



Date: August 6, 2009
To: Housing and Neighborhoods Committee Staff
From: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Referral to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee

At the City Council meeting held August 4, 2009 the following agenda item was referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee:

NAMING NEW DOG PARK AT PACIFIC AND NINTH "K-9 CORNER"

Councilmember Garcia moved, seconded by Councilmember Lowenthal, that the communication be received and referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee.

LARRY G. HERRERA
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Gloria Harper


Attachment

cc: Patrick West, City Manager
Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Dennis Thys, Director of Community Development



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Office of Robert Garcia ~~R-18~~
Council Member, First District
Memorandum

Date: August 4, 2009
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Council Member Robert Garcia, First District 
Subject: Naming new dog park at Pacific and Ninth "K-9 Corner"

Background:

A new Dog Park has been constructed at Pacific Avenue and Ninth Street. The park, which was proposed by the North Pine Neighborhood Alliance, is the result of collaboration between the city, the MTA and community leaders. The new park will be the first Dog Park on the Westside and an important addition to a community with limited open space and many dogs.

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K-9 also denotes the location of the park, which is on Ninth Street. Residents have requested the park be named "K-9 Corner".

Recommendation:

Recommend designating the new dog park at Pacific and Ninth as "K-9 Corner," and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee.



Date: November 10, 2009
To: Members of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee
From: Phil T. Hester, ~~Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine~~
Subject: Recommendation to Name the New Dog Park at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street as "K-9 Corner"

DISCUSSION

On August 4, 2009, First District Councilmember Robert Garcia sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and Members of the City Council requesting that the newly constructed dog park at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street be named "K-9 Corner."

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation (AR) 8 – 7, the City Council referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee.

The Parks and Recreation Commission considered this request at their August 20, 2009 meeting (Attachment B), unanimously approved this request, and are forwarding their recommendation to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for adoption.

The Administrative Regulations AR 8 – 7 applies to the naming of all public land, buildings and facilities. AR 8 – 7 provides several policies to guide the consideration of a naming request. The following are those policies:

- The name should incorporate Long Beach whenever important for civic recognition or identification;
- A name in honor of a recognized geographic area, a topographic feature or a historically significant event may be appropriate;
- A name in honor of persons or families who have donated the land or a substantial portion of the improvement costs may be appropriate when applicable;
- A name in honor of a person or persons who have served the nation, the State of California, and/or the City of Long Beach in an exceptional or distinguished manner may be appropriate if warranted by service of major significance;
- A name in honor of a living person, or of a deceased person within one year of their death, is not appropriate, unless the significance of that person's contribution is worthy of an exception to the policy;
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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with the recommended action.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE:

Concur with the recommendation that naming the new dog park at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street as "K-9 Corner" is appropriate and refer the recommendation to the City Council for approval.

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APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER



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Attachment B

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City of Long Beach
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RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the full City Council that "K-9 Corner" is an appropriate name for the new dog park at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street.

DISCUSSION

The action before the Parks and Recreation Commission is to recommend the name "K-9 Corner" for the new dog park that has been constructed at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street.

On August 4, 2009, First District Council Member Robert Garcia sent a memo (Attachment A) to the Mayor and Members of the City Council requesting that the newly constructed dog park at Pacific Avenue and 9th Street be named K-9 Corner. Attached are an aerial view (Attachment B), the park design (Attachment C), and a photo of the finalized park (Attachment D).

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation (AR) 8-7, the City Council has referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration of the proposed name. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation will be transmitted to the City Council.

