as well as between park visitors. In addition, there is considerable alcohol consumption in this area.

Immediate corrective action is required to alleviate this situation and to ensure the safety of park patrons. Staff from the Police Department, Department of Parks and Community Services, and Traffic Engineering concur in recommending the following corrective actions:

1. Permanently close the 19th Street park entrance at Sutterville Road.
2. Permanently close the two interior entrances to 18th and 19th Streets. The road area between these two entrances and the Sutterville Road entrance will then be converted to open park space.
3. Permanently close the intersection of 18th Street and 15th Avenue and construct a cul-de-sac so that vehicles can turn around and exit at Land Park Drive. Construction of the cul-de-sac will also provide approximately 175 additional parallel parking spaces in the area serving Fairytale Town and the amphitheater.
4. Modify and reposition gates at 14th Avenue north and Freeport Boulevard.
5. Change 18th and 19th Streets and 14th Avenue park streets to one-way traffic only, thus forming a two-lane loop so that park visitors who wish to may "cruise." The counter-clockwise loop will continue eventually down 14th Avenue to exit on Land Park Drive. If traffic is light, "cruisers" may also exit on 18th Street and 13th Avenue. If traffic is heavy, the existing gate at 18th Street will be closed to reduce traffic on 13th Avenue.
6. Post signs to eliminate parking on the interior side of the one-way loop and allow parking on the exterior side. This will create an access lane for use by emergency vehicles.
7. Post signs in the loop area prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages within 100 feet of the park streets.
8. Where appropriate, Traffic Engineering will stripe the streets for traffic lanes and parking areas.

FINANCIAL DATA

Total cost of the project is estimated as follows:

Cul-de-sac	\$18,000
14th Avenue and Freeport Boulevard gate	3,500
Closure of 18th and 19th Streets juncture and Sutterville Road	1,200
Signage and striping on Village Green loop	<u>2,650</u>
	\$25,350

A transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$25,350 from the FY 1985-86 Administrative Contingency Reserve Fund to the Parks Division Operating Budget is necessary to implement these corrective traffic measures.

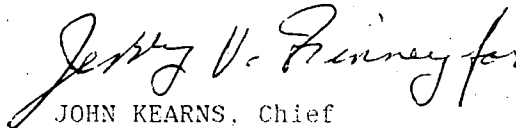
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee review the street closure and modification and appropriate signage of William Land Park and refer this report to the full City Council for approval. Further, it is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, transfer \$25,350 from the FY 1985-86 Administrative Contingency Reserve Fund to the Parks Division Operating Budget.

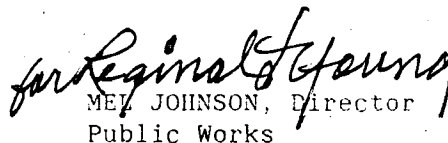
Respectfully submitted,



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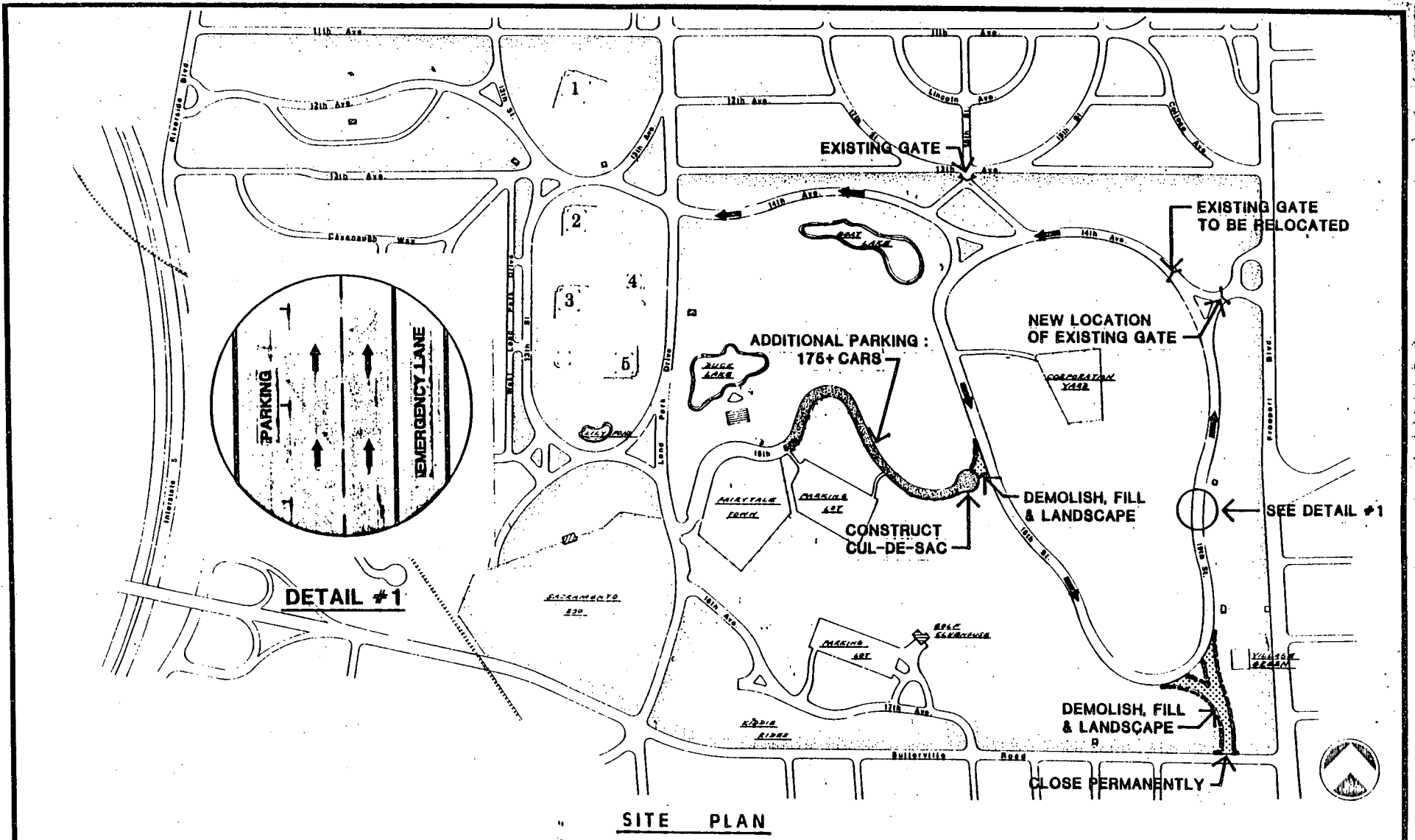
Recommendation Approved:



SOLON WISHAM, JR.
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April 15, 1986
District 4



SITE PLAN

NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY

DRAWN BY: _____
 DESIGNED BY: _____
 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
 DATE: March 1978
 FIELD BOOK: _____ SCALE: 1" = 200'

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



LAND PARK

SHEET

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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FY 1985-86
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
BY \$25,350 FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN WILLIAM LAND PARK

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

1. That the need for traffic control measures in William Land Park requires a transfer of appropriations.
2. The City Budget for Fiscal Year 1985-86 is hereby amended by transferring \$25,350 from the Administrative Contingency Reserve Fund, Budget No. 1-01-7012-0000-4599, to the Parks Division Budget No. 1-01-4584-5224-4241 for the purpose stated in Paragraph One above.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK