

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL January 22, 2001

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Appropriation of \$30,000 for
Memorial Park/Senior Center Fence

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating \$30,000 in Residential Development Fees allocated to the West Park District Impact Area to Budget Account 71109 (Pasadena Senior Center - Wrought Iron Fence) to provide for the construction of an ornamental iron fence at the Senior Center patio area in Memorial Park.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION:

On January 4, 2001, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted unanimously to oppose the use of Residential Development Fees for the construction of a fence at the Pasadena Senior Center in Memorial Park. While the Commission expressed a desire to see this long-delayed project completed, it felt that because of the limited amount and restricted use of these funds an alternative funding source should be found.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Senior Center redevelopment project removed the fence that had previously separated the Senior Center patio area from Memorial Park. The fence was not replaced because, although the Master Plan called for the installation of a 3-foot high removable panel fence, no funds were available for its installation.

After the opening of the Senior Center, requests were received for a 6-foot high fence to be installed to serve as a physical and psychological barrier between the seniors and undesirable persons who often frequent the park. In 1998, a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant of \$30,000 was secured for the construction of an ornamental iron fence.

Construction drawings for the installation of a 6-foot high ornamental iron fence were initially reviewed by the Design Commission on August 9, 1999. The Commission requested that the proposed fence be reduced to 5-feet in height and the design modified so that the appearance of the fence would mirror that of the Senior Center's handrails. Revised drawings and paint color

samples were reviewed by the Design Commission on September 13, 1999 at which time additional modification of the fence's ornamental elements was requested. Resubmitted drawings containing the requested modified details were approved by the Design Commission on October 23, 1999.

Following approval of the construction drawings, it was estimated that the project faced a shortfall of approximately \$33,000. This shortfall was attributed to the multiple Design Commission submissions, the approval of a different type of fence than that originally envisioned, and construction cost escalation since preparation of the original 1998 cost estimate. On February 29, 2000, a call for bids was approved with the expectation that when the bids were opened and the shortfall gauged more accurately, a funding source would be identified and the needed funds transferred by journal voucher at the time of construction contract award.

The project was duly advertised and bids were opened on April 6, 2000 with the low bid received from Landmark Fence Co. Inc. of Ontario being approximately \$13,000 less than the Engineer's Estimate. Accordingly, the estimated shortfall was reduced to roughly \$20,000. Unfortunately, however, because of unresolved issues regarding priorities for the limited funds available at the time for park projects, the funds needed for construction of the fence were not secured and the bids lapsed.

At this item, sufficient Residential Development Fees have been obtained from new large-scale housing projects that can be allocated to Memorial Park so that the Senior Center fence project can be completed.

The estimated cost to complete the project taking into account increases in the costs of labor, materials, and staff time, including appropriate contingency allowances for each, is as follows:

Advertising and Award	\$ 1,250
Construction Contract	38,000
Engineering/Inspection	<u>7,750</u>
	\$47,000

As there is approximately \$17,000 available in Budget Account 71109, this represents an estimated shortfall of \$30,000. It is, therefore, recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating this sum to the project.

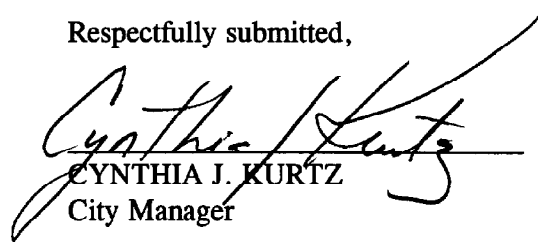
FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed journal voucher appropriating \$30,000 in Residential Development Fees to Budget Account 71109 (Pasadena Senior Center - Wrought Iron Fence) will reduce the funds available for park projects in the West Park District Impact Area by that amount. That sum plus the \$30,000 previously appropriated to the project from a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant will provide the total of \$60,000 that is needed to complete the project.

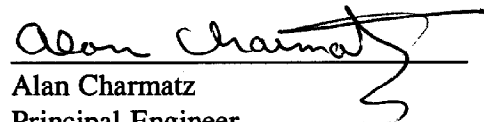
If the fence is not constructed, funds will eventually have to be provided to offset the project development costs incurred to date – approximately \$13,000. This is because, in that event, no reimbursement will be available from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant.

If the requested funds are appropriated to the project and construction completed, reimbursement of \$30,000 will be forthcoming from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant.

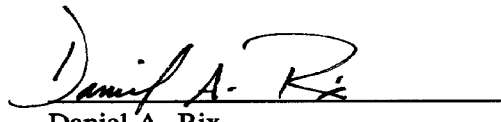
Respectfully submitted,


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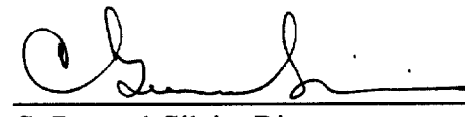
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