



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: 12/5/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) Jason Stilwell (568-2461)
Contact Info: Mike Gibson, Business Manager (568-2477)
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation of \$10,300 from the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee Towards Phase 2 Park Improvements at Rhoads Open Space in the Goleta Area; Second Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Accept a donation of \$10,300 from the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee towards Phase 2 park improvements at Rhoads Open Space in the Goleta area.
- B. Approve a budget revision to appropriate the \$10,300 donation to the Parks Capital Outlay Fund for completion of the Phase 2 park improvements within the Rhoads Open Space, including additional landscaping, two new swing sets, two park benches, a picnic table, a park sign, and a donor display (Second Supervisorial District).

Summary:

Rhoads Open Space, which is located in the unincorporated area of Goleta, has been undergoing various Phase 1 park improvements over the past year. This was the result of community meetings, which were sponsored by Supervisor Rose, at which requests were made from the public for a variety of improvements at this neighborhood park. These improvements included the installation of a new playground, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved walkway, four park benches, a picnic table, and a drinking fountain. The cost of the improvements (\$66,377) was funded by South Coast West Quimby funds.

Additional Phase 2 improvements, to be funded by a community fundraising effort, along with a \$20,000 General Fund allocation approved by the Board in the FY 2006-07 budget, were also

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envisioned for this open space location. These improvements include additional landscaping, two new swing sets, two park benches, a picnic table, a park sign, and a donor display.

A small coalition of neighbors, which was formed as a result of community meetings sponsored by Supervisor Rose, has been conducting a fundraising campaign over the past year to support the completion of the park. The neighborhood group, which is known as the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee, has raised \$10,300 to date for this project, including individual and private nonprofit donations. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept this donation and appropriate these funds to the Parks Department's capital outlay budget to complete the Phase 2 improvements.

Background:

Rhoads Open Space, which is partially developed with an irrigated lawn, is approximately 2.46 acres in size and is located in the unincorporated area of Goleta. Community meetings over the past year or so, sponsored by Supervisor Rose, resulted in requests from the public for a variety of park improvements at this location. The first phase of improvements, including the installation of a new playground, an ADA-approved walkway for access to the playground, four park benches, a picnic table, and a drinking fountain were completed during the past year. The total cost of these improvements (\$66,377) was funded by South Coast West Quimby funds.

Additional Phase 2 improvements, including additional landscaping, installation of two new swing sets, two park benches, a picnic table, a park sign, and a donor display structure (with commemorative tiles recognizing individual donors), were also envisioned for this open space location. During the summer and fall of 2005, Supervisor Rose held a series of community meetings that allowed local residents the opportunity to participate in the visioning process for the park. From this effort, a small coalition of neighbors, the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee, was formed to support the completion of the park through a fundraising campaign. The community fundraising effort has been underway during the past year, during which time individual and private foundation donations, totaling \$10,300, have been secured for this project. This includes \$4,800 in individual contributions from neighborhood residents, a \$3,000 donation from the Mosher Foundation, and a \$2,500 donation from the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara. A check for \$10,300 was submitted to the Santa Barbara County Parks Foundation from the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee in order to receive the tax deduction as a charitable donation. This donation is in addition to the \$20,000 General Fund allocation approved by the Board during the FY 2006-07 budget process for the Phase 2 improvements.

It is therefore recommended that the Board accept this \$10,300 donation and appropriate these funds to the Parks Department's Capital Outlay Fund towards completion of the Phase 2 improvements. This adheres to the Board adopted policy on acceptance of donations. The improvements will assist in meeting the recreational needs within this neighborhood area.

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Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes 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	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Donation from Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee	\$ 10,300.00		\$ 10,300.00
Total	\$ 30,300.00	\$ -	\$ 30,300.00

Narrative: The donated funds (\$10,300) from the Rhoads Neighborhood Park Committee, which were deposited into the Santa Barbara County Parks Foundation’s bank account, will be appropriated to the Parks Capital Outlay Fund (052/0030) for completion of the Phase 2 improvements for this project.

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to the Parks Department/Administration, Attn: Mike Gibson

Attachments:

Budget Revision Request

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