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CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to California State Parks through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008, for the construction of a new community center and community garden at Orizaba Park, at a total estimated construction cost of \$2.2 million. (District 4)

DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the \$54 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, to provide capital funding for water quality and park programs. Subsequent enabling legislation authorized \$368 million in Proposition 84 grant funding for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Park Development Program).

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) would like to apply for \$2.2 million in grant funding through the Park Development Program for the construction of a new community center and community garden at Orizaba Park. Originally, Orizaba Park consisted of 1.5 acres along the former historic Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) trolley line, also known as the Red Car Trolley Line, between Temple Avenue and Orizaba Avenue. Recently, the Long Beach Redevelopment Agency (RDA) acquired a 1.1-acre site adjacent to the park and along 14th Street, in order to remove blighted industrial areas. The goal is to use this additional site to expand the park area in this park-deficient community. In addition to the community center, a community garden will be included in the grant application as a second "recreational feature," which is a grant requirement for achieving maximum grant rating points used toward the awarding of funding (Attachment A).

Through a partnership between the City, RDA, and the community during the acquisition process of the adjacent land, several public meetings were held in order to gather community input for an overall new park design, which would integrate the new land with the older park. The public meetings established that the community's top priority is to build a small community center that will provide meeting space and a permanent location to conduct recreational programming (currently, a temporary trailer is being utilized for this purpose). In addition, the new community center will allow PRM to move youth recreation programming from the Freeman Center indoor-only site (which will then

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be closed) to the park, which will enhance and expand recreation programming and outdoor access. The residents have requested that the park design recognize the community's history by incorporating aspects of the historic PEROW Red Car Trolley Line that once bisected the site between the former Temple Avenue stop and the Zaferia (also known as East Long Beach) Station, which was razed many years ago. PRM has contracted with an architectural firm that drafted a single-story community center floor plan containing 4,000 square feet of space, with the exterior designed in the architectural style of the former Zaferia Station. Trolley line rail design will be incorporated into the concrete walkway where the park site was originally bisected (Attachment B). An aerial map of Orizaba Park is attached (Attachment C).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on January 25, 2010, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on January 28, 2010.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 16, 2010, in order to submit the grant application to California State Parks by their due date of March 1, 2010.

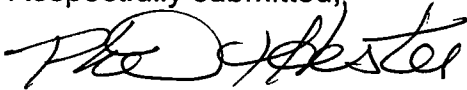
FISCAL IMPACT

The total direct cost of the project is estimated at \$2.2 million. Grant monies will offset 100 percent of the direct project development costs. Future annual community center operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$25,000, which will be absorbed through PRM's existing maintenance budget. Existing recreation staff will be moved from the Freeman Center, which will close, to the new community center. This would allow the City to lease or sell the existing Freeman site. Should the grant application be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept the grant and appropriate the funding.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

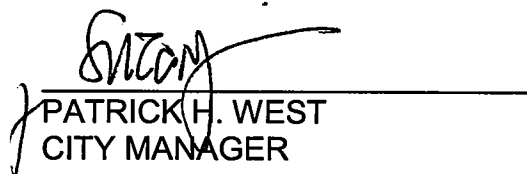


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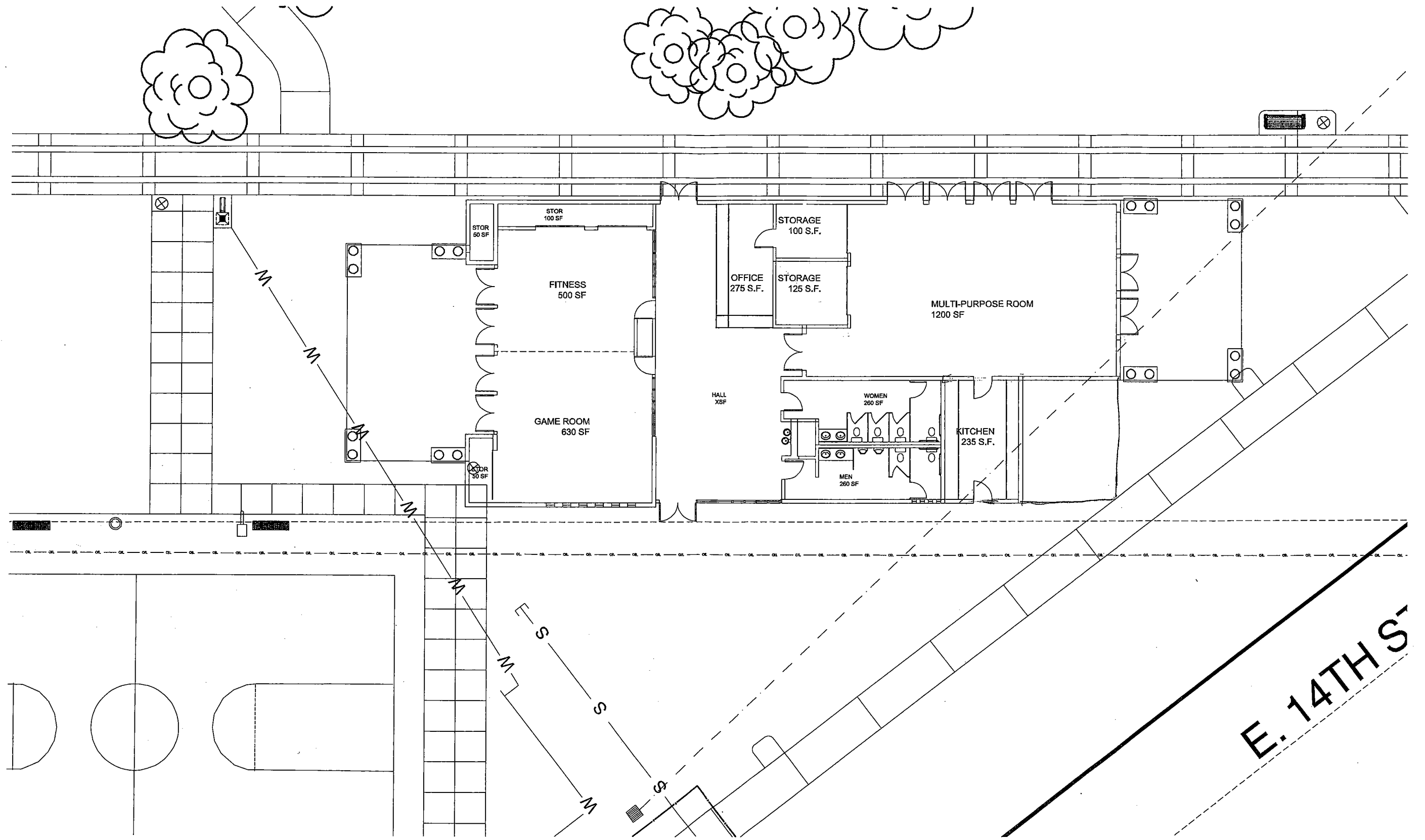
Attachments: Resolution
Orizaba Park Masterplan
Community Center Floor Plan
Aerial Map

