

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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**SUBJECT: PARK IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE FOR RENOVATION OF
RAMOS PARK**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) recommend that City Council adopt and approve a Park Improvement Ordinance (Attachment A) authorizing the renovation of the playground and park amenities (Exhibit B).

BACKGROUND

Capital improvement funding of \$200,000 was approved by City Council to address park renovation needs. The renovation includes infrastructure, accessibility and maintenance improvements. The renovation of the existing playground is the main park amenity to be replaced.

Capital improvement funding of \$350,000 was approved by City Council to add a restroom to the park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project primarily focuses on the playground, access, and surrounding park furnishings as diagramed in Exhibit A.

- (1) Remove and replace existing toddler playground with a playground spanning the age of toddlers through children age five and above;
- (2) Installation of a new pre-fabricated restroom building;
- (3) Expansion of concrete walkway loop path connection;
- (4) Replace or install site furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, and drinking fountain;
- (5) New 42" tall chain link fencing along E. Meadow Drive at the North East turf area;
- (6) Addition of new basketball court striping and new basketball hoop at the existing paved area;
and
- (7) Planting of native trees and shrubs.

DISCUSSION

Two community outreach meetings were held for design review. An in-person meeting on January 29, 2020 and an on-line meeting August 13, 2020 to present the proposed renovation items and receive feedback from the community. A subsequent online survey was conducted to capture further input which received input from 198 community members.

The Ramos Park Renovation Project was also discussed at the February 25th & the August 25th, 2002 meetings. The commission reviewed draft design option, reviewed community input and provided design feedback.

The response from community members in attendance at the meetings to the proposed renovation plans were positive and supportive. Input received guided the overall renovation development including: identifying the restroom location, agreeing to expand the age range of the playground and equipment type, the pathway connections and support for native habitat planting.

Per the previous PRC meeting the direct pathway from the current dead end park path out to E. Meadow Drive has been eliminated and replaced with a path along the edge of the decomposed granite picnic area to create a continuous paved loop path through the park as well as access to the new restroom.

Discussion was also held with the community about having a dog off-leash dog pilot program at the Park. Plans for further community outreach and commission discussion on the pilot program are being developed. Because the proposed location for the off-leash area will remain passive turf, the off-leash program is not included as part of the Parks Improvement Ordinance. The off-leash pilot program will continue forward independently from the park renovation project. If the pilot program is approved, it is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2021, prior to completing the park renovation project.

All proposed park renovation items can be viewed on the Attached (Exhibit A).

FUNDING

\$200,000 from the Ramos Park Renovation Project (PE-14000) and \$350,000 from the New Parks Restroom Project (PG-19000) has been approved for this project as part of the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan budget with funding from the City's General Fund.

RESOURCE IMPACT

No staffing increases are proposed as a result of this project and maintenance of Ramos Park is included in the Citywide park maintenance contract. The restroom will require approximately \$9,000 annually to maintain.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Park Improvement Ordinance for Ramos Park

Exhibit A: Diagram of proposed park renovations