



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
April 18, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks Park, CIP LW52

**Location/Council District:**

Marconi Avenue and Kenwood Street, Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1) Approving the Amended Master Plan for The John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks Park, CIP LW52.

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

**Presenters:** None

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Park Planning, Design and Development

**Organization No:** 4727

**Summary:**

In 1993, the City of Sacramento purchased the site as a joint-use park and detention basin. In December 2004, the City Council approved the acquisition of additional lots for the park. Staff recommends approving the revisions to the 1995 master plan which incorporates the lots acquired and maintains many of the original features.

**Committee/Commission Action:**

The Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation reviewed the master plan for Mackey Park at Kenwood Oaks. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and supported the revised master plan for John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks on April 6, 2006.



**Background Information:**

John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks is located in the northeastern part of the City at the corner of Marconi Avenue and Kenwood Street (Attachment 1, page 4). In 1993, the City of Sacramento purchased the site as a joint-use park and detention basin. In June of 1995, the City Council ratified the Negative Declaration and adopted the mitigation report for the detention basin and eventual construction of a community park. In October of 1995, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Utilities created a master plan for the development of the park/detention basin through the community review process for what was previously known as Marconi Park or Marconi/Kenwood Park. In early 2000, the Citizen's Advisory Committee supported and the City Council approved the name change to the John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks. John Mackey was the ranch superintendent who raised and trained the horses at the 44,000-acre Haggin ranch, internationally know for fine racehorses; he was also a significant leader in Sacramento during the 1890's. In December 2004, the City Council approved the acquisition of additional lots for the park. The 1995 master plan for the park has been revised to incorporate those acquisitions.

The revised master plan (Attachments 2 & 3, pages 5 & 6) maintains many of the original features of the initial master plan. The features of this master plan include: a tot lot, an adventure play area, a picnic area with shade canopy, paths, new trees, and a short walking trail with interpretive signage about detention basins. There will be very little turf area in order to retain the native oak grove and "rural" look of the park.

The project's tentative schedule is for the design to be completed and bid upon by June 2006. Completion of the project is tentatively scheduled for early 2007.

**Financial Considerations:**

There are no financial considerations with this report. There is currently funding in the Capital Improvement Program to develop Phase I of the park. This report requests approval for the amended park master plan and environmental documents. Financial impacts will be reported when staff returns to City Council for approval of the construction contract.

**Environmental Considerations:**

A Negative Declaration was ratified and the mitigation report was adopted by the City Council on June 13, 1995. The Development Services Department, Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks project and has determined that the project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections 15303(e), 15304(b) and 15311(a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Projects exempt under Class 3, Section number 15303(e) consist of construction of new small structures or facilities.


Projects exempt under Class 4, Section number 15304(b) consist of new gardening or landscaping. Projects exempted under Class 11, Section 15311(a) consist of construction or replacement of minor structures including on-premise signs. Staff will return to the City Council should additional environmental issues be discovered when the construction contract is awarded.

**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):**

No goods or services are being purchased in association with this report.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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ROBERT G. OVERSTREET II  
Director of Parks and Recreation

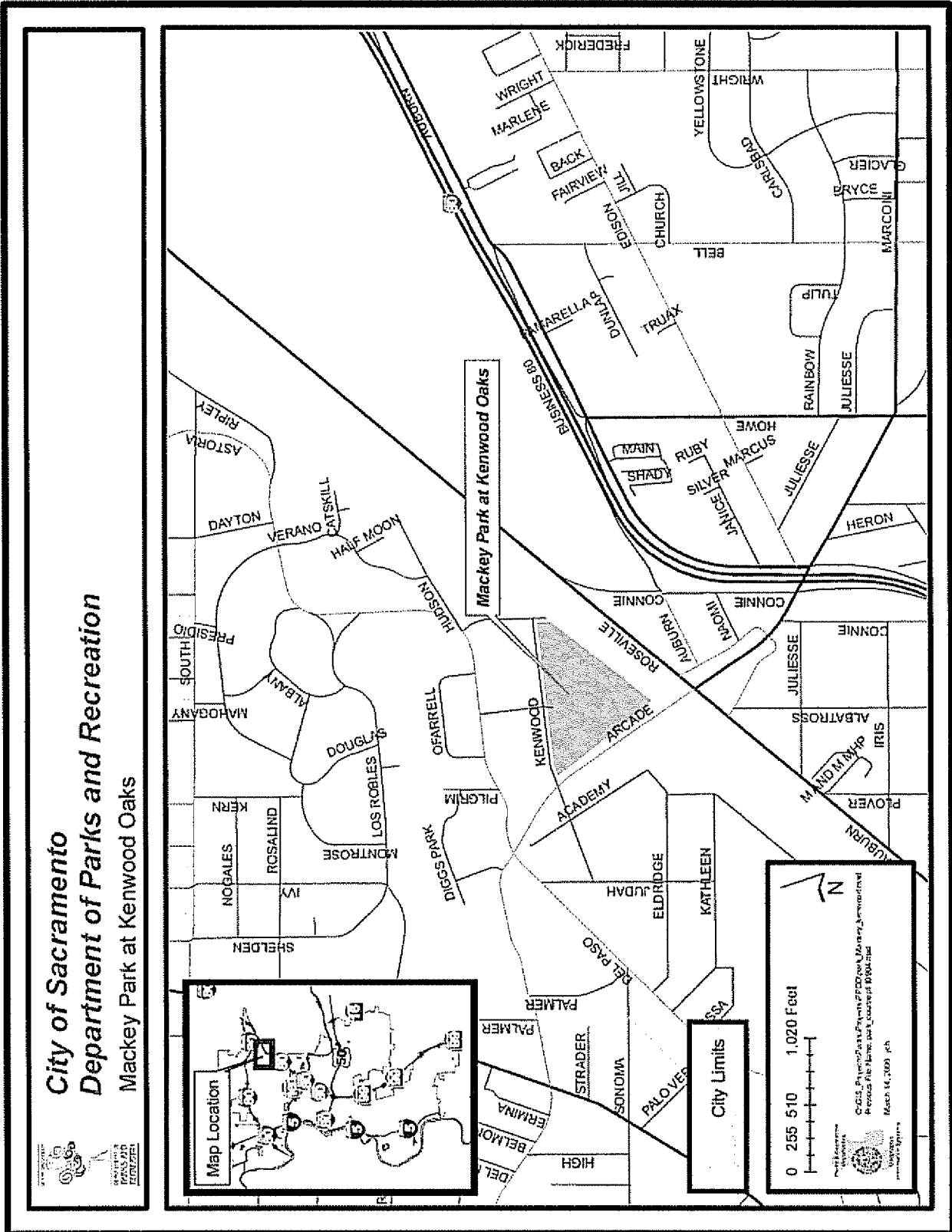
Recommendation Approved:

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

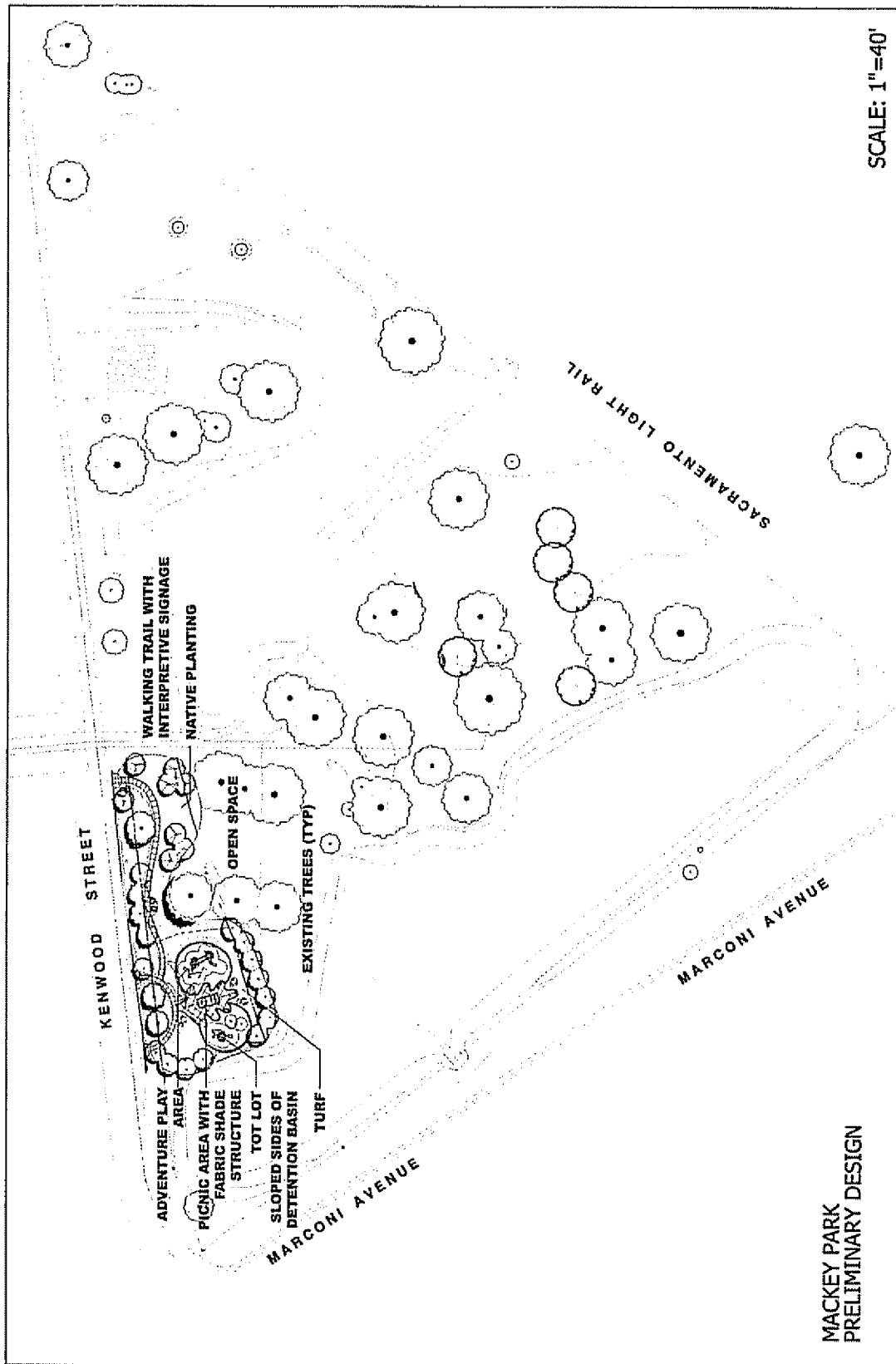
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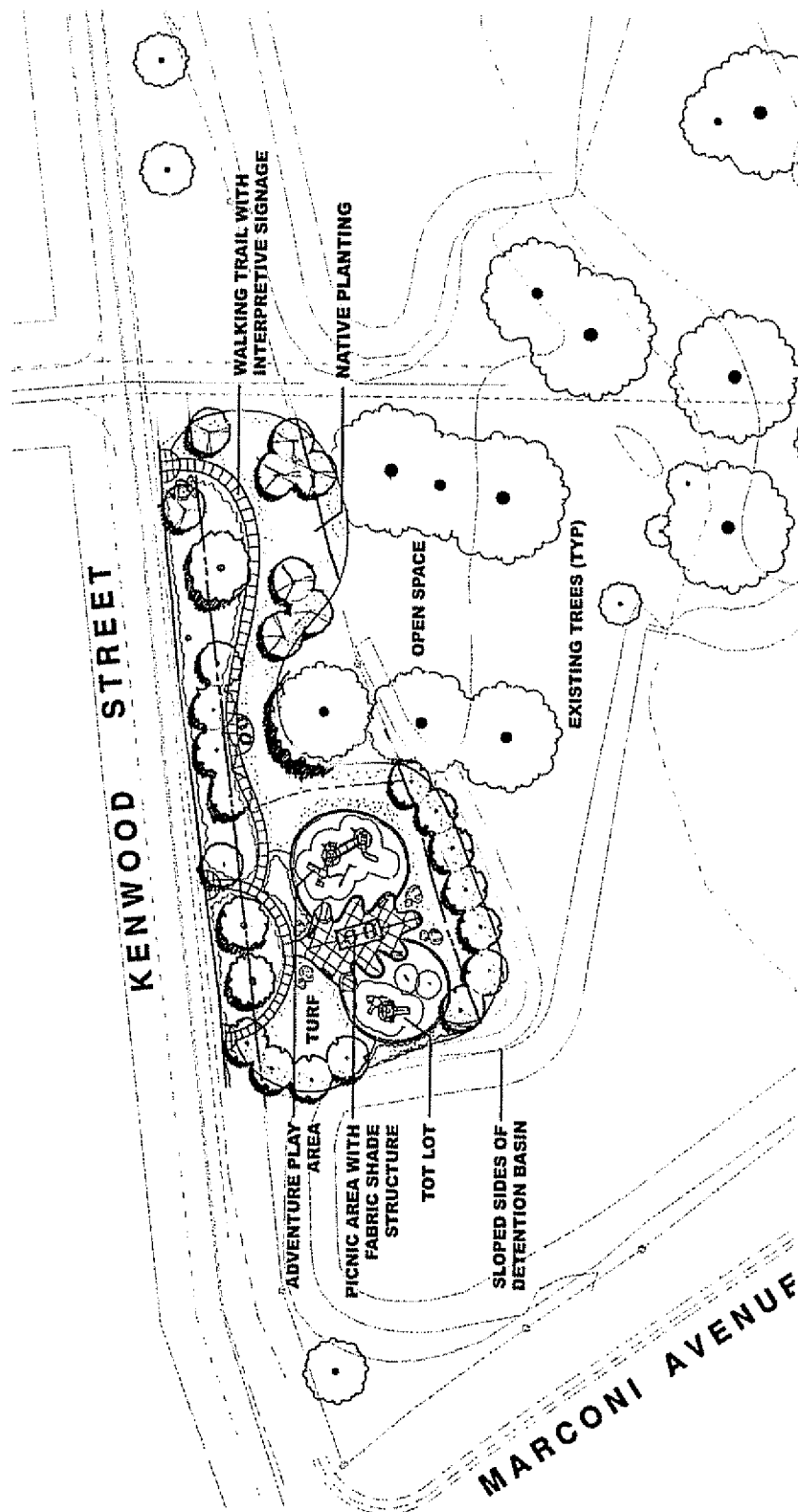
Attachment 1 – Area Map



Attachment 2 – Revision to the Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks Master Plan



Attachment 3 – Project Enlargement



**Mackey Park at Kenwood Oaks**  
Project enlargement March 2006 (NTS)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-XXXX**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 18, 2006

**APPROVING THE AMENDED MASTER PLAN FOR THE JOHN MACKEY  
MEMORIAL PARK AT KENWOOD OAKS, CIP LW52.**

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. In 1993, the City of Sacramento purchased the site as a joint-use park and detention basin.
- B. In June of 1995, the City Council ratified the Negative Declaration and adopted the mitigation report for the detention basin and eventual construction of a community park.
- C. In October 1995, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Utilities developed a master plan for the development of the park/detention basin through the community review process for what was previously known as Marconi Park or Marconi/Kenwood Park.
- D. In March 2000, the City Council approved the name change to the John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks. John Mackey was the ranch superintendent who raised and trained the horses at the 44,000-acre Haggin ranch, internationally known for fine racehorses; he was also a significant leader in Sacramento during the 1890's.
- E. In December 2004, the City Council approved the acquisition of additional lots for the park. The 1995 master plan for the park has been revised to incorporate those acquisitions.

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

- Section 1. Approves the revised master plan for the John Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks, CIP LW52.