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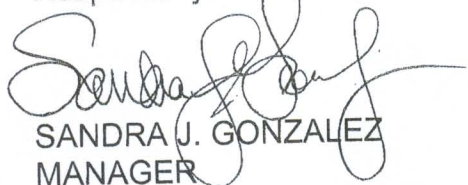
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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



SANDRA J. GONZALEZ
MANAGER
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Concurred by,



PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR

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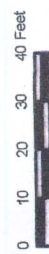
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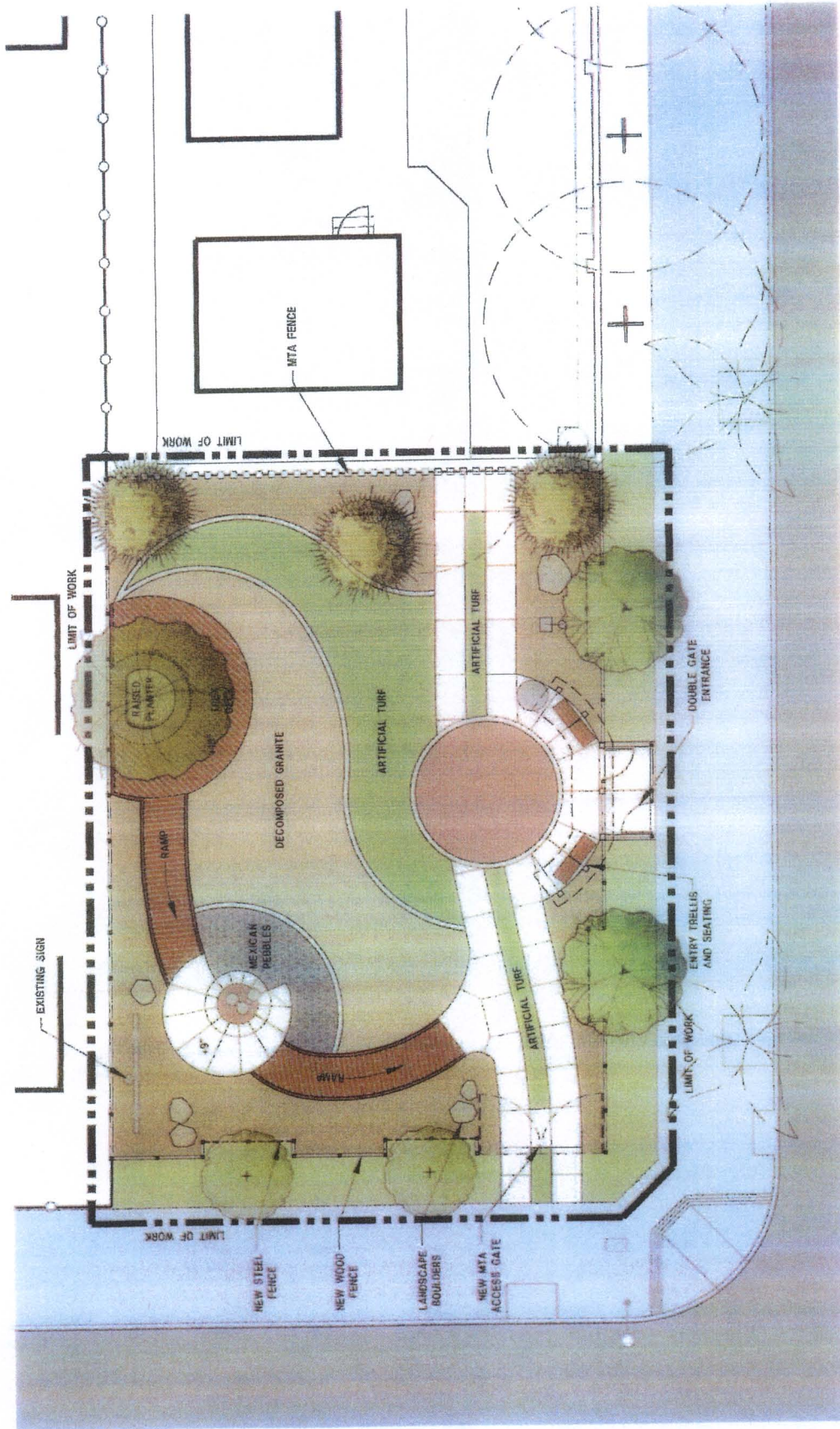
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**"K-9 Corner"
Dog Park at 9th St. and Pacific Ave.**

Attachment B

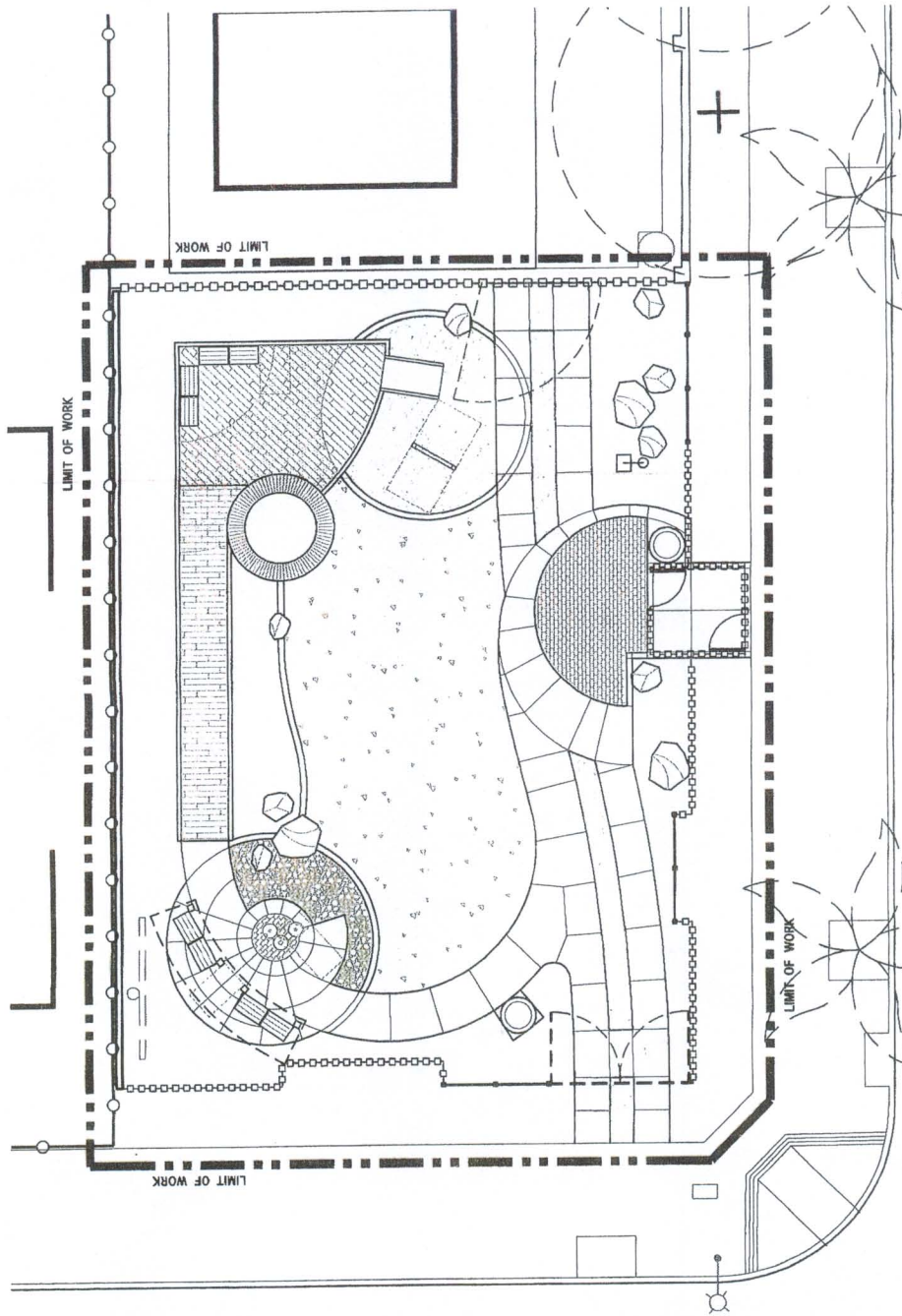




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LONG BEACH DOG PARK LANDSCAPE BASE



Attachment D