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER


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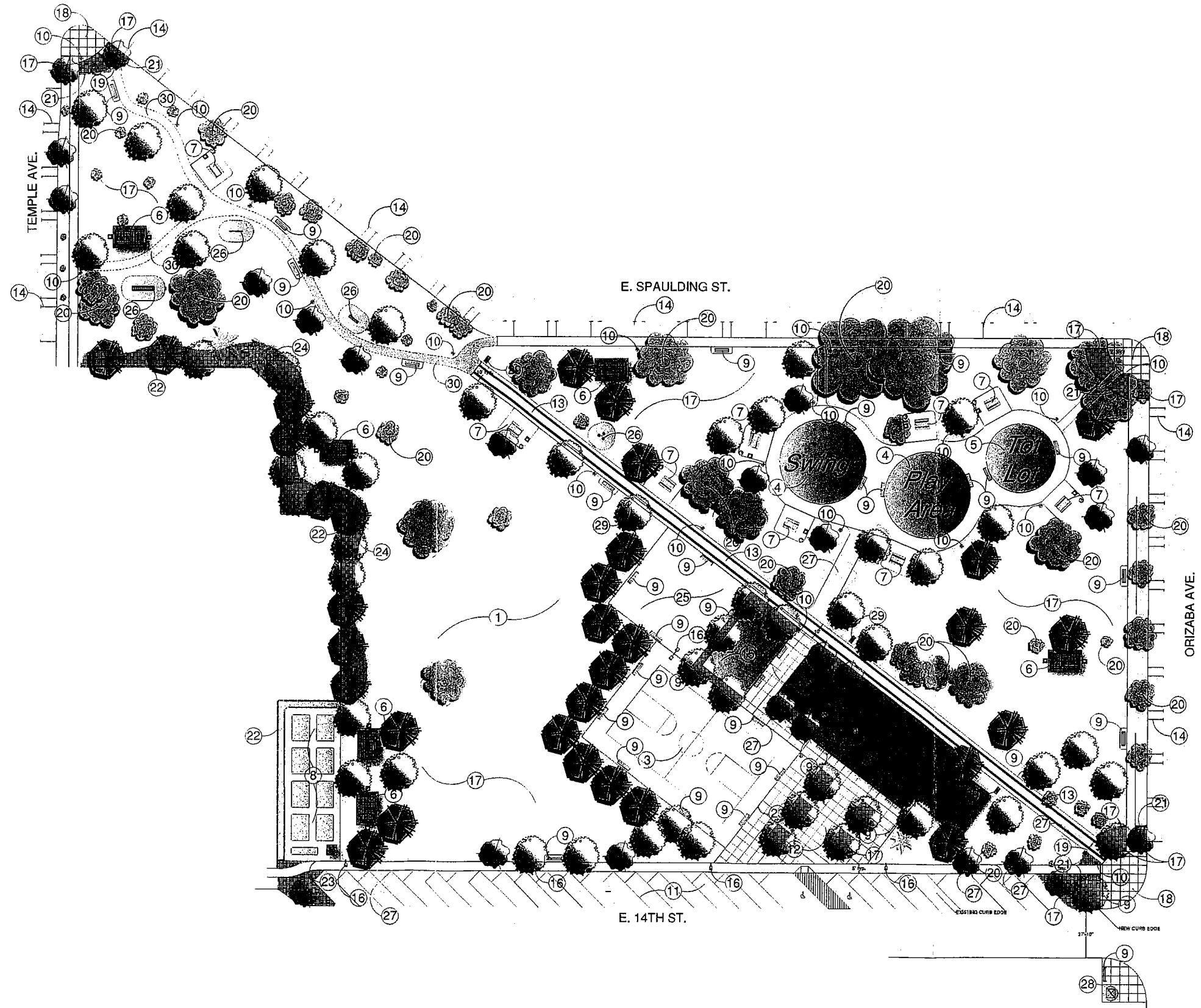


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PARK AMENITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

- ① OPEN MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD.
- ② NEW COMMUNITY CENTER (APPROXIMATELY 4500 sq. ft.).
- ③ NEW BASKETBALL COURT.
- ④ EXISTING PLAYGROUND.
- ⑤ NEW TOT LOT WITH LOW FENCE SURROUNDING IT.
- ⑥ NEW COVERED GROUP PICNIC AREAS.
- ⑦ NEW ADA ACCESSIBLE PICNIC PADS.
- ⑧ NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN SPACE.
- ⑨ NEW BENCHES.
- ⑩ NEW PARK SAFETY LIGHTING.
- ⑪ NEW PARKING LOT (32 SPACES).
- ⑫ NEW PLAZA/ OUTDOOR PATIO.
- ⑬ NEW HISTORICAL RED CAR LINE WALKWAY
- ⑭ ADDITIONAL STRIPED ON STREET PARKING
- ⑮ TROLLEY DEPOT PLAZA W/SLASH AREA (1,350 SF)
- ⑯ NEW PARKING LOT LIGHTING
- ⑰ RENOVATED PARK LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION (PARK AREA)
- ⑱ NEW PARK ENTRY PLAZA
- ⑲ NEW PARK ENTRY SIGN
- ⑳ EXISTING TREE 
- ㉑ NEW LOW DECORATIVE WALL W/PILASTERS
- ㉒ NEW 6' CONCRETE BLOCK WALL ALONG PROPERTY LINE
- ㉓ NEW 6' DECORATIVE STEEL FENCE
- ㉔ NEW NATIVE PLANT EXHIBIT BUFFER AREA
- ㉕ NEW SKATE PARK AREA (APPROXIMATELY 3300 SF)
- ㉖ NEW FITNESS STATIONS
- ㉗ EXISTING TREE TO BE REMOVED
- ㉘ PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT
- ㉙ KIOSK WITH HISTORICAL PARK INFO
- ㉚ D.G. PATH



Orizaba Park Masterplan - Combined Concept 1&2



Orizaba Park



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION
FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for the Orizaba Park Community Center; and

Section 2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and

Section 3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and

Section 4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and

Section 5. Delegates the authority to City Manager to conduct all

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negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and

Section 6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at this meeting of _____, 2010, by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk