

# Agenda Report

April 12, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO PMC CHAPTER 4.17  
(RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE) TO ADD ANNANDALE CANYON PARK  
TO THE LIST OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE AREAS ON WHICH  
RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEES MAY BE EXPENDED

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge that the recommended changes to Title 4 of the Municipal Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4); and
2. Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance within 60 days that will amend Chapter 4.17.060 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, to add Annandale Canyon Park as a community park as depicted on Drawing Number 5938.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City's Residential Impact Fee Ordinance establishes a fund for the collection of fees to be used in the development, acquisition, construction and/or installation of park or recreational facilities. On February 9, 2009, the City Council approved the purchase of Annandale Canyon Estates property located at 1420 Wierfield Avenue and 1410 Wierfield Avenue for the purpose of creating the Annandale Canyon Park. Staff recommends that Chapter 4.17.060 of the Residential Impact Fee Ordinance be amended to include Annandale Canyon Park as depicted in drawing number 5938(attached). Annandale Canyon Park will be categorized as a community park in the west park district. This action will make this area dedicated parkland and allow the expenditures of Residential Impact Fees for needed improvements.

## **COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The addition of this park is consistent with the Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element Objective 2 of the General Plan by recognizing the importance to Pasadena of

the history, cultural resources, and unique character of the Arroyo Seco, and conserving and enhancing these assets. Also, the project is consistent with Objective 5 of the General Plan by acknowledging and enhancing Pasadena's important relationship with the Angeles National Forest and other regional trail systems.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The adoption of the proposed amendments is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as CEQA only applies if the City is undertaking or approving a "project." Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), excluded from the definition of "project" are the creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project. The actions proposed herein would allow the expenditure of Residential Impact Fees on the Annandale Canyon Park, but do not propose a specific construction project. If/when such a construction project were proposed, it would be subject to appropriate environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

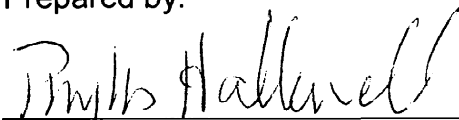
The approval of the proposed amendment to the Pasadena Municipal Code would expand the amount of parkland and open space on which residential impact fees may be expended. No appropriation is recommended at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



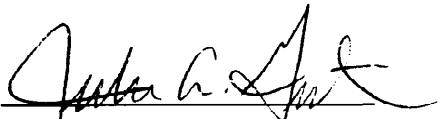
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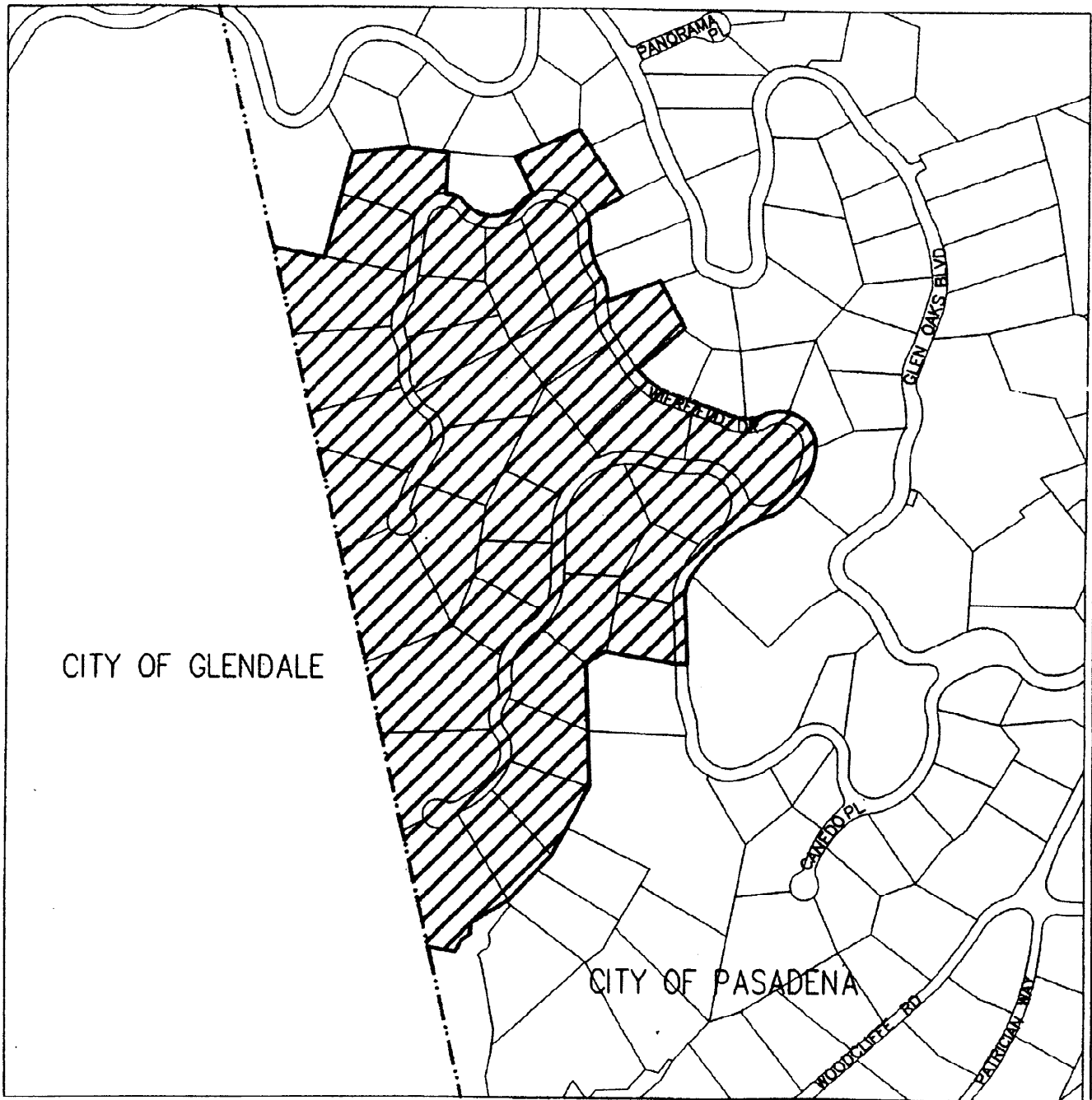
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Attachment



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CITY OF PASADENA  
ANNANDALE CANYON ESTATES

SCALE:	DATE:
NTS	3/30/10
STANDARD PLAN:	

REVIEWED BY:

CITY ENGINEER

*Daniel A. R.*

3/30/2010  
DATE

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