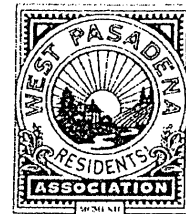


CORRESPONDENCE



October 5, 2011

Planning Commission
Carolyn Naber, Chair
City of Pasadena
Pasadena, CA

Via: Email

RE: Open Space Element – Residential Impact Fees Usage

Dear Commissioners:

Stewardship of Pasadena parks and open spaces is a quality of life issue for all Pasadena residents. The new Open Space Element gives citizens a chance to determine just how important open space is in a world-class city. Making it possible to acquire new space is a critical issue.

At the September, 2011 Recreation and Parks Commission, it was reported that the staff and community committee disagreed on a major point: use of the funds generated by the Residential Impact Fees (RIF) paid during new residential development projects (including single family homes). The community committee is asking that these fees be used for acquisition of land for parks and open space, while the staff prefers to keep the funds used in the manner set forth in our codes, i.e. the monies can also be used for improvements and maintenance.

Upon a request to the City's Finance Department, WPRA found that only \$2 million out of \$18 million raised by RIFs from July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2010 was spend on acquisition of parkland. The remainder was spend on improvements and maintenance (and it is impossible from the report to tell what some of the fees were actually spend on).

WPRA asks that *Title 4 – Revenue and Finance code, Chapter 4.17 – Residential Impact Fee* be changed to require that at least 50% of the fees generated be set aside for acquisition of parkland and open space.

This is a critical issue, as available open space is a decreasing commodity, and a lack of available funds will significantly impact on our ability to acquire open space that may become available.

We hope the Planning Commission will agree that the issue of how we spend funds raised by residential impact fees should be resolved now, before all opportunities to acquire additional spaces are lost.

Best regards,

Michael Udell, President
West Pasadena Residents Association

cc: Michael Beck, Manager, City of Pasadena
Steve Madison, District 6 Representative, City of Pasadena Council

Title 4 - REVENUE AND FINANCE

Chapter 4.17 - RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE

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4.17.010 - Title.

This chapter shall be known as "the new residential impact fee ordinance."

(Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)

4.17.020 - Authority—Conformance with general plan.

This chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority found in the Government Code with respect to the dedication of land or payment of in-lieu fees for park and recreational purposes in residential subdivisions (Gov't Code Section 66477 et seq.). With respect to other residential development (single-family homes and multi-family residential units), this chapter is enacted pursuant to the police power of a charter city to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents. The park and recreation facilities for which the payment of the residential impact fees is required by this chapter are consistent with the cultural and recreational element of the comprehensive general plan.

(Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)

4.17.030 - Definitions.

A. "New residential development" means any of the following:

1. New construction intended to be occupied, in whole or in part, as a residence, including but not limited to, subdivisions, single-family dwelling units, multi-family dwelling units, work/live units, and any other form of residence, regardless of the zoning designation for the property. This term shall exclude remodeling of any residence which does not create an entirely new living unit, regardless of whether the already existing residence existed as of the effective date of Ordinance No. 6252. This term shall only apply to the construction of new residences, including the addition of new residences to preexisting construction.
2. The conversion of a commercial or industrial structure to residences.

B. "Bedroom," for purposes of this chapter only, is defined as a room appropriate for sleeping, of at least 90 square feet (excluding closet space), with a fixed closet, and at least one window or exterior entry; and excluding all kitchens, hallways, bathrooms, closets, attics/basements, storage areas, laundry areas, living rooms, and dining rooms.

C. "Workforce housing," for purposes of this chapter only, is defined as residences offered to persons or families who live or work in the city of Pasadena, and earn between 121—180 percent of the average median income for Los Angeles County ("AMI"); and which are restricted by a covenant recorded with the county of Los Angeles, to remain as workforce housing for a minimum of fifteen years; as may be further clarified in regulations which may be adopted by the city.

D. "Skilled nursing unit," for purposes of this chapter only, is defined as a residence within a life/care facility which is reserved and equipped to provide 24-hour medical care to residents who cannot take care of themselves because of physical, emotional, or mental conditions. This care must be supervised by a doctor and regulated by the state of California Health Department. A skilled nursing unit differs from an independent living unit within a life/care facility that it has medical staff available on-site 24 hours per day.

E. "Student housing," for purposes of this chapter only, are residences located on property owned by, and/or developed in conjunction with, accredited post-secondary educational institutions.

F. "Residential care facility for the elderly" is defined as a facility reserved for and equipped to provide 24-hour care to residents who

cannot take care of themselves because of physical, emotional, or mental conditions, wherein the care is provided pursuant to order of the resident's physician, with nursing staff available on-site, 24 hours per day, and is regulated by the state of California Department of Social Services. Excluded from this definition are any units within the facility which are independent living units.

(Ord. 7101 § 1, 2007; Ord. 7021 § 1, 2005; Ord. 6259 § 1, 1988; Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)

4.17.035 - Fee calculation methodology.

The method for calculating the residential impact fee shall be based on the number of bedrooms in the new residential development, and a separate set fee for new residential development without bedrooms, such as studios and lofts shall be established. The implementing fee schedule which shall operate to change the fee shall be adopted by resolution.

(Ord. 7021 § 2, 2005)

4.17.040 - Park and recreational facilities classifications.

A. Neighborhood Parks. These facilities are approximately 1 to 6 acres in size, and are designed primarily to provide facilities for preschool and elementary age children. They may be combined with or be located adjacent to elementary schools. They primarily serve the immediately surrounding residential area.

B. Community Parks. These facilities are approximately 5 to 25 acres in size and are designed primarily for recreational activities of all age groups. They serve and attract users from a wider community than the neighborhood parks. They may be combined with or be located adjacent to junior high or high school sites.

C. City-wide Parks. These parks afford contact with the natural and/or historic environment and possess a unique character or function not found in neighborhood or community parks. They contain facilities which are used by residents throughout the city for activities which cannot be accommodated in other parks.

(Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)

4.17.050 - Fee for parkland acquisition, capital improvements and maintenance.

A. Subdivisions.

1. As a condition of approval for a tentative tract map or preliminary parcel map, the subdivider shall pay into the residential impact fund a fee established by resolution and as set forth in the fee schedule. Payment of fees required by this section shall be made prior to the approval of the final map by the city council. This section does not apply to commercial or industrial subdivisions or to condominium projects or stock cooperative projects which consist of the subdivision of airspace in an existing building when no new residences are added. Any new residence shall be assessed the fee.

B. Building Permits. Any person seeking a building permit for a new residential development, which was not required to pay a fee pursuant to subsection A above, shall pay into the fund a fee as set forth in the fee schedule.

C. The building and code enforcement administrator shall not issue any building permits for new residential development described in subsection B until the fee required by this chapter has been paid.

D. Fee Schedule. The fees established by resolution may annually escalate the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index.

E. Changes in Fees Schedule. The city council, by resolution, may, from time to time, at its discretion, revise, alter, amend and/or delete any of the fees set forth in this section. The fees shall be reviewed no less than once every 5 years. Such review shall be based upon a survey of residential land values in the city.

F. Affordable Housing Incentive.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this chapter, new residences which are rented or sold to persons and families of low or moderate income (as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50093) pursuant to the city's inclusionary housing regulations, or which are skilled nursing units, or is a residential care facility for the elderly, or which are student housing residences, shall be assessed a fee of \$756 per unit. This fee may annually escalate at the same percentage as the consumer price index.

2. If a new residential development project is subject to the city's inclusionary housing ordinance, and all of the inclusionary housing units are built on-site, the non-inclusionary residences shall receive a 30 percent discount on the residential impact fee.

3. If a new residential development project offers 15 percent of its units as workforce housing for rent or sale within the price range of 121 to 150 percent of AMI, the workforce housing units shall receive a 50 percent rebate on the residential impact fee, after proving to the city's satisfaction that the workforce housing units are occupied by qualified individuals.

4. If a new residential development project offers 15 percent of its units as workforce housing for rent or sale within the price range of 151

to 180 percent of AMI, the workforce housing units shall receive a 35 percent rebate on the residential impact fee, after proving to the city's satisfaction that the workforce housing units are occupied by qualified individuals.

G. Dedication of Land. When the residential impact fee assessed to the residential development project equals or exceeds \$500,000.00, the developer may request to dedicate land, either on-site or off-site, and develop a park in lieu of payment of said fee. Such dedication of land shall be subject to acceptance of the dedication by the city council. The dedication of land and development of a park shall be in conformity with the conditions, provisions, standards, and formulas contained in this chapter.

1. Procedure.

a. A developer who request to dedicate land and develop a park shall submit a written proposal describing the property to be dedicated and the park development plans to the city manager. The proposal shall include an appraisal of the property to be dedicated.

b. The city manager shall determine whether the proposal complies with existing park standards and requirements. If the city manager determines the proposal meets the standards and requirement, the city manager shall prepare a report to the city council regarding the proposed dedication.

c. The city council may accept or decline the dedication and determine the amount of the residential impact fee to be waived. If the property being dedicated and the park development is accepted by the city council in lieu of the residential impact fee or any portion thereof, the city council shall, by resolution, waive the fee or any portion thereof upon the dedication of the property to the city. The resolution shall also indicate the time for completion of the park development.

d. Real property dedicated to the city shall be conveyed in fee by grant deed, free and clear of encumbrances. Deeds in a form acceptable to the city shall be executed and delivered to the city at the time the first building permit is issued. The grantor shall provide all instruments required to convey the land and shall also provide a preliminary title report and title insurance in favor of the city in an amount equal to the value of the property being conveyed. The developer dedicating land in fee by grant deed shall develop and construct the park to current safety standards.

e. Real property dedicated to the city by way of an easement for park purposes shall be conveyed free and clear of encumbrances that would impede the use of the property for park purposes. The conveyance of the easement shall be in a form acceptable to the city and shall be executed and delivered at the time the first building permit is issued. The developer dedicating land by way of an easement for park purposes shall construct and maintain a park on the dedicated land in accordance with current safety standards. The developer shall assume all liability for the dedicated land and shall maintain liability insurance in an amount acceptable to the city and wherein the city shall be named as an additional insured. Any such insurance documentation shall be in a form acceptable to the city.

(Ord. 7101 § 2, 2007; Ord. 7021 §§ 3, 4, 2005; Ord. 6988 §§ 1, 2, 2004; Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)

4.17.060 - Schedule of improvements.

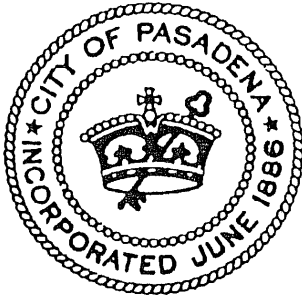
The board shall, by resolution, adopt a schedule for disbursing the funds collected under this chapter to develop park or recreational facilities, or targeting certain improvements for acquisition, construction and installation. Interest on the funds collected may be used to maintain any park or any capital improvement located in any park. For purposes of this section, "park" includes those areas depicted on drawings on file in the office of the director of public works and transportation as follows:

- A. Central Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3580;
- B. Memorial Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3584;
- C. McDonald Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3583;
- D. Grant Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3585;
- E. Washington Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3582;
- F. Brenner Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3578;
- G. Defender's Parkway as depicted on Drawing No. 3574;
- H. Singer Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3577;
- I. Victory Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3588;
- J. Jefferson Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3587;
- K. Eaton-Blanche Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3600;
- L. Eaton-Sunnyslope Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3591;
- M. Floyd O. Gwinn Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3590;
- N. San Rafael Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3573;
- O. Lower Arroyo Seco as depicted on Drawing No. 5697;
- P. Central Arroyo as depicted on Drawing No. 5698;
- Q. Hahamonga Watershed Park as depicted on Drawing No. 5699;
- R. Robinson Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3576-R;
- S. Villa Parke Center as depicted on Drawing No. 3579;
- T. Carmelita Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3581;
- U. La Pintoresca as depicted on Drawing No. 3783;
- V. Allendale Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3784;
- W. Any school ground park which is the subject of a cooperative agreement between the city and the Pasadena Unified School District regarding hours of operation and shared responsibility for maintenance and liability;
- X. Vina Vieja Park as depicted on Drawing No. 5700;
- Y. Hamilton Park as depicted on Drawing No. 3592;
- Z. Mediterranean Gardens as depicted on state of California R/W Map No. F1534-407 LA-7-31.6.

4.17.070 - New residential development impact fund created—Use, disbursement and return of fees.

- A. There is created a special fund of the city to be known as the "new residential impact fund," to account for fees paid pursuant to this chapter. The director of finance shall maintain records specifically identifying the origin of the funds used for any project or improvement funded, in whole or in part, by the residential impact fund. Such records shall enable the director to trace the fees from new residential developments to specific projects funded by each development. Any interest accruing on account of time deposit of the fund, or otherwise, shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.
- B. Upon receipt of a written application from the director of public works for disbursement of moneys from the fund on account of expenditures made or proposed for the benefit or use of parks or recreational facilities, the finance director shall immediately advise the city manager or his designee and provide them with copies of any accompanying documents or papers that might have been submitted in support of the application. Within 10 days after receipt of such notice, the city manager shall advise the finance director whether the disbursement made or proposed is consistent with the resolution adopted by the board governing disbursement of funds. If the city manager fails to so certify within 10 days, it shall be presumed that he has made a positive finding therein. Within 5 days thereafter, the finance director shall, if a positive finding has been made or presumed, approve payment as requested.
- C. Return of Fees.
1. Fees paid into the residential impact fund which are not appropriated within 5 years of payment shall be returned to the payor, with all interest actually earned, if written request for return is filed with the director of finance during the fifth year after payment. The request for return shall be verified, and shall state the date of payment, the amount paid, and the location of new development for which the fee was paid, and that the party requesting return of the fee is the payor of the fee or the payor's assignee or successor.
 2. In the case of subdivisions, such fees shall be committed within 5 years after payment of such fees or the issuance of building permits on " of the lots created by the subdivision, whichever occurs later. If the fees are not committed, they shall be distributed and paid without any deductions to the then record owners of the subdivision in the same proportion as the size of their lot bears to the total area of all lots within the subdivision.
 3. The right of a return of fees may be assigned in writing. No assignment shall be valid unless the assignment is acknowledged before a notary public in the same manner as is required for recording with the county recorder documents affecting title to land.
 4. If a request for return is not made within 1 year of the date a request for return may first be filed, then the right to have fees returned shall terminate, and the fees and all interest earned shall revert to the impact fund.

(Ord. 6252 § 1 (part), 1988)



Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: October 3, 2005

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES TO INCLUDE THE REVISED RESIDENTIAL IMPACT FEE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, following the public hearing:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to change the Residential Impact Fee structure in the following manner:
 - a. From the flat fee of \$10,977 per unit to a variable fee based on the number of bedrooms within a residential unit as outlined in Table 1 which ranges from \$14,588 for a studio apartment to \$27,003 for a five or more bedroom unit;
 - b. Affordable housing units, student housing on property owned by and/or developed in conjunction with an accredited post-secondary educational institution, and skilled nursing units shall be assessed a fee of \$756 per unit. If the required amount of affordable housing units are built on-site per Title 17.42 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the non-affordable units shall receive a thirty percent discount on the Residential Impact Fee;
 - c. If at least fifteen percent of a development is workforce housing within the price range of 121 to 150 percent of Average Median Income (AMI) for Los Angeles County, the workforce housing is eligible for a fifty percent rebate on the Residential Impact Fee; and
 - d. If at least fifteen percent of a development is workforce housing within the price range of 151 to 180 percent of AMI, the workforce housing is eligible for a thirty-five percent rebate on the Residential Impact Fee;
2. Find this amendment is not subject to CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) (definition of project excludes government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project.); and
3. Establish the following transition criteria for projects to which the current Residential Impact Fee would apply:

- a. Any project which has submitted a complete set of plans for building permits and paid all plan check fees prior to the effective date of the Residential Impact Fee Resolution.

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2005, the City Council approved a recommendation to direct the City Attorney to amend Ordinance 6252 – *the New Residential Impact Fee* to change the fee structure as follows:

1. Change the fee structure used to calculate the Residential impact Fee from a flat fee per dwelling unit to one based on the number of bedrooms within a residential unit;
2. Affordable housing units should be assessed \$756 per affordable unit. If the required number of affordable housing units are build on-site, the non-affordable units shall receive a thirty percent discount on the Residential Impact Fee;
3. Provide an incentive for developers to construct workforce housing units on-site by offering a rebate of either 50 percent or 35 percent of the Residential Impact Fee for the portion of the development that is designated as workforce housing. The rebate will be based on the sales/rental price of the unit as follows:
 - For a sales/rental price within the range of 121 percent to 150 percent of Los Angeles County AMI, a 50 percent rebate of the applicable Residential Impact Fee;
 - For a sales/rental price within the range of 151 percent to 180 percent of the Los Angeles County AMI, a 35 percent rebate of the applicable Residential Impact Fee;
4. Assess residential units within skilled nursing units a fee of \$756 per unit; and
5. Assess student housing on property owned by and/or developed in conjunction with an accredited post-secondary educational institution a fee of \$756 per unit.

The purpose of this report is to implement the fee schedule approved by the City Council on August 8, 2005 by including it in the City's Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges.

FEE AMOUNT BASED ON NUMBER OF BEDROOMS

The bedroom fee is based on applying the per person park and open space cost factor of \$7,137 (as calculated in the June, 2004 nexus study) to Pasadena's overall average population per household by bedroom type. The nexus study further determined the number bedrooms per unit using data from the 2000 Census.

Table 1 Residential Impact Fee Amounts

Number of Bedrooms	Residential Impact Fee Amount
Studio	\$14,588
1	\$15,395
2	\$17,098
3	\$19,662
4	\$23,890
5 or more	\$27,003

The number of bedrooms was determined to be the most accurate and equitable basis on which to vary the fee as this often is an accurate measure of the number of occupants per unit, and therefore; the impact on City parks.

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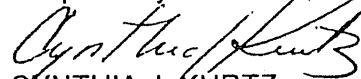
The number of residential units is difficult to project, thereby making the anticipated amount of revenue to be generated from the Residential Impact Fee also difficult to project. However, for the period of December 22, 2004 to June 22, 2005, building permits were issued for 529 units of the following sizes and types:

Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	Affordable	Student
0	129	171	39	4	0	7	179

Had the new Residential Impact Fee structure been in place during this time period, it would have generated \$5,808,604.

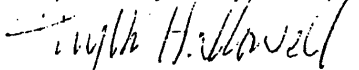
The new fee shall take effect 60 days after the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

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Director, Department of Public Works

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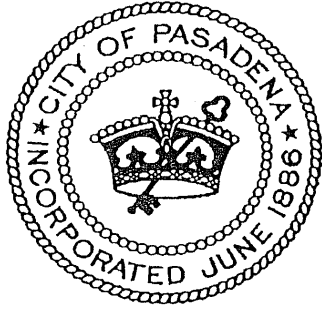
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Agenda Report

TO: City Council

DATE: October 13, 2008

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Residential Impact Fee Information

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND:

At the City Council meeting on September 15, 2008 during the discussion of the grant application for the east Arroyo connector trail, the City Council requested staff return with an update on the Residential Impact Fee (RIF). Specific information requested included: the allowable uses of the Fee; distribution of the Fee; timeframe for spending the money; total collected to date; the number of new parks constructed; and how the Fee has been spent.

The RIF was created in 1988 to help mitigate impacts on the park system from new residential development. As set forth in Chapter 4.17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the fee is imposed all new residential development including subdivisions, single-family dwelling units, multi-family dwelling units, work/live units, additions of new residences to preexisting construction and any other form of residences.

On October 3, 2005, Council adopted a new RIF calculation methodology. It changed from a flat fee per dwelling unit to one based on the number of bedrooms within a residential unit. The current Fee amounts are listed below.

Residential Impact Fee Amounts – Effective July 1, 2008

Number of Bedrooms	Residential Impact Fee Amount
Studio	\$15,566.64
1	\$16,427.77
2	\$18,245.02
3	\$20,981.03
4	\$25,492.66
5 or more	\$28,814.50

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MEETING OF 10/13/2008

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10.A.

Inclusionary Housing Regulations,
Skilled Nursing Units, or Student Housing \$ 806.72

The Fee amounts may increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

ALLOWABLE USES

Chapter 4.17.050 of the Municipal Code, defines the allowable uses for the RIF as "...parkland acquisition, capital improvements and maintenance." The allowable uses are further defined in Chapter 4.17.60 which allows the RIF to be used "...to develop park or recreational facilities, or targeting certain improvements for acquisition, construction and installation." The RIF can also be used on any school ground park which is the subject of a cooperative agreement between the City and the Pasadena Unified School District. . Chapter 4.17 does not mention "public open space," although the RIF cost study does support the purchase of public open space that will become dedicated parkland.

Section 4.17.060 requires that Council adopt by resolution a schedule for disbursement of funds "to develop park or recreational facilities" but then limits the "park or recreational facilities" that could be improved with the funds to the parks or projects specifically listed in Chapter 4.17. Since public open space to be used as dedicated parkland is not listed, Council should consider directing the City Attorney's Office to amend Chapter 4.17 prior to expending RIF funds on the purchase of open space.

DISTRIBUTION OF FEES

On July 24, 2000, the City Council adopted Resolution 7893 which established three park impact districts: the West, Central and East. Marengo Avenue and Allen Avenue from north city limits to south city limits serve as the dividing lines for the districts. Ninety percent of the RIF collected within a park impact district must be spent on neighborhood and community parks within that district. The remaining ten percent of the funds are distributed to the citywide parks which include Hahamongna, Central Arroyo and Lower Arroyo. Interest earned on the funds collected may be used to maintain any park or any capital improvement located in any park.

TIMEFRAME FOR SPENDING THE FUNDS

Per the Municipal Code, fees paid into the RIF must be appropriated within five years of payment or the developer may request a refund of the fee.

TOTAL COLLECTED TO DATE

Since the new fee structure went into effect on December 2, 2005 the City has collected \$8,566,677 in Residential Impact Fees and the fund has earned \$979,857 of interest. Per the approved distribution method, this revenue was divided as follows:

West District	\$2,022,614
Central District	\$4,526,910
East District	\$1,160,484
Citywide Parks	<u>\$ 856,669</u>
Total	\$8,566,677

NUMBER OF NEW PARKS TO DATE

In FY 2006, the RIF helped fund the creation of Vina Vieja Park which became Pasadena's first new park to open in over thirty years. Among other amenities, Vina Vieja contains the City's first dog park.

HOW HAVE THE FUNDS BEEN SPENT?

The RIF has been appropriated to various Capital Improvement Projects in neighborhood, community, citywide and school parks as highlighted on the attachment. The projects range from new play equipment, restrooms, walkways, security lighting, and ball field improvements to the creation of water and skateboard parks.

As of September 15, 2008, RIF fund has an unappropriated fund balance of \$1,609,886 and it is anticipated that the remaining balance will be allocated as part of the FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program Budget as follows:

West District	\$ 55,007
Central District	\$ 696,179
East District	\$ 199,498
Citywide Parks	\$ 11,742
Interest	<u>\$ 594,084</u>
Total	\$1,556,510

The remaining balance of this fund will be used as a match for submitted grant applications or to cover the cost of projects in this fiscal year. In addition, these funds will be allocated towards the cost of constructing projects in FY 2010 that are currently under design.

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Respectfully submitted,



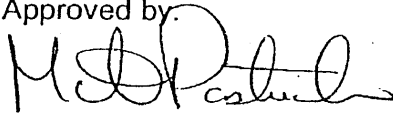
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City of Pasadena
Residential Impact Fee Appropriations
December 2, 2005 - September 15, 2008

Fund 304 Residential Impact Fees		West	Central	East	Arroyo	Interest	Total
I. Revenues							
	Unappropriated Revenues through December 2, 2005	460,413	334,105	191,991	332,729	337,857	1,657,095
	Revenues Received from Dec. 2, 2005 - September 15, 2008	2,022,614	4,526,910	1,160,484	856,669	979,857	9,546,534
	Total Revenues	2,483,027	4,861,015	1,352,475	1,189,398	1,317,714	11,203,629
II. FY 2006 Appropriations after Dec. 2, 2005							
Comp	Central Park - Implement Master Plan - Walkway Lights and Security Lighting Systems and Walkways Replacement - Phase I (per 3/06 Cln Up)	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
Comp	Replacement of Athletic Field Lighting and Installation of Centralized Lighting Equipment (per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Comp	Grant Park - Walkway Lighting and Security Lighting System (per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	16,592	0	0	0	16,592
Comp	La Pintoresca - Water Play Area (to close project per 3/06 Cln Up)	49,000	0	0	0	0	49,000
Comp	Madison Avenue School Project (per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	60,500	0	0	0	60,500
Comp	Singer Park - Walkway Lighting and Security Lighting (to close project per 3/06 Cln Up)	11,296	0	0	0	0	11,296
Comp	Grant Park - Renovate Picnic Shelter (to close project per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	6,099	0	0	0	6,099
Comp	Pasadena Regional Bikeway Project (to close project per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	0	0	137,023	0	137,023
Comp	Grant Park Renovate Basketball Courts (to close project per 3/06 Cln Up)	0	146	0	0	0	146
	FY 2006 Appropriations Total	260,296	183,337	0	137,023	0	580,656
II. FY 2007 Appropriations							
Const	Restroom Buildings (Replace or Construct) - McDonald, Jefferson, Villa Parke, Singer, Eaton-Blanche, and Hamilton Parks	0	156,000	25,000	0	0	181,000
Comp	Park Walkway Replacement	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
Comp	Allendale Lighting Project	0	101,000	0	0	0	101,000
Design	Memorial Park - Implement Master Plan	65,000	0	0	0	0	65,000
Design	Hamilton Park - Various Projects	0	0	60,000	0	0	60,000
Comp	Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Restoration of Flint Wash Bridge Crossing	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000
Comp	Grant Park - Replacement of Asphalt Tennis Court Surfaces with Concrete (9/06 Cln Up)	0	35,000	0	0	0	35,000
Comp	Victory Park Lighting (9/06 Cln Up)	0	0	1,968	0	0	1,968
Comp	Slurry Seal Repair - Walkways and Parking Lots (9/06 Cln Up)	0	0	2,770	0	0	2,770
Comp	Hamilton Park - New Bleachers and Picnic Shelter (9/06 Cln Up)	0	0	30,843	0	0	30,843
Comp	La Pintoresca Water Play Area (9/06 Cln Up)	4,245	0	0	0	0	4,245
Const	New Playground Equipment and Site Amenities at Brenner, Grant, La Pintoresca, San Rafael, and Gwinn Parks (9/06 Cln Up)	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
Comp	Vietnam Memorial Project (9/06 Cln Up)	98,479	0	0	0	0	98,479
Const	Restroom Buildings (Replace or Reconstruct) McDonald, Jefferson, Villa Parke, Singer, Eaton Blanche, and Hamilton Parks (1/07 Cln Up)	100,000	655,000	42,764	0	0	797,764
Comp	Villa Park Slope Drain Repair (1/07 Cln Up)	0	6,339	0	0	0	6,339
Comp	Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Restoration of Flint Wash Bridge Crossing (1/07 Cln Up)	0	0	0	170,185	0	170,185
Comp	Vina Vieja Park - Implement Master Plan (4/07 Cln Up)	0	0	0	0	311,992	311,992
Comp	Install New Playground Equipment and Renovate Picnic Area (11/6/06 Pkrs Agda Rpt)	0	67,000	0	0	0	67,000
	FY 2007 Appropriations Total	267,724	1,145,339	163,345	200,185	311,992	2,088,585

Fund 304 Residential Impact Fees		West	Central	East	Arroyo	Interest	Total
II. FY 2008 Appropriations							
Comp	Pasadena High School Pick-up and Drop-Off Plan - Phases I & II	0	0	100,000	0	0	100,000
Design	Robinson Park - Implement Master Plan	275,000	0	0	0	0	275,000
Comp	Replace Drinking Fountains	35,000	10,357	0	0	0	45,357
Const	Memorial Park - Implement Master Plan	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
Const	Central Park Master Plan	0	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Design	Washington Park - Implement Master Plan	0	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
Comp	Grant Park - Replacement of Asphalt Tennis Court Surfaces with Concrete (FY08 - 9/07 Cln Up)	0	232,565	0	0	0	232,565
Const	New Playground Equipment and Site Amenities at Brenner, Grant, La Pintoresca, San Rafael, and Gwinn Parks (FY08 + 9/07 Cln Up)	600,000	250,000	0	0	0	850,000
Comp	Replacement of Skate Park Equipment at La Pintoresca Park	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
Design	School Park Site Improvements	0	181,000	83,000	0	0	264,000
Design	Brookside Park - Replacement of Walkways	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Design	Trail and Rubble Wall Restoration - Central Arroyo	0	0	0	37,438	0	37,438
Design	Lower Arroyo - Implement Master Plan - Signage	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Const	Brookside Park - Upgrade of Picnic Facilities	0	0	0	90,000	0	90,000
Design	Hahamongna Watershed Park - Implement Master Plan	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Design	New Trash Bin Enclosure - Brookside Park	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Design	Central Arroyo - Implement Master Plan	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Comp	Allendale Park - Install New Playground Equipment and Renovate Picnic Area (9/07 Cln Up)	0	13,885	0	0	0	13,885
Const	Slope and Street Repair - 2005 Winter Storms (9/07 Cln up)	0	0	0	75,000	0	75,000
Comp	Repair to La Casita Retaining Wall (9/07 Cln Up)	0	0	0	8,010	0	8,010
FY 2008 Appropriations Total		1,310,000	987,807	183,000	440,448	0	2,921,255
III. FY 2009 Proposed Appropriations							
Const	Restroom Buildings (Replace or Construct)	590,000	948,353	131,632	0	236,638	1,906,623
Design	Washington Park - Implement Master Plan	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
Design	Hamilton Park - Various Projects	0	0	650,000	0	0	650,000
Design	Citywide Athletic Field Lighting Replacement	0	350,000	0	0	0	350,000
Const	Implement Master Plan - Hahamongna - Sunset Overlook	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Design	Replacement or Installation of Security Lights - Various	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
Design	Utility Infrastructure Improvements at Hahamongna Annex	0	0	0	300,000	150,000	450,000
Design	Installation of Skateboard Park - Hamilton Park	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000
Design	New Trash Bin Enclosures - Brookside Park (9/22 cln up)	0	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
FY 2009 Appropriations Total		590,000	1,848,353	806,632	400,000	411,638	4,056,623
Total Appropriations		2,428,020	4,164,836	1,152,977	1,177,656	723,630	9,647,119
Remaining Balance		55,007	696,179	199,498	11,742	594,084	1,556,510

Legend	
Comp	Project and/or phase of project is complete.
Const	In construction phase of project.
Design	In design phase of project.

City of Pasadena
Residential Impact Fees Revenues and Appropriations
July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2010 (FY 2004 - FY 2010)

Fund 304 Residential Impact Fees		West	Central	East	Arroyo	Interest	Total
I. Revenues							
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004	32,931	677,933	103,529	90,488	38,116	942,997
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005	492,033	336,305	717,896	171,804	96,541	1,814,578
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	860,179	2,141,795	306,258	367,583	70,935	3,746,750
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007	1,030,439	1,298,434	747,218	341,788	409,097	3,826,976
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008	428,375	1,286,017	172,058	209,606	521,162	2,617,218
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009	4,017,128	134,577	129,794	475,722	416,282	5,173,502
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	60,709	18,883	256,837	37,381	191,657	565,466
	Revenues Received from July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2010	6,921,794	5,893,944	2,433,589	1,694,371	1,743,789	18,687,487
Total Revenues		6,921,794	5,893,944	2,433,589	1,694,371	1,743,789	18,687,487
II. Appropriations By Project							
<u>Status</u>	<u>Project Name & Number</u>	<u>Appropriation Amount</u>					
Active	77367 Brookside Park - Replacement of Walkways	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Active	77464 Brookside Park Upgrade Picnic Facilities	0	0	0	280,000	0	280,000
Active	77374 Central Arroyo - Implement Master Plan	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Active	77371 Central Arroyo - Trail and Rubble Wall Restoration	0	0	0	62,438	0	62,438
Active	78461 Central Park Master Plan	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Active	78906 Citywide Athletic Field Lighting Replacemen	0	350,000	0	0	0	350,000
Active	78066 Eaton Canyon and Eaton Wash Project Development Plan	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000
Active	77565 Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan Project	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Active	77509 Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Bershire Creek Area Improvements	0	0	0	100,000	0	100,000
Active	77510 Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Sunset Overlook	0	0	0	200,000	0	200,000
Active	77507 Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Trail Development	0	0	0	0	40,000	40,000
Active	78907 Hamilton Park - Installation of Skateboard Park	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000
Active	77414 Lower Arroyo - Implement Master Plan - Signage	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
Active	77406 Lower Arroyo - Implement Master Plan - Trail Restoration Improvements	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
Active	78755 New Playground Equipment and Site Amenities - Villa Parke, Brenner, La Pintoresca, and Grant (completed); Sunnyslope and San Rafael (active)	850,000	400,000	0	0	0	1,250,000
Active	78038 Restroom Buildings (Replace or Construct) - Singer, Villa Parke, Hamilton, Jefferson, and McDonald (completed); Grant, Allendale, Memorial (active)	955,000	2,729,353	464,396	0	236,638	4,385,387
Active	78801 School Park Site Improvements: Madison, McKinley, Marshall, Pasadena H.S., and Cleveland	30,000	241,500	83,000	0	0	354,500
Active	78901 Security Lights - Replacement or Installation: La Pintoresca, Brenner, Washington, McDonald, and Eaton-Blanche.	560,000	780,000	200,000	0	0	1,540,000
Active	78529 Washington Park - Implement Master Plan	0	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
Completed	78905 Annandale Canyon Park - Acquisition of Parkland	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	2,000,000
Completed	78720 Allendale Lighting Project	0	126,000	0	0	0	126,000
Completed	78788 Allendale Park - Install New Playground/Renovate Picnic Area	0	270,885	0	0	800	271,685
Completed	78037 Athletic Field Lighting/Installation of Centralized Lighting at Villa Parke, Allendale, Jefferson, and Robinson Parks	0	413,872	0	0	507	414,379
Completed	77373 Brookside Park - Improve Par Course/Path	0	0	0	60,000	0	60,000
Completed	77375 Brookside Park - New Trash Bin Enclosure	0	0	0	125,000	0	125,000
Completed	78787 Central Park Walkway Lights and Security Lighting	569,198	0	0	0	0	569,198
Completed	78042 Grant Park - Renovate Picnic Shelter	0	38,099	0	0	0	38,099
Completed	78722 Grant Park - Replacement of Asphalt Tennis Court Surfaces with Concrete	0	267,565	0	0	0	267,565
Completed	78040 Grant Park - Walkway Lighting and Security Lighting System	0	16,592	0	0	0	16,592
Completed	78608 Gwinn Park - New Irrigation System	0	0	77,250	0	0	77,250
Completed	77555 Hahamongna - Implement Master Plan - Restoration of Flint Wash Bridge Crossing	0	0	0	200,185	0	200,185

Fund 304 Residential Impact Fees			West	Central	East	Arroyo	Interest	Total
Status	Project Name & Number	Appropriation Amount						
Completed	77901 Hahamongna Annex - Utility Infrastructure Improvements	0	0	0	300,000	150,000	450,000	
Completed	78579 Hamilton Park - New Bleachers and Picnic Shelter	0	0	30,843	0	0	30,843	
Completed	78721 Hamilton Park - Various Projects	0	0	710,000	0	0	710,000	
Completed	78023 Jefferson Park - New Softball Backstop	0	30,916	0	0	0	30,916	
Completed	78230 Jefferson Park - Picnic Area	0	48,882	0	0	0	48,882	
Completed	78790 La Pintoresca Park - Replace Picnic Shelter	5,713	0	0	0	0	5,713	
Completed	78802 La Pintoresca Park - Replacement of Skate Park Equipment	150,000	0	0	0	5,961	155,961	
Completed	78504 La Pintoresca Park - Water Play Area	112,245	0	0	0	135,000	247,245	
Completed	77458 Lower Arroyo - La Casita Retaining Wall Repair	0	0	0	8,010	0	8,010	
Completed	78453 Memorial Park Implement Master Plan	336,400	0	0	0	70,000	406,400	
Completed	78053 Park Walkway Replacement (Allendale/Gwinn/Sunnyslope)	0	125,000	90,000	0	0	215,000	
Completed	75504 Pasadena High School Pick-up and Drop-Off Plan Phase I	0	0	100,000	0	0	100,000	
Completed	78982 Pasadena Regional Bikeway Project - Arroyo	0	0	0	137,023	0	137,023	
Completed	78052 Replace Park Drinking Fountains	35,000	10,357	6,123	0	0	51,480	
Completed	78046 Resurfacing of Sports Courts	0	4,000	0	0	0	4,000	
Completed	78034 Robinson Park - Master Plan - Phase I	275,000	0	0	0	0	275,000	
Completed	78107 Singer Park - Walkway and Security Lighting	37,296	0	0	0	0	37,296	
Completed	73603 Slope and Street Repair - 2005 Winter Storms	0	0	0	142,000	0	142,000	
Completed	78048 Slurry Seal Asphalt Park Parking Lots	0	6,724	0	0	0	6,724	
Completed	78606 Victory Park - New Waterplay Park	0	0	25,000	0	0	25,000	
Completed	78607 Victory Park - Replace Existing Picnic Shelter	0	0	107,750	0	0	107,750	
Completed	78605 Victory Park Concrete Walkway Extensions to Parking Lot	0	0	150,000	0	0	150,000	
Completed	78503 Victory Park Lighting	0	0	1,968	0	0	1,968	
Completed	78479 Vietnam Memorial Project	98,479	0	0	0	0	98,479	
Completed	78047 Villa Parke Slope Drain Repair	0	6,339	0	0	0	6,339	
Completed	78289 Vina Vieja/ Eaton Wash Park - Impl. Master Plan	0	0	461,341	0	0	461,341	
FY 2004 - FY 2010 Total Appropriations		7,014,331	6,266,084	2,557,671	1,794,656	638,906	18,271,648	

Dahl, Laura

From: John Hornick <johnh@hornickcpa.com>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 3:45 PM
To: Dahl, Laura
Subject: Open Space/Conservation element meeting

Ms. Dahl:

My wife and I attended the Open Space meeting last Wednesday and after reading the Draft I felt I would make a couple of comments:

First, the update is thoughtfully and well written. You should be proud of it.

I am well aware of the General Plan update, but only recently became aware of the Open Space and Conservation Element Update. But this is my fault, not yours.

Nevertheless, I do have some suggestions:

I felt that it seriously lacks an attempt to identify new and additional funding sources. It seems to rely on funding from Residential Impact Fees, during a period in which we may see less and less residential development over the next few years. The source you are relying upon is dwindling. You also discuss a property tax related fee. This puts the burden on rental real estate owners who will not be able to recoup the fees from the tenants. It's unfair to assess a tax on someone who does not receive the commensurate benefit.

The report discusses placing a high priority on open space acquisition, but does not address how it will fund the maintenance of existing open space. The example that comes to mind is Marshall middle school. The report discusses including school grounds as Open Space. The grass at Marshall is brown from a lack of watering. I would like to see the report address this issue.

The report suggests using Transportation funds for parks and open space. The roads and utilities in Pasadena suffer from a lack of upkeep. Taking funds from that Department is not a good use of funds.

The "Pay-As-You-Throw Program" is a surprise to my wife and I. Apparently it has been around since 1999, but is news to us. Where would we find information about this?

In summary, the lack of identifying new and additional funding sources is a huge detriment to this fine study. In today's economy, ideas can only be achieved if there is a source of funds.

Thank you,

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Dahl, Laura

From: Charles McKenney <kickermckenney@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:23 PM
To: Dahl, Laura
Subject: Open Space and Conservation Element

Hi, Laura

Congratulations on guiding the process and for producing such a good Draft.

A couple of thoughts:

At page 14, the Draft mentions Arlington Garden, using the plural. The Garden is called Arlington Garden.

At page 15, there is a mention of the "Caltrans 710 Freeway Corridor" hole in the ground above California as a possible recreation area.

Actually, already three sites along the 710 corridor already are being developed as Urban Open Space, Arlington Garden, the Pasadena Community Garden, and the triangle below Bellefontaine. The hole in the ground may become something some day, but already we have real life examples of what can be done along the Corridor.

Under web site resources, we wonder if the Draft can add arlingtongardeninpasadena.org. We have quite a bit of information about how the Garden came about and what its current offerings are.

Finally, here is a quote from a PUSD middle school student who had spent several weeks at Westridge School coming to Arlington Garden as part of the curriculum. When asked what she likes about the Garden, she replied "I like it because I can hear my thoughts here." A simple yet eloquent statement of what open space can do for a person that might be an appropriate addition to the Draft.

Again, thanks and congratulations.

Kicker

Dahl, Laura

From: Sharon Scull <s.scull@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 12:29 AM
To: Dahl, Laura
Subject: Open Space and Conservation Element

The subject document is a fine piece of work and very impressive in its thoroughness. The Open Space section is especially well done because it addresses such important issues as rezoning specific open space areas, acquiring undevelopable private property, protecting wildlife corridors, strengthening the Hillside Ordinance, and establishing funding through city-wide taxes or benefit assessment districts.

I may have missed any mention of raising funds through grants to preserve and conserve open space. However, the City should have a grant writer to develop applications to public and private entities for funding of specific open space projects. Pasadena's partnerships with various conservancies would enhance the City's chances of securing grant funding to develop model projects that would ensure sustainability of the goals addressed in the grants. Possibly someone in PIO, or even an experienced volunteer, could get this effort started until the City is able to hire a specialist.

The City should also have a Foundation to raise funds for Open Space and other major projects. The Foundation should be set up to allow private contributions to be tax deductible.

Thanks to all concerned for preparing such a comprehensive Element.

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Dahl, Laura

From: Meb787@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Dahl, Laura
Subject: Fwd: Comments on the hiking and bikeway trails map

Laura,

The Draft Open Space and Conservation Element is most impressive - what a tremendous amount of work! Since I served on LCF's General Plan Advisory Committee, I know better than most what it takes to put together such an outstanding document.

I have a few comments, though, about some factual errors which remain in the Element and a few areas where more explanation would add clarity. Some of this I mentioned previously in the prior email appended below. In addition to the Trail Map in the Element, the text is also incorrect in describing "hiking and bikeway trails in and around Pasadena." (p.16) As I discussed in my email to you last week, the trails in La Canada Flintridge, Glendale and the Angeles National Forest are all multi-use, that is, they are for pedestrian, equestrian and bicyclist use so the legend on the map should be changed to indicate this.

As is shown in the Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines map (Figure 8-5), most of the trails in the Arroyo are pedestrian/equestrian so the statement in the Element "[T]he Arroyo Seco trails include an equestrian hiking trail..." is incorrect. The pedestrian/equestrian trails in the Arroyo are broken down into three categories in the Design Guidelines: Equestrian/Hiking/Maintenance/Security Trail (8ft)
Equestrian/Hiking/Maintenance/Security Trail/Road (12ft)
Equestrian-Hiking Trail/Pathway (4ft)

The Element would be correct if it read "[T]he Arroyo Seco trails include an extensive network of hiking/equestrian trails..."

In the same paragraph in the Open Space and Conservation Element on p.16, it would be much clearer and more precise to indicate that the "multi-use paved roadway" is in the Central Arroyo since there is none in either the Lower Arroyo or Hahamongna.

The Element should also be more precise in its description of the status of the Hahamongna Annex. On p.17 it states that "[T]his area is included in the 90 acre parkland total for Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan." I do not believe that the Annex has been formally added to Hahamongna as dedicated parkland although open space acquired more recently has already come before Council and is now dedicated parkland. The Open Space element should indicate the fact that the Annex was purchased in 2005 and is not yet dedicated parkland.

In the Implementation Program table on p. 22, the impression is given that the "Natural Preservation Area" designation is for use in the entire Arroyo Seco in Pasadena. This is misleading. The definition in the Pasadena Municipal Code is as follows:

3.32.100 - Natural preservation area established.

The **natural preservation area** consists of the Arroyo Seco slope banks, the Lower Arroyo from the south city limit to the Holly Street bridge, the flood control channel **area** west and south of Brookside Park, and the **area** north of Brookside Golf Course to Devil's Gate Dam.

The Element would be more precise if it referred to the "Natural Preservation Area" established for portions of the Arroyo Seco south of Devil's Gate Dam.

Lastly, also in the Element Implementation Program table on p. 23 under Zoning Changes, the portion of the Hahamongna Annex zoned Planned Development should be included along with Annandale Canyon and Earthside Nature Center in the list of publicly owned properties to be rezoned to open space. The Annex was purchased at a very low price under the Surplus Lands Act specifically for open space purposes and is also protected in perpetuity with an open space easement.

Would you please let me know which of these changes can be made before the Element goes to the Planning Commission so that I can adjust my remarks to them accordingly?

Thank you for all your hard work.
Mary Barrie

From: Meb787@aol.com
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Sent: 6/5/2010 9:46:39 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Comments on the hiking and bikeway trails map

Laura,
The Open Space and Conservation Element Map which illustrates hiking and bikeway trails in and around Pasadena is incorrect in some respects:

- it refers to hiking trails in and around Pasadena. By ordinance, however, all trails in Pasadena in the Arroyo are both hiking and horseback riding trails - not surprising since the Arroyo network of trails began as bridle paths!

- the text states that "most of the trails are hiking trails that are north of Pasadena in the Angeles National Forest." This is incorrect for two reasons - first, all the surrounding trail networks in La Canada Flintridge, Glendale, and the Angeles National Forest are not hiking trails. They are multi-use trail networks allowing use by pedestrians, equestrians, and bicyclists. The map is incorrect in that it shows all these other trail networks as hiking trails. The map legend is also confusing in that it refers to Multi-use Trails as for pedestrians and equestrians when "multi-use" on all the surrounding trails means pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. "Shared use" might be a better term to refer to the unique situation in Pasadena where bikes are excluded from dirt trails.

Secondly, there are extensive trail networks outside of the forest used by residents from throughout our region. La Canada alone has over 23 miles of trails, Glendale has a large trail system, and the existing segments of the Altadena Crest Trail are used heavily even though the trail is not complete. The forest trails are only a portion of an extensive regional urban trail network, the hub of which are the Pasadena trails in Hahamongna.

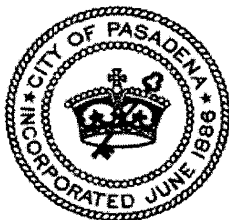
As I mentioned to you at one of the Open Space Element meetings, the map also states that the Arroyo Seco trails include "a multi-use paved roadway." There is no paved roadway of any kind in the lower Arroyo because the residents worked hard some years ago to prevent a paved bikepath from being built in the Arroyo. In the vicinity of the Flint Wash Bridge in Hahamongna there is a paved bikeway used by both bicyclists and pedestrians with a dirt shoulder for equestrians. It is misleading to call this a roadway, however, since the word roadway implies public use. According to the Hahamongna Master Plan, the only vehicular use allowed on the paved bikepath in Hahamongna is by maintenance and emergency vehicles.

I bring all this up in case this map is going to be permanently included in the Open Space Element. If that is the case, could it be modified to be more accurate? If I can be of any assistance, let me know.

Would you please pass this email on to the members of the Open Space Element Committee?

Thank you for all your hard work. I applaud your efforts and those of the Committee to protect our limited open space resources.

Mary Barrie
La Canada Flintridge Trails Council
Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group



PLANNING COMMISSION

January 23, 2012

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Members of the City Council
CITY OF PASADENA
100 N. Garfield Avenue
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Subject: Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Members of the Planning Commission hope you will join us in supporting the work and recommendations of the Open Space and Conservation Element Advisory Committee.

On October 26, 2011, the Planning Commission adopted the September 12, 2011 recommendation of the Open Space and Conservation Element Advisory Committee and recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Initial Environmental Study and Negative Declaration (Attachment B.)
2. Adopt the Open Space and Conservation Element with the following amendments
 - a. Change the 2nd implementation measure under Residential Impact Fee on page 25 to read - "The residential impact fee shall be used only for acquiring, increasing or expanding active and passive usable open spaces and not for repairs and maintenance."
 - b. Change the 5th implementation measure under Zoning Changes on page 25 to read "Re-evaluate and revise if necessary the existing Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan in the context of current city policies".
3. That the City Council create an Open Space Committee whose charge would be to implement the Open Space & Conservation Element, comprised of members from the Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Commission and the Recreation and Parks Commission, and which would meet at least quarterly or more frequently as needed.
4. That the City Manager designate a point person within staff for implementation of the Open Space & Conservation Element.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Naber, Chair

Dante Hall, Vice Chair

Richard Quirk, Commissioner, District 5
Planning Commission representative on Open Space and Conservation Advisory Committee

Flores, Silvia

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Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 1:36 PM
To: Flores, Silvia
Subject: FW: Open Space and Conservation Element

From: John Howell [<mailto:johnrhowell@earthlink.net>]
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To: Dahl, Laura
Cc: Tim Wendler; Laura Garrett; Sean Howell
Subject: Open Space and Conservation Element

Dear Pasadena City Council Members,

The Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) asks the City Council to approve the Open Space and Conservation Element because it provides a comprehensive plan to increase, preserve and restore Pasadena's open spaces as well as ways to improve our conservation of natural resources.

AFC also urges you to make residential impact fees available for acquisition and reclamation of open space and parklands in Pasadena by including such a provision in the adoption of the Open Space and Conservation Element.

You may know that funds to acquire natural open space are more limited now than in many years, and are becoming more scarce. We have come to learn this first hand. It was very challenging to secure sufficient public funding for two acquisitions comprising our successful 41-acre Rubio Canyon purchase in the last two years. It is being evidenced again in two current acquisitions that we are engaged in. Even though land prices are down, we have been counting on sellers for substantial discounts from current market values to induce funding.

We are aware of very desirable properties in Pasadena to preserve; more will be identified on account of the Open Space and Conservation Element you will adopt. But it takes more than a willing seller. It takes funds. Other governmental funding sources look for leverage through joint participation. Residential impact fees can become that joint participation and leverage for other funds to be obtained to save these important properties.

Respectfully,

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