



# City of Palo Alto

## City Council Staff Report

(ID # 12181)

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**Report Type: Consent Calendar**

**Meeting Date: 4/19/2021**

**Summary Title: Second Reading: Ramos Park Park Improvement Ordinance**

**Title: SECOND READING: Adoption of a Park Improvement Ordinance for Renovations at Ramos Park (FIRST READING: March 22, 2021 PASSED 7-0)**

**From: City Manager**

**Lead Department: Community Services**

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the attached Park Improvement Ordinance for Ramos Park on second reading. As directed by Council on March 22, 2021, the ordinance has been updated since it was first introduced to remove the chain link fence along East Meadow Drive.

### **Background and Discussion**

On March 22, 2021, the City Council considered an ordinance to approve various improvements to Ramos Park. (See [staff report](#), [draft minutes](#)). The Council adopted the ordinance with one change: removal of the proposed 42" tall chain link fence along East Meadow Drive (which was listed in Section 1(d)(5)). The motion as it appears in the draft minutes is:

**MOTION:** Council Member Cormack moved, seconded by Mayor DuBois to adopt the Park Improvement Ordinance for renovation of the playground and park amenities and installation of a restroom at Ramos Park, with the removal of Section D. 5. **MOTION PASSED: 7-0**

Staff have updated the ordinance accordingly and recommend adopting the ordinance as attached on second reading.

### **Environmental Review**

This ordinance as recommended is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA regulations 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15303 (New Construction of Small Facilities or Structures).

### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A – Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Plan for Facility Improvements at Ramos Park

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving and Adopting a  
Plan for Facility Improvements at Ramos Park

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings and Improvements. The City Council finds and declares that:

(a) Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto and section 22.08.005 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code require that, before any substantial building, construction, reconstruction or development is commenced or approved, upon or with respect to any land held by the City for park purposes, the Council shall first cause to be prepared and by ordinance approve and adopt a plan therefor.

(b) Ramos Park (the "Park") is dedicated to park purposes. (See Municipal Code section 22.08.170 *et seq.*)

(c) The City intends to authorize the renovation of various facilities at the Park.

(d) The plan of improvements shall comprise as follows:

- (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) Addition of new basketball court striping and new basketball hoop at the existing paved area; and
- (6) Planting of native trees and shrubs.

(e) Exhibit A depicts the expected implementation of the plan of improvements.

(f) The plan of improvements described above is consistent with park, playground, recreation, and conservation purposes.

(g) The City Council desires to approve the plan of improvements described above.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves the plan of improvements in the Park described in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that this ordinance falls under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions found in Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15303 (New Construction of Small Facilities or Structures).

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED:

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Deputy City Attorney

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City Manager

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Director of Community Services

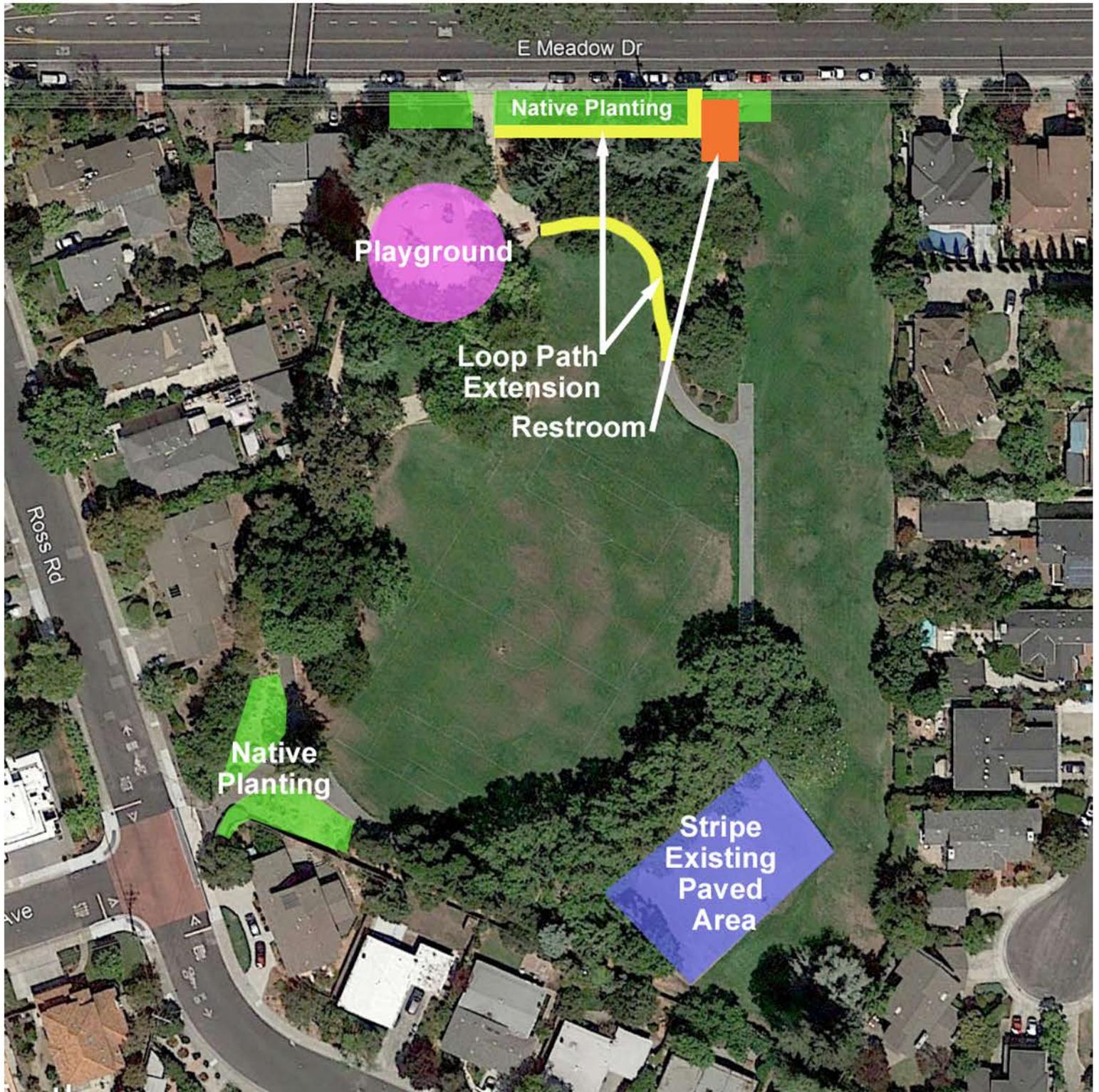
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Director of Public Works

\*NOT YET ADOPTED\*

## **Exhibit A**

(see diagram on following page)

# Exhibit 'A'



# Ramos Park Renovation Exhibit