

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:
Master Plan and Naming of Cove Neighborhood Park

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Location: District 4

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) approving the master plan for the neighborhood park located in The Cove development project; and 2) approving the naming of the park site as Cove Park.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Location Map
- 3-Neighborhood Park Master Plan
- 4-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment recommends approving the Master Plan for the neighborhood park located at The Cove development project. The Cove development project is located north of West El Camino Avenue, between I-80 and Natomas West Drainage Canal. The neighborhood park site at The Cove is a 1.8-acre parcel located within the subdivision. The proposed Park Master Plan includes the following amenities: 1) tot lot with shade structure, 2) covered picnic area, 3) half-court basketball court, 4) concrete walkways, 5) open turf play area, 6) site furnishings, and 7) low water use planting. The Department also recommends naming the park site as Cove Park.

Policy Considerations: Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City’s strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City. The adoption of a park master plan is consistent with the park development process set forth in the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Environmental Considerations: Environmental review of The Cove development project included the proposed neighborhood park.

Sustainability: The proposed Park Master Plan has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City’s Sustainability Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan. The park will advance the goals, policies, and targets of these plans by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of trees and other plantings and improving health of residents through the access to a diverse mix of wellness activities. Individual products have not been chosen at this level of development, but the design will include products from recycled materials, if available, and shade covering for less heat gain. The park development will include sustainable design using water efficient irrigation design controlled by the centralized irrigation system, low water-use shrubs and groundcover, and use of native tree plantings.

Commission/Committee Action: The park master plan was considered and unanimously recommended for approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission at its March 7, 2019 meeting.

Rationale for Recommendation: The park master plan has been prepared by the developer with input by the community and Department staff. The park name reflects the name of the development project.

The park site is located at the center of the subdivision, creating a welcoming place for the community to gather and recreate. The park is surrounded by public roads on all four sides and homes will front onto the park, furthering a sense of community and safety with “eyes on the park” at all times. The park amenities are planned to cultivate both active and passive use for all types of users at varying stages of life, with an emphasis on youth. At the larger portion of the park open turf is utilized in such a way that a pick-up game of soccer, a game of toss, or rugby can be accommodated. At the south eastern edge of the park a smaller turf area is planned for more quiet uses such as sun bathing, picnicking, and reading on warm afternoons. At the north western end of the park a half basketball court is planned to add a hard court and allow for small, informal, games of basketball or the like. A tot lot is planned for the park at the north eastern corner and includes a small covered group picnic and seating area for parents or guardians to oversee small children during playtime. Also included as an amenity of the park are stormwater/bioretention planter areas at the corners of the park that include natural boulders and enhanced plantings to showcase smart water collection principals and an evolving attitude towards environmental responsibility.

A centrally located park was envisioned within the community. Several paseos, acting as fingers for pedestrian conveyance, extend through the development and connect into an off-street trail along the eastern edge of the development. This trail ties into the City's off-street trail system. The developer will construct a pedestrian bridge over an existing drainage canal connecting The Cove development and nearby Barandas Park, a 13-acre community park. The new bridge will allow Cove residents full access to additional recreation amenities at Barandas park. The Barandas Park master plan includes amenities such as a dog park, softball/regulation-sized soccer fields, and amphitheater, a full-size basketball court and volleyball courts. Currently Barandas Park has been half developed. Park impact fees which are not used for Cove Park and Quimby fees collected from this development will be used for improvements at Barandas Park.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial considerations associated with this report as this park will be constructed by the developer in exchange for park impact fee credits. Approval of the master plan does not constitute approval of the construction of the park.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable