

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

Date: August 9, 1999

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONCEPT AMENDMENT TO THE EATON WASH PARK MASTER PLAN AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED ELEMENTS TO MITIGATE PARKING CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFF-LEASH DOG AREA.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve a concept amendment to the Eaton Wash Park Master Plan CIP Project #708289 to include the following elements to mitigate neighborhood concerns on parking impacts associated with the recommended off leash dog exercise area:

1. Develop an off-leash dog park approximately 2.0 acres at the south end of the park.
2. Develop an on-site parking area to accommodate 40 vehicles south of the Avocado Street access path and adjacent to the dog park.
3. Develop a parking lot at the north end of the park to provide a minimum of 10 to 12 parking stalls for park users.
4. Construct an access road along the western boundary of the park from the park entrance to the off-leash parking area wide enough to accommodate parallel parking along one side.

And request all appropriate environmental documents be submitted with final amendment recommendations to Eaton Wash Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

On May 17, 1999 the Recreation and Parks Commission presented to City Council a recommendation to approve in concept an off-leash dog exercise area at Eaton Wash Park. After thorough discussion on the part of the City Council and the community, City

Council approved the recommended off-leash site with the understanding that the Recreation and Parks Commission and city staff meet with neighborhood representatives, representatives of Pasadenans Organizing Off-Leash Canine Habitats (POOCH), and appropriate city departments, to develop measures to mitigate neighborhood concerns related to parking.

City staff and members of the Recreation and Parks Commission have conducted a number of meetings: June 3, 1999 with Public Works Transportation representatives, June 21, 1999 with the Pasadena Humane Society and representatives from POOCH, June 22, 1999 with Neighborhood Associations to discuss various mitigation recommendations to reduce potential parking impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods. On July 20, 1999 a special meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission was held for the purpose of receiving any additional input and suggestions for parking alternatives for Eaton Wash Park. It was suggested if on-street parking in the East Eaton Wash Neighborhood became a problem, the access path connecting the park to Avocado Street could be closed. Attached are letters and a petition from neighborhood residents indicating their opposition to the pedestrian access path to Avocado Street.

On August 3, 1999, the Recreation and Parks Commission approved 6 for, 3 against and 0 abstaining, the following concept elements be recommended to City Council to mitigate neighborhood parking concerns:

1. Develop an off-leash dog park approximately 2.0 acres at the south end of the park.
2. Develop an on-site parking area to accommodate 40 vehicles south of the Avocado Street access path and adjacent to the dog park.
3. Develop a parking lot at the north end of the park to provide a minimum of 10-12 parking stalls for park users.
4. Construct an access road along the western boundary of the park from the park entrance to the off-leash parking area wide enough to accommodate parallel parking along one side.

The recommended changes to the current master plan are being presented with the understanding that **all required funding** to construct the off-leash dog park will be generated without the assistance of city funds. In addition, to recognizing appropriate funding for the construction of the off-leash area, annual funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility will be the responsibility of the users. Prior to the start of construction, all funds required to complete the project must be recognized and appropriated. The construction project may be completed in phases, based upon available funds. Funds and resources must be identified for annual ongoing maintenance of the off-leash area prior to the actual use.

The following elements have been requested by Special Interest Groups in the development of the off-leash area. Cost estimates have been provided by city staff:

Recommended Element	Cost Estimate
Purchase and install 6' wrought iron fence and gates*	\$ 23,000
Purchase and install irrigation system	27,721
Purchase and install drinking fountain and dog fountain	3,500
Purchase and install turfgrass	<u>53,400</u>
* Consistent with recommended fence for Eaton Wash Park	
TOTAL	\$107,621

It is also estimated that it will cost approximately \$47,044 to install a parking lot that could support the off-leash area as well as park activities.


FISCAL IMPACT:

Based upon the recommended elements for the construction of the off leash area there is approximately \$107,621 needed to be identified and appropriated. These improvements will be built only if special interest organizations and potential sponsors provide sufficient funds for construction. There has not been an amount determined for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the proposed facility at this time.


Respectfully submitted,

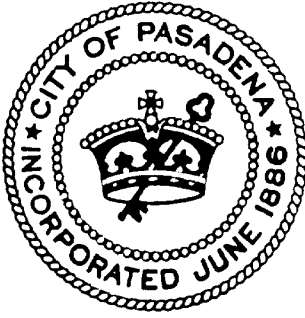

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5. Develop a totlot.
6. Incorporate a 6-month review period from the date of use of the entrance from Avocado Street to assess parking impacts on the neighborhood, and recommend to City Council elimination of the entrance should negative conditions exist.
7. Incorporate a 1-year review period from the date of the opening of the off-leash dog area to assess the maintenance and upkeep of the facility, to determine whether the off-leash dog area should remain.

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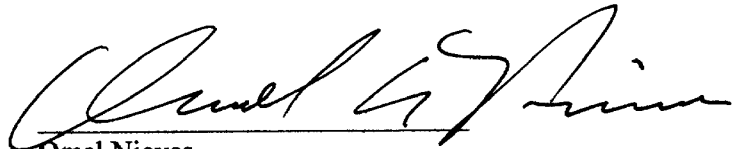
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Chair, Recreation and Parks Commission