

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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June 21, 2018

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City Manager the approval of a landscaped area as an improvement for public recreation in Willow Springs Park, which meets a recreational need within the City; and recommend the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Right of Entry Permit and any necessary documents with Signal Hill Petroleum, a California private energy company, for installation of a landscape project at Willow Springs Park. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc. (SHP) is a privately-owned California-based energy company specializing in the responsible and sustainable exploration and development and production of oil and gas in urban areas. Additionally, they also operate as real estate developers, and have purchased 2851 Orange Avenue, the former Amerigas property adjacent to Willow Springs Park (Attachment 1), where they plan to construct three large industrial buildings and associated parking. As a part of this Project, SHP will need to build retaining walls which will impact Willow Springs Park.

SHP has approached the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) proposing to grade the adjacent park area and then install a landscape project that improves this area to offer additional developed park area and to screen the retaining walls to deter graffiti and vandalism. Department staff reviewed SHP's proposal, discussed acceptable terms, and the Department and SHP have come to a tentative agreement to allow SHP to construct the landscaping project at their sole cost on park property in Willow Springs Park. The landscaping project is proposed to consist of native, drought-tolerant plants and trees and mulch, water-efficient irrigation, decomposed granite and dirt trails, and park signage in approximately 98,000 square feet in the northeast corner of the park (Attachment 2). The Department has agreed to allow SHP to use mulch from the City's free mulch program, and is recommending SHP evaluate whether to use dirt stockpile from other parts of the park to supplement fill needed for this project.

One duty of the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) is to recommend to the City Manager plans for the development, beautification and maintenance of public park and recreational areas, so Commission support of the proposed improvements is requested. Should the Commission approve the proposed SHP landscape project at Willow Springs Park, it will become incorporated as a condition of approval for their private development at 2851 Orange Avenue. It is also requested that the Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to issue a Right

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of Entry Permit (ROE) and any other necessary documents to SHP for the actual installation of the landscaping project landscaping project. The proposed ROE would include the following terms to outline the partnership:

- Term: Two years, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, with one, two-year renewal option at the discretion of the Department Director. Either party may terminate the agreement with 60 days written notice.
- Location: Approximately 98,000 square feet at the northeast corner of Willow Springs Park Wetlands (Attachment 1).
- Project Elements: Site grading and installation of native, drought-tolerant plants and trees and mulch; water-efficient irrigation; decomposed granite and dirt trails, and park signage consistent with City standards. The project is valued at approximately \$175,000.
- SHP Maintenance: Given the Department's stretched resources, SHP has also agreed to provide water and maintenance for this landscaped area for a period of five years, with the City taking maintenance and water operations back at the conclusion of this period.
- Insurance: SHP will maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by the City's Risk Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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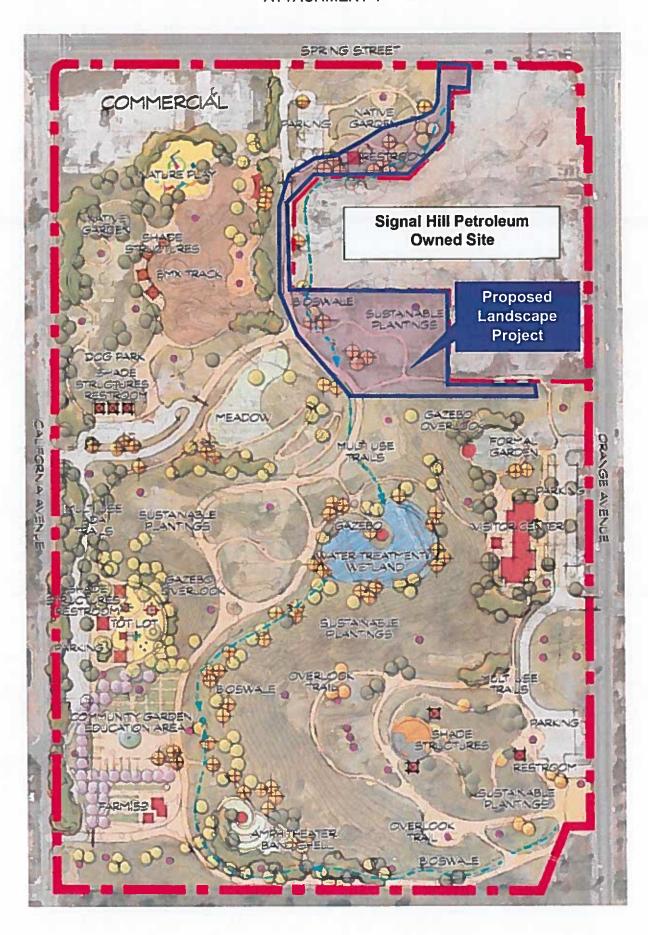
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ATT: 1 – Location of Proposed Landscaping Project in Willow Springs Park

2 - Proposed Landscape Design in Willow Springs Park

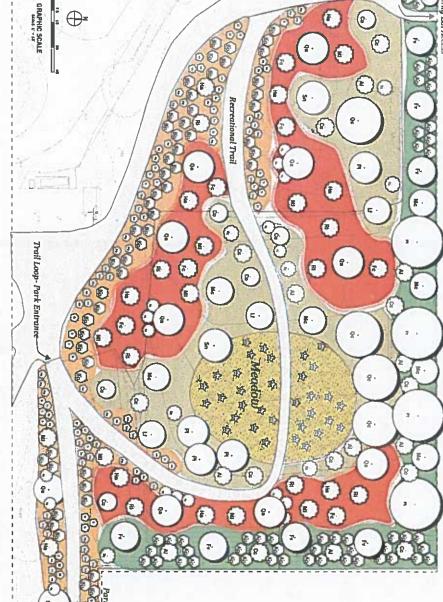
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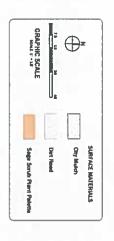


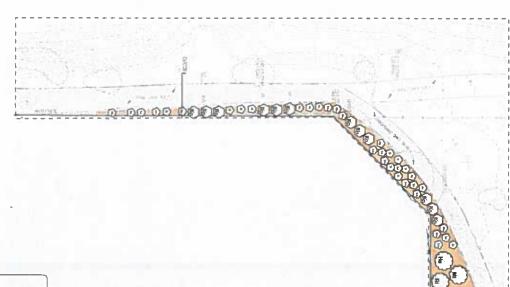
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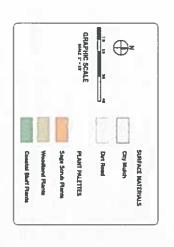


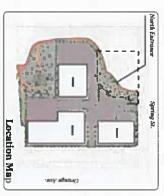
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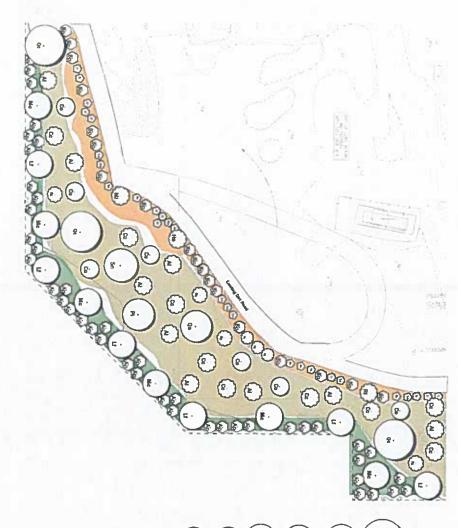
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Low Water Use Trees & Shrubs

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