

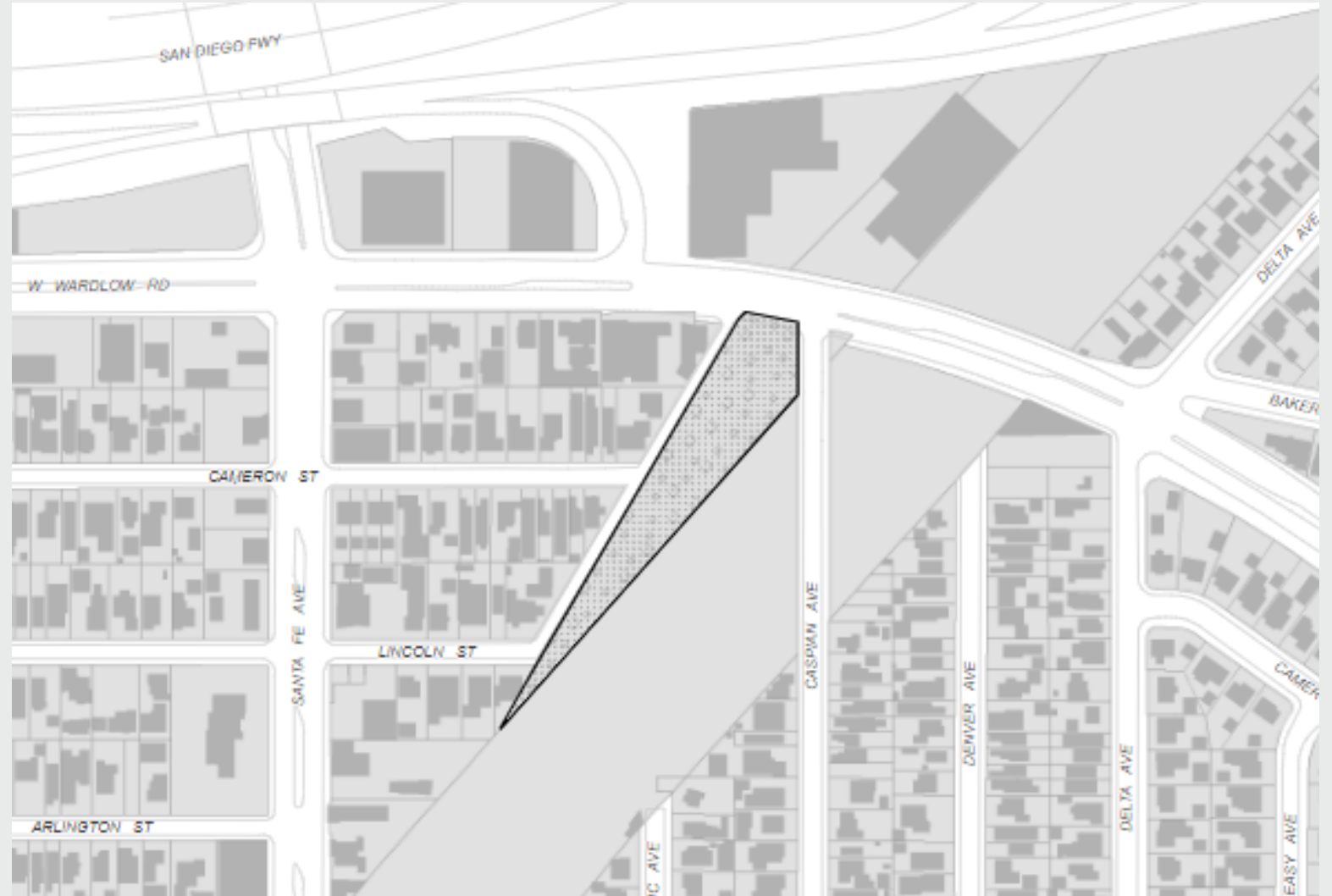


Tanaka Park Zoning and Dedication Project 1400 West Wardlow Road

City Council Hearing - August 23, 2022

Project Location – 1400 W. Wardlow Rd.

- Remnant of the former Tanaka Farm
- Leased from the Tanaka family as park space from the early 2000's
 - Playground
 - Picnic area
 - Walking trail
 - Green space



Background: Park Dedication

- **Dedication** is the process that applies to City-owned parkland to protect a park in perpetuity for public Open Space use
 - Article IX, Sec.905 of the City Charter provides that the City Council shall by Ordinance **adopt zoning and other regulations** for the proper use and protection of parks, beaches and open space areas
 - Those areas that have been dedicated or designated as public park or recreation areas of the City are **protected in perpetuity**
 - If sold or used for a non-park use, **must be replaced by other dedicated or designated park or recreation areas**, on substantially an amenity for amenity basis, and at a ratio of at least two to one (2:1)

Background: Park Dedication Continued

- Protections provided through dedications help implement the goals and policies of the **Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE)** and advance the **General Plan Land Use Element (LUE)** policies of prioritizing new green space in park-poor communities



Previous Action

- City Charter provides powers and duties to the Parks and Recreation Commission, including the dedication of parkland for public parks
- November 18, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended that actions be taken to formalize Tanaka Park as park space in perpetuity
- Tanaka Park was not included in the first round because the City had not yet purchased it, when the broader effort began to formalize park space
- On July 7, 2022, The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the Zone change and dedicate Tanaka Park in perpetuity, as park space



Tanaka park – Requested Actions

ZONE CHANGE

R-1-N, Single Family Residential  P, Park

TABLE 35-2 – PARK DEDICATIONS/DESIGNATIONS

- Inclusion of Tanaka Park on Table 35-2 which contains the following information:
 - 1) Park Name = Tanaka Park
 - 2) Type of Park = M (Mini)
 - 3) Dedication Type = Dedicated
 - 4) Zoning Classification = P, if approved

Environmental Review

- In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) a Categorical Exemption was prepared this project (CE 22-093):
 1. Section 15061 (b) (3) (Common Sense Exemption)
 2. Section 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources)

Public Hearing Notice

- Notice of this Public Hearing mailed to all property owners and property tenants within 1,000 feet of Tanaka Park on June 21, 2022, in accordance with Section 21.21.302 of the City's Zoning Code
- A Public Hearing Notice poster was posted at Tanaka Park on June 23, 2022
- Two public inquiries were received

Recommendation

Accept Categorical Exemption (CE 22-093);

Declare an Ordinance amending Table 35-2 (Park Dedications/Designations) of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) (ZCA22-001), to include Tanaka Park located at 1400 West Wardlow Road; read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;

Declare an Ordinance setting aside and approving for dedication in perpetuity, Tanaka Park located at 1400 West Wardlow Road for public park purposes and uses; read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and,

Declare an Ordinance amending the Use District Map (Zoning Map) to change the zoning district (ZCHG22-001) of Tanaka Park from Single-Family Residential (R-1-N) to the Park (P) Zoning District; read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (District 7)



Thank you

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