

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: November 2, 2009
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Stage Concept Design for Memorial Park

FROM: Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

STAFF AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve:

- (1) stage design submitted by Landscape Architect Karen McArdle.
- (2) up to \$36,000 for the completion of the project from State Proposition 40 funds.

BACKGROUND

The Recreation and Community Services Department hosts a variety of communitywide special events at Memorial Park each year; the July 4th celebration, the concerts in the park series, and the Arts and Music Festival. These events are well attended and help create a sense of community for Albany residents, friends, and family. The portable stage that is used for special events at Memorial Park is in poor condition and can no longer be repaired. It has already lasted longer than expected; therefore, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended and Council approved Proposition 40 funds for the installation of a permanent stage at Memorial Park.

Attached is the design submitted by Karen McArdle of Hansen McArdle Incorporated. Staff has been working with Ms. McArdle for the last few weeks to create a design for the stage that meets the needs of the City, but is also a multi-use park amenity. The seating wall is a particularly attractive feature and the size of the stage is approximately the same size as the portable stage and takes up a small area of green space. The design includes relocating a small tree, but the City's Urban Forrester assures staff that it can be safely moved to the location indicated on the attached drawing. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved recommending to Council the stage design at the October 8, 2009 Commission meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

A permanent stage at Memorial Park enhances one of the City's recreational venues.

FISCAL IMPACT

A total of \$36,000 of Proposition 40 funds is available for the project. Estimates for the project include:

Landscape Architect	\$3,500
Project Management	\$3,000
Construction & Materials	\$21,500
Electrical/Irrigation	\$5,000
Contingency	\$3,000
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$36,000