TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATE: AUGUST 7, 2006 CMR: 311:06
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UNDEVELOPED GREER PARK SITE

This report is informational; no Council action is requested at this time.

BACKGROUND
In 2005, Council directed the Park and Recreation Commission (PARC) to provide a recommendation regarding the best use for the undeveloped 1.5 acre site at Greer Park. The PARC convened a subcommittee to investigate all possible options for the site. Upon completion of the subcommittee’s work, the PARC unanimously approved the following recommendation to Council:

• The PARC recognizes the groundswell of community support for the completion of Greer Park.
• The PARC believes that the completion of Greer Park should be the City’s next most important recreation priority.
• The PARC recommends that the City Council accept this report, and recommends two options for consideration by the Council: 1) development of the parcel into a passive park and 2) development of the parcel into additional tennis courts.

At its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Finance Committee considered the PARC recommendation and unanimously approved a motion “to proceed with completion of Greer Park and use the area for a developed passive park and make it compatible with the addition of future tennis courts.”

DISCUSSION
Existing staff workload necessitates that this project be scheduled for design late in the 07/08 budget year with construction beginning in the 08/09 budget year. Consequently, and to conform with “just-in-time capital improvement project budgeting”, staff will prepare a CIP to develop the site into a passive park and seek Council approval in the 07/09 budget process.

RESOURCE IMPACT
Total cost of the project is estimated to be $400,000. Funding for this project can be provided through park development impact fees which has an existing balance of approximately $940,000 of which $200,000 is pledged to the Palo Alto/Stanford Field project, $75,000 to the proposed Heritage Park playground construction, and $150,000 to construct park restrooms. The sum of
these pre-designated costs is $425,000, leaving a balance of $515,000 for the Greer project. It is anticipated that proposed future developments will undoubtedly provide the additional $25,000 by fiscal year 08/09 to complete the funding requirement for the Greer project.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
A Park Improvement Ordinance will be required for park development.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**
Environmental review will be performed at the time the project is presented to Council.

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