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PARKS AND RECREATION

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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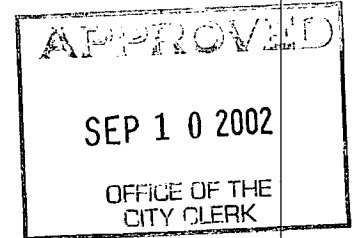
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September 5, 2002

City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Support an Application for a Habitat Conservation Program Grant to Develop Robla Community Park Phase II

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Robla Community Park,
(Off of Bell Street) Council District 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution, approve the Department of Parks and Recreation's application for a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for the development of Robla Community Park Phase II.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: September 10, 2002

SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting support of an application in the amount of \$60,000 from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the development of Robla Community Park Phase II to include an interpretive trail and overlook.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation reviewed and approved staff's recommendation at its September 5, 2002 meeting.



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) is funded through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. The HCP is administered by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and provides \$2 million annually through 2020 for competitive grants, \$800,000 of which is available for Northern California projects. The Habitat Conservation Program (HCP) provides funds to local agencies for the acquisition, enhancement, restoration and/or interpretation of riparian habitat, wetlands and other wildlife areas.

One of the four categories under this year's HCP is Trails and Programs. There is a total of \$200,000 under this category for Northern California.

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the council adopted 2002 Parks Programming Guide (PPG). Robla Community Park was determined based upon the grant criteria to be the most competitive project. The project scored 12 out of 15 points in the PPG, and was one of the top three ranked projects in the Community Planning Area 8 (North Sacramento).

The project is competitive in that:

- ▶ The project has a completed California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination;
- ▶ The proposed project is on property owned by the City of Sacramento;
- ▶ The project has a completed and approved Master Plan;
- ▶ The project has the available 50% match;
- ▶ The project can be completed within the grant period;
- ▶ The project addresses a facility deficiency;
- ▶ The project is consistent with local plans;
- ▶ There is easy public access to the facility;
- ▶ The project complements a natural wildlife area making it accessible to the public, and
- ▶ The requested amount is appropriate to the total amount available to Northern California agencies.

The proposal will focus development of the second phase of the park including an interpretive trail, interpretive signage and other improvements. The grant application is due October 1, 2002, and City staff should be informed of any grant award in Spring 2003.

This project has been discussed with staff from the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Grants and Local Services and fits the grant criteria.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

With Council support, the City will request a total of \$60,000 from the State of California

Department of Parks and Recreation. The HCP will fund at most 50% of the total project budget. A \$60,000 request will require a \$60,000 match, making the total project budget \$120,000. The match amount will come from collected Quimby Fees from Community Planning Area 8 (North Sacramento).

Once opened to the public, this area will require ongoing maintenance.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

On September 11, 2001, the City Council ratified a Negative Declaration for the development of the master plan for a city-owned community park, Robla Community Park. The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the action of approval of the application for a Habitat Conservation Program Grant for the development of Robla Community Park Phase II does not require further environmental evaluation.

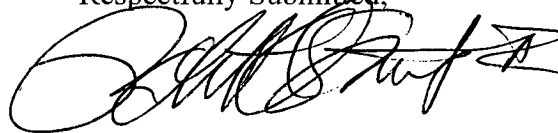
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Support for this proposal is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan in that it preserves and expands parks and recreation opportunities.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

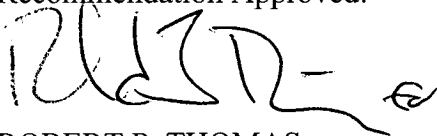
Not applicable at this time as no goods or services are being procured as a result of the approval of Habitat Conservation Program grant application.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

ATTACHMENTS: (1)
Exhibit A: Location Map Robla Community Park

APPROVED
SEP 10 2002
OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-603

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY
GRANT PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 UNDER THE HABITAT
CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE
PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 for the following project:
ROBLA COMMUNITY PARK PHASE II**

WHEREAS, the people of the state of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the said application contain assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition of development of the project;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project; and
2. Certifies that said applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to the commencement of any work on the project included in the application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.
4. Appoints the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or Administrative Officer as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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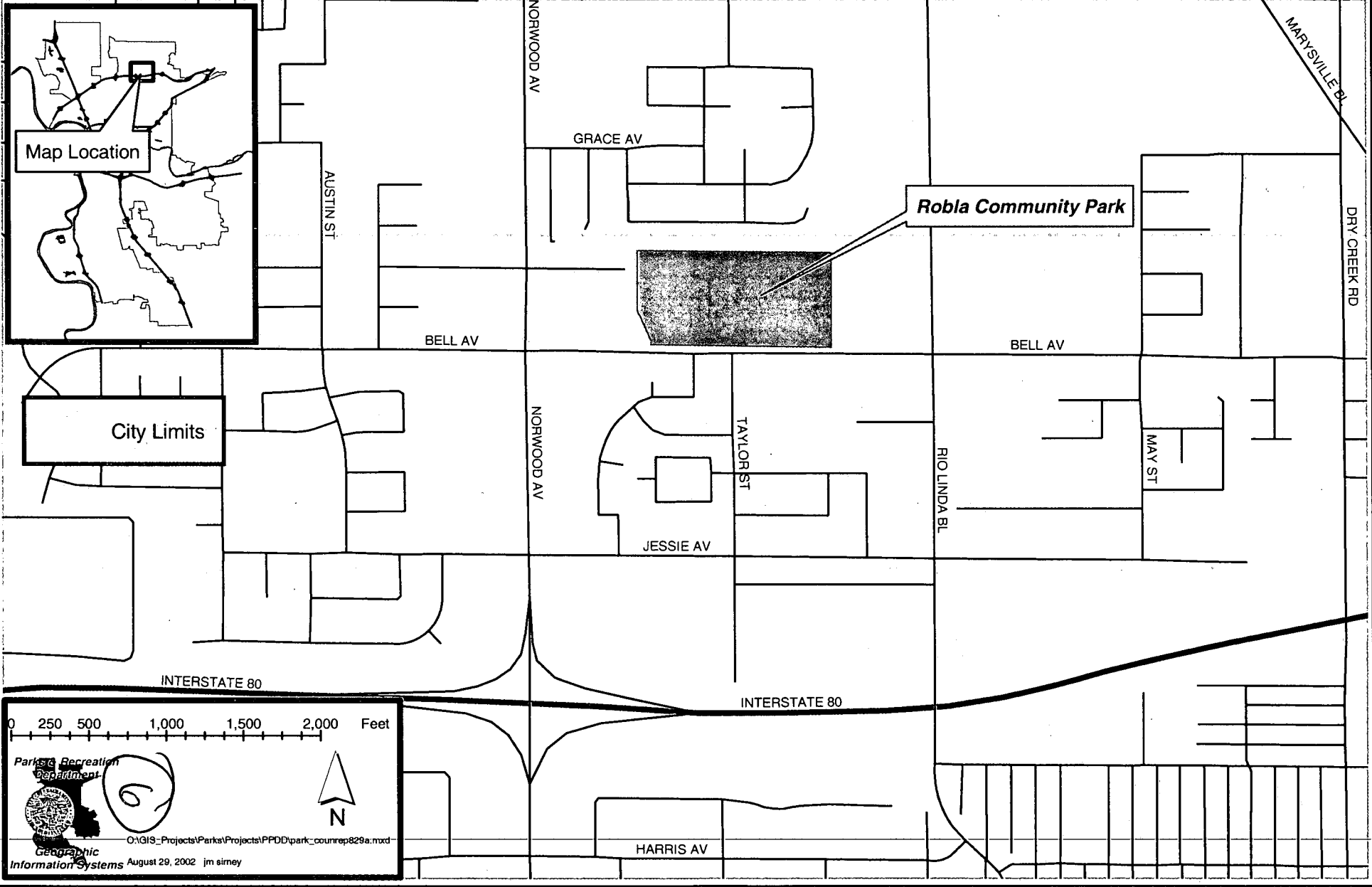
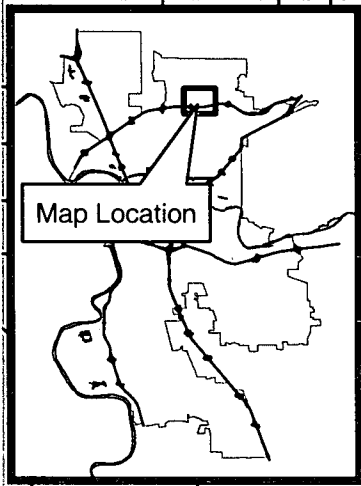
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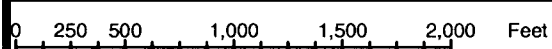
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Robla Community Park



City Limits



Parks & Recreation Department

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