



CITY OF LONG BEACH

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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December 20, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive supporting documentation into the record and conclude the hearing;
 2. Adopt the attached resolution amending the Open Space and Recreation Element of the City's General Plan to include additional City parklands established in 2005;
 3. Declare the ordinance rezoning these properties to the Park District read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;
 4. Declare the ordinance amending Planned Development District (PD) PD-1 (SEADIP - Southeast Area Development Improvement Plan) to include new parklands read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;
 5. Declare the ordinance amending Planned Development District PD-22 (Pacific Electric Railway) to include new parklands read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;
 6. Declare the ordinance amending Section 21.35.010 and Table 35-2 of the Zoning Regulations to include these additional parklands read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;
 7. Declare the ordinance dedicating these new parks as parks in perpetuity read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and
 8. Adopt the attached resolution instructing the Director of Planning and Building to submit the subject resolutions, ordinances and supporting materials to the California Coastal Commission for their review and approval.
- (Council Districts 1,2,3,4,6,7,8)

DISCUSSION

With the adoption of implementation programs in the City's Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan on October, 15, 2002, the City Council created programs requiring formal dedication of all City-owned parks; designation of such lands for preservation as parks in perpetuity; complete consistency between the General Plan and zoning for these City parks; and an annual report to the Planning Commission and City Council documenting the City's progress in creating more park space in Long Beach. The 2004 annual report was reviewed by the City Council on March 1, 2005. (The Planning Commission and City Council will review the annual report for 2005 in the spring of 2006.)

At a hearing on September 15, 2005, the City Planning Commission made a unanimous decision to recommend that the City Council adopt resolutions and ordinances in order to amend the Open Space and Recreation Element of the City's General Plan and Zoning Regulations to include six (6) new parks and three (3) park expansions for this year's annual park dedications and rezonings. The new parks are:

- Arbor Street Park at 47th and Arbor Streets (just east of Long Beach Boulevard)
- Burton Chase Park at Market Street and Dairy Avenue
- Fellowship Park at Willow Street and Pasadena Avenue
- Peace Park at 14th Street and Atlantic Avenue
- Rotary Centennial Park located between Pacific Coast Highway and Junipero Avenue, and
- Sims Pond at Loynes Drive and Pacific Coast Highway

The park expansions are:

- Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Park located between Loma Avenue and Tenth Street
- Victory Park at Ocean Boulevard east of Cedar Avenue, and
- Santa Cruz Park at Ocean Boulevard west of Cedar Avenue.

A total of 11.07 acres of City-owned lands are being zoned and dedicated as City parks with this amendment. For more details on each park, the Planning Commission report is attached for your reference.

Updating of the General Plan and the zoning regulations, formally dedicating these nine (9) areas as City parks in perpetuity, and ultimately forwarding these changes to the California Coastal Commission for their approval, will be achieved through the City Council's adoption of the attached resolutions and ordinances. Performing the recommended actions will implement the goals and objectives, policies and implementation programs in the City's General Plan, particularly in the Open Space and Recreation Element.

In accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Categorical Exemption No. 184-05 was certified by the Planning Commission for this project.

This report was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on December 6, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time sensitive.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:


Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Planning Commission Report of September 15, 2005
- Resolution amending the Open Space and Recreation to include new parklands
- Ordinance rezoning subject properties not in PDs
- Ordinance amending PD-1 (SEADIP)
- Ordinance amending PD-22 (Pacific Electric R-O-W)
- Ordinance amending Zoning Regulations Section 21.35.010 and Table 35-2 to include all new park areas
- Ordinance dedicating new parklands in perpetuity
- Resolution submitting all materials to the California Coastal Commission