



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
For Agenda Of: August 9th, 2011
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 20 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5 Vote

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Brian Roney, Interim Parks Director (805) 568-2461 *BR*
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Approval of Waller Park Playfields Master Plan and Quimby Funds; Fourth Supervisorial District.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the Master Plan for active recreation sports fields at Waller Park;
- b) Authorize the use of Quimby Funds from the Orcutt Quimby Fee Fund and the Orcutt Development Fee Fund in the amount of \$125,000 for the environmental review of the Master Plan (\$62,500 each);
- c) Find, after consideration of environmental factors, that this action is a planning study for possible future actions, which the County has not approved, adopted or funded, and that the action is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15262; and
- d) Approve the Budget Revision Request No. 1690 in the amount of \$125,000.

Summary Text:

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. The firm of RRM Design from San Luis Obispo was selected for the project.

Background:

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 OCS is comprised of seven community members and staff from Planning and Ddevelopment, and Parks. 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.

On May 18th, 2010 the Board approved the use of Quimby funds to hire an architect to prepare a Master Plan for active recreation fields at Waller Park. The OSC met several times over the last year to consider a reduced scope program of needs and work with the design firm to shape the Master Plan. The OCS held numerous meeting with stakeholders, community groups, neighbors, representatives from the Parks Department, Planning and Development, Friends of Waller Park, the soccer and baseball communities in Santa Maria and Orcutt and the local YMCA. The Master Plan presented here is one that meets the needs and respects the constraints of all the stakeholders.

At their February 3, 2011 Meeting, the Santa Barbara Parks Commission reviewed the Master Plan and recommended that the OCS take the Master Plan to the Planning Commission for their review and endorsement. On May 11, 2011, the OCS presented the Master Plan to the Planning Commission and received overwhelming support for the project.

Previously, Parks had received approval to use Quimby funds for the Waller Park Improvements Project, however because Parks was able to secure a grant from State Parks for this project, the funds were returned to the Quimby Fund. Thus, Parks requests that these funds now be authorized to prepare the necessary environmental documents for the sports fields Master Plan.

Parks is currently developing a strategy plan to address ongoing maintenecne costs. User groups for these facilities are expected to contributre most, if not all, the maintenance costs through user fees, fundraising and group contributions.

Performance Measure:

Remain responsive to the needs of park users by achieving a response of “yes” to the following question on 90% of 350 annual customer satisfaction surveys returned: “Did the quality of your experience in the park meet your expectations?”

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees: Orcutt Quimby Fund	\$ 62,500.00		\$ 62,500.00
Fees: Orcutt Development Fee Fund	\$ 62,500.00		\$ 62,500.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 125,000.00

Narrative:

The requested funding is available from the Orcutt Quimby Fund (1397) and the Orcutt Development Fee Agency Fund (1398). Use of these Quimby funds is restricted to park or recreational facilities within the Santa Maria and Orcutt Demand Areas.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, attn. Juan M. Beltranena.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 - Master Plan Illustrations from RRM Design, SLO.
- Attachment 2 - Staff report and Minutes from the February 3, 2011 meeting of the Parks Commission
- Attachment 3 - Minutes from the May 11, 2011 meeting of the Planning Commission
- Attachment 4 – Notice of Exemption
- Attachment 5 – Budget Revision Request 0001690

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