

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Meadows Park Master Plan Amendment

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Location: District 1

Recommendation:

Pass a Motion approving the amended Meadows Park Master Plan.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Meadows Park Master Plan Amendment

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The proposed Meadows Park is an 11.2-acre community park located at 1840 North Breezy Meadows Drive in the Natomas Meadows Community of North Natomas.

The Meadows Park Master Plan was approved in 2006. Based on a recent community meeting, certain features of the Master Plan were requested to be changed. The revised Meadows Park Master Plan would delete the lighted baseball field and two full size basketball courts and instead add a community garden, dog park and two half basketball courts. The dog park will include a large dog park (1.5 acres) and a small dog park (0.5 acres).

The remaining components of the Master Plan remain unchanged. They include a group picnic area with shade shelter, picnic seating areas, an adventure play area with fabric canopy, a tot lot with fabric canopy, a lighted softball field, two lighted tennis courts, a restroom building, a common green

area, walkways, decomposed granite jogging path with shade trees and water efficient landscaping, informal turf areas, an urban forest, a garden arbor, a concrete seat wall with public art, a fountain wall, and on-street parking (70 spaces).

Policy Considerations: On August 29, 2006, the City Council adopted the “Meadows Park” name and the Meadows Park Master Plan for this park (Resolution No. 2006-0646).

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 master plan is consistent with the park development process set forth in the 2005-2010 Park & Recreation Master Plan.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Environmental Considerations: On July 18, 2006, the City Council approved a Negative Declaration and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring Plan for the development of The Pardee at Natomas project (P05-129), Resolution No. 2006-0534. The Master Plan for Meadows Park project components were evaluated within the Negative Declaration for the Pardee at Natomas project.

The revised Master Plan deletes the lighted baseball field and two full size basketball courts and adds a community garden, dog park and two half basketball courts. These changes are not considered substantial and do not meet the criteria in Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines which would require additional environmental review.

Sustainability: The proposed Master Plan amendment been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City’s Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan (PRSP). The proposed 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. The park development will include sustainable design using water efficient irrigation design controlled by the centralized irrigation system, water conserving turf, low water use shrubs and groundcover, and use of native tree plantings.

Commission/Committee Action: On December 6, 2018 the Parks and Recreation Commission supported the amendment to the Meadows Park Master Plan and recommended that the revised master plan be forwarded to City Council for approval.

Rationale for Recommendation: The park development project initially began in 2006 as a planned “turn-key” park. In 2008, the developer withdrew from the project as the economy declined and the park site remained undeveloped for years.

Many residents currently live in the Natomas Meadows Community and have requested for new park amenities to be added to the original Meadows Park Master Plan, including a dog park, a community garden and two half basketball courts.

The proposed revised Meadows Park Master Plan was developed based on public's input and was reviewed and supported by the residents at the Natomas Meadows Community Association meeting on October 18, 2018.

Financial Considerations: The amendment of the Meadows Park t does not have any fiscal impact.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable