



## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 2010  
To: Park Commission  
From: Daniel C. Hernandez  
Subject: Quimby Funding Request for Waller Park Playfields

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### RECOMMENDATION

- A. Receive staff report on the requested funding and scope of work (attached) for the study of the installation of playfields at Waller Park.
- B. Approve staff recommendation to approve the project and recommend to the Board of Supervisors their approval to allocate \$149,050 from the Santa Maria Quimby Funds 1397/1398.

### DISCUSSION

On January 13, 2009 upon the request of 4th District Supervisor Joni Gray the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors established the Orcutt Sports Commission (OSC). The OSC is comprised of seven community members. The Commission was established to address the demand for sports fields and recreational areas within the unincorporated area of Orcutt, particularly in light of: 1) the recent and pending growth of the community; and 2) changing dynamics of the Orcutt Union School District (OUSD) space needs. Growth within the OUSD, which has provided the majority of area currently and historically utilized by Orcutt youth sports leagues for organized outdoor activities, is expected to displace many or all of the existing fields in the near future.

The Orcutt Sports Commission proposes that some areas of Waller Park be converted to active recreation, by accommodating the construction of a number of baseball fields, soccer fields, concession stand(s) restrooms(s) and parking lots to provide facilities for organized recreation activities. To that end, the OSC issued a RFP to selected consultants for design services. The firm of RRM Design from San Luis Obispo was selected for the project; their proposal is attached with this report.

The current balance in the Santa Maria Quimby Fund #1397 is \$369,768; the <sup>Orcutt</sup> ~~Santa Maria~~ Quimby Fund #1398 is \$410,463. The combined balance is \$780, 230. Approval of the request would reduce the available balance to \$631,180 for the combined funds. There are no other pending Quimby requests for the 4<sup>th</sup> District Demand Area.

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**Minutes amended as follows:**

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Retirements - - change "structuring" to "restructuring."

**3. Public Comment – None.**

**4. Fitness Zones Update – Presentation by Carla Frisk, Trust for Public Land**

Ms. Frisk from the Trust for Public Land updated the Commission on what they have been working on. The Trust met with the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee where they asked for a \$5,000 grant. The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District supported this request. Also, two weeks ago, Ms. Frisk, a representative from the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District and a representative from Supervisor Farr's office met to discuss pending questions. Unfortunately, the Trust for Public Land was unable to meet with the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee due to dead week, finals and vacation. The Trust for Public Land should know next week whether they received the \$5,000 grant. Secondly, the Trust is pursuing other potential funding options. Ms. Frisk intends to return in April to report on the grant and the pursuit of private funding in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**5. Non Smoking Ordinance – Presentation by Dawn Dunn, Public Health Department**

Dawn Dunn from the Public Health Department was present for any discussion and questions concerning the Non Smoking Ordinance. It was recommended that the Parks Commission review language related to the County Non Smoking Ordinance to be forwarded with a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

**Public Comment:**

Lucille Boss, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, is in favor of this Ordinance. Donna Beal is in favor of this Ordinance. Asa Olsson from Girls Inc. of Carpinteria is in favor of this Ordinance. Brian Trautwein from the Environmental Defense Center is in favor of this Ordinance.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Dale moved, seconded by Commissioner Chirman and carried by a vote of 4-1 (Petersen no) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt this ordinance with the addition of all tobacco products being banned and trails.

**6. Quimby Fees Request for the Waller Park Play Fields – Presented by Juan Beltranena**

Juan Beltranena, Project Manager for Parks presented this item and was available for questions. It was recommended that the Commission approve staff's recommendation to approve the project and recommend to the Board of Supervisors their approval to allocate \$149,050 from the Santa Maria Quimby Funds 1397/1398.

**Public Comment:**

Jeff Ferber is with RRM Design, which is the consultant firm on the project. He introduced himself to the Commission and was there to answer questions about the firm or concerning the scope of the project.

→ **ACTION:** Commissioner Petersen moved, seconded by Commissioner Dale and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 (Hudson abstained) to recommend commitment of development funds for Orcutt Sports Field master planning at Waller Park, full request of \$149,050.

**7. County Budget Update – Presented by Nicole Koon**

Nicole Koon, Parks Finance Officer gave an updated report on the County Budget. She has been working with the department to identify additional funding and ways to save money in order to fund the Parks Department priority Board of Supervisors projects, which were identified in the last budget workshop. Those priorities items included Sheriff Patrols at the County Parks, fully funding lifeguard programs seven days a week, and hiring key positions within the department starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. We were able to accomplish all these things, as well as maintain core service levels going forward into FY 2010-2011. In order to fund the larger priority of the Board for public safety departments, what has happened is we had a shift of \$1 million that was on going from the general fund moved to a one time fund, so we have a cliff created for us in 2011-2012 and we have about a year now to figure out how to close that gap. We have been looking at out of the box ways to maintain our programming and increase service levels. We have a lot of good opportunities that are coming before us, for example, the Goleta Beach project, so we do have a lot of opportunities to close the gap. We have balanced our budget for FY 2010-2011 and we also got the initial ok from the Board of Supervisors to keep \$750,000 for a deferred maintenance program, which is on the capital side of things and that will really help us going forward.

**8. Notice of Public Hearing: Goleta Beach 2.0 – Presented by Erik Axelson**

Erik Axelson, South County Parks Deputy Director presented the Goleta Beach 2.0 concept plan and was available for questions. It was recommended that the Commission approve the staff recommendation to support the Goleta Beach 2.0 concept plan as the basis for a new project and application to the California Coastal Commission and recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

**Public Comment:**

NA  
Michael Rattray, representing Goleta Beach Park Coalition, presented an alternative for this project. Rachel Couch, representing the State Coastal Conservancy, supports staff's approach to this project. Kristen Amyx, representing the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, said that staff has done a great job creating the plan, but feels they do not know the rules. Greg Smith supports the second alternative that Michael Rattray presented. Brian Trautwein, representing the Environmental Defense Center, supports staffs recommendations. Tim Mahoney, representing Southern California Gas Company, spoke on the relocation of the utility lines. Ed De La Torre, representing Goleta Beach Park Coalition, is concerned with the environmental impacts of this project. Sandy Lejeune, Chair of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, is in favor of this project. Michael Bennett, from the City of Goleta, discussed his likes and concerns of this project. Valerie Olson, representing the More Mesa Preservation Coalition, supports this project. Glenn Davis is against removing any more parking from Goleta Beach, moving utility lines and managed retreat. Barbara and Jon Greenleaf, Janet Koed, Deane Plaister, Eddie Harris, and Chris Langle sent email communications in support of the project.