



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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November 29, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Approve the Name "Richfield Park" and Approve the Richfield Park Master Plan, CIP LX61.

Location/Council District: 1908 Expedition Way
Council District 8

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) approving the name "Richfield Park" and 2) approving the Richfield Park Master Plan, CIP LX61.

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

Presenters: None

Department: Parks & Recreation

Division: Park Planning, Design & Development

Organization No: 4727

Summary:

Richfield Park is a 3-acre park located at 1908 Expedition Way near Richfield Way in the South Sacramento/Meadowview neighborhood. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the park name "Richfield Park" and approve the Richfield Park Master Plan.

Committee/Commission Action:

The park name and master plan were reviewed and supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission on October 13, 2005. Members requested that the side of the park which borders the natural wetlands area have compatible plantings so that the park integrates with the surrounding area.

Background Information:

The master plan for the 3-acre park was created through the public participation process. The City Council approved funding of \$87,000 for the project in the 2004 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) report and \$363,869 for the 2005 CIP report. The Richfield Park Master Plan (Attachment 1) includes the following: basic landscaping, a picnic shelter with picnic tables, trash receptacles, benches, open turf, a natural area, a turf amphitheater, and a basketball court. During the master planning community process, the neighborhood (Attachment 2) suggested the name "Richfield Park" because the park is located near Richfield Way.

The park was master planned to include the *Maintainable Park Standards* saving techniques. At least 25% of this site is designed with urban forest, non-irrigated native grasses and mulch.

Financial Considerations:

Funding for the park was approved by the City Council in the 2004 and 2005 CIP process. Park Impact Fees were collected in the neighborhood surrounding Richfield Park and a total of \$450,869 has been designated for the project.

The Neighborhood Park Maintenance Community Facilities District (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. It was projected that revenues from the CFD would provide approximately 65-70% of the cost associated with maintaining new neighborhood parks for those areas that annex to the District.

Since some areas have not annexed to the District, the percentage of costs covered will fall below the 65-70% level. The balance of costs must be borne by the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District and other city funds. Maintenance for existing parks and all community parks, regional parks, open space, trails and buffer areas are not covered by the CFD.

There will be approximately \$24,000 per year in ongoing operational and maintenance costs for Richfield Park: \$18,000 in park maintenance and \$6,000 in water and utility costs.

Environmental Considerations:

The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed this project and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 3, Section number 15303(e), Class 4, Section number 15304(f) and Class 11, Section number 15311(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempt under Class 3, Section number 15303(e) consists of new construction of small structures or facilities. Projects exempt under Class 4, Section number 15304(f) consists of new gardening and landscaping and Class 11, Section


number 15311(a) consists of construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities, including on-premise signs.

Policy Considerations:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and liveability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

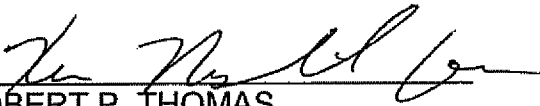
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

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 & Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

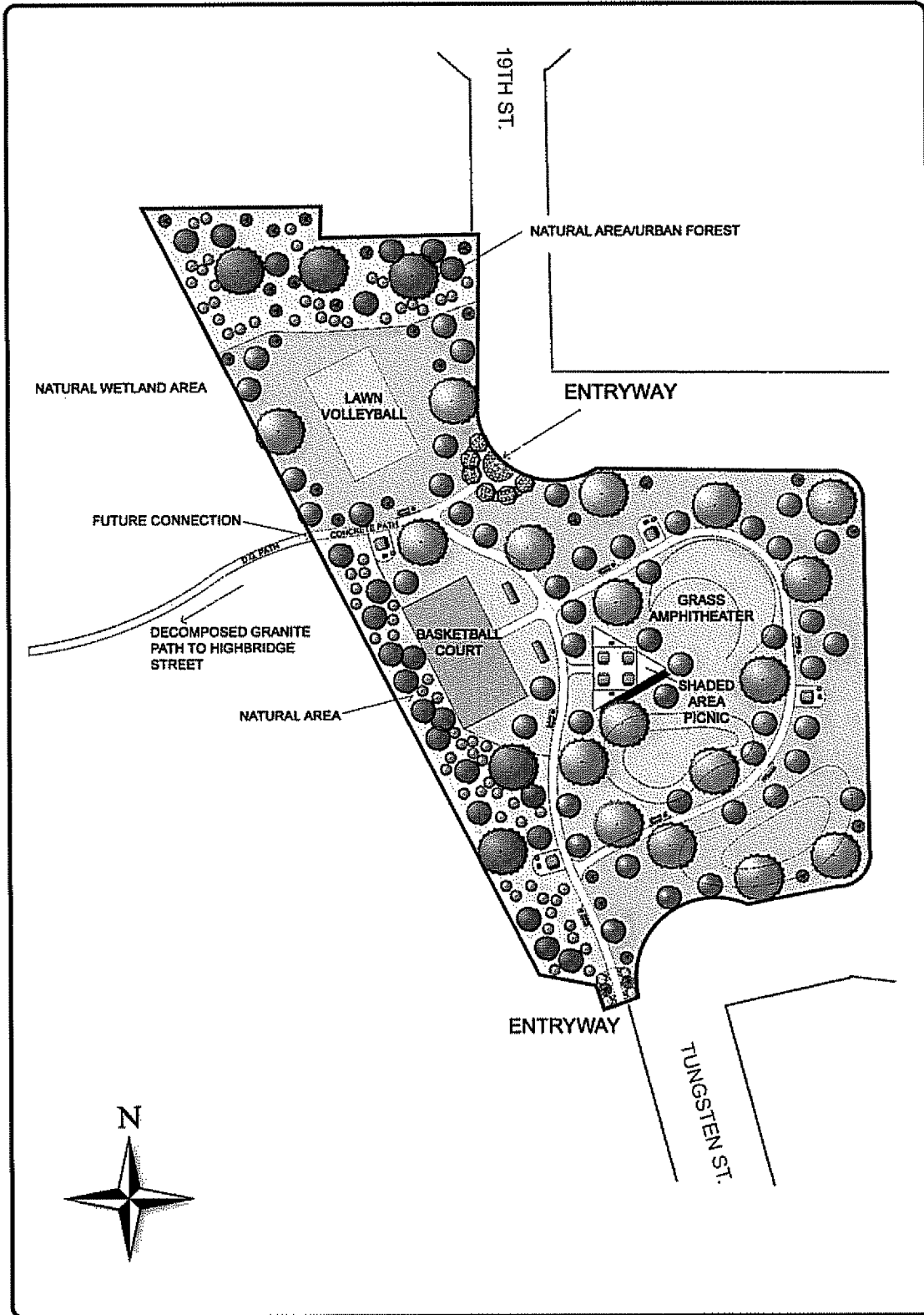


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City Manager

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Attachment 1 – Richfield Park Master Plan



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RICHFIELD PARK
 MASTER PLAN

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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-XXXX

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council
November 29, 2005

**APPROVING THE NAME "RICHFIELD PARK"
AND APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN, CIP LX61.**

BACKGROUND:

- A. The City Council approved funding for the project in the 2004 and 2005 annual CIP reports.

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

Section 1. Approves the name "Richfield Park," CIP LX61.

Section 2. Approves the Master Plan for Richfield Park.