

**CITY OF ALBANY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: October 13, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Bike parking installations at Memorial, Terrace Parks

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Commission approve the installation of eight new bike racks, each with a two-bike capacity. Six of the racks are proposed for various sites at Memorial Park and the other two for Terrace Park.

**BACKGROUND**

Albany Strollers and Rollers (AS&R) partnering with the Albany Community Foundation recently received a \$1,000 PG&E “Power Your Community” grant to install bicycle racks. Given the paucity of bike parking infrastructure and the high demand for it at Memorial and Terrace Parks, the Albany Strollers and Rollers identified these locations as those getting the most benefit from the grant funding. AS&R members identified several potential bike parking locations at both parks which are indicated in Attachments 1 and 2. City staff members have reviewed the locations and agree that they optimally accommodate bicyclists, have the potential for future expansion, and do not interfere with ADA access.

**DISCUSSION**

Memorial Park and Terrace Park do not currently have any bicycle parking. In order to encourage bicycling throughout the City, increase ease of parking for those who already bicycle, and increase ease of access to City parks, AS&R with the help of the Albany Community Foundation decided to apply the grant funding to these facilities.

The selected locations for Memorial Park are as follows: two racks by the Teen Center, two racks by the tennis courts, and two racks by the ballfield. For Terrace Park, one rack is proposed to be sited at the tennis courts and another near the playground. Each of these locations represents a destination with high volumes of bike traffic. In addition, AS&R and staff took into consideration locations with high visibility, which functions as a deterrent to theft. All sites identified offer room for potential expansion of bike parking facilities (See Attachment 3).

Within the last couple of months, the transportation department has collaborated with a variety of entities to install bike racks throughout the City. An Albany Community Foundation grant of \$1,000 was approved for installation of twelve two-bike racks at the library and community center, six of which have been installed to date. In addition, economic development funds were used to install four new two-bike racks at All In One Fitness located at 614 San Pablo Avenue. Measure B funds and business owner collaboration were utilized to install two two-bike racks on Garfield Avenue at the Hotsy Totsy site. Approval of the proposed racks at Memorial and Terrace Parks will bring the total number of racks installed this year to 26, increasing bike parking capacity throughout the city by 52 spaces, a great step towards meeting goals set out in both the Active Transportation and Climate Action Plans.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

AS&R will pay for the racks via PG&E grant funding. The City will contribute public works time for installation, as will PG&E as per the grant proposal. If the City were to perform all of the work, labor would total about \$300. The extent of PG&E's contribution to installation is unknown but would only serve to diminish this amount.

#### **Attachments:**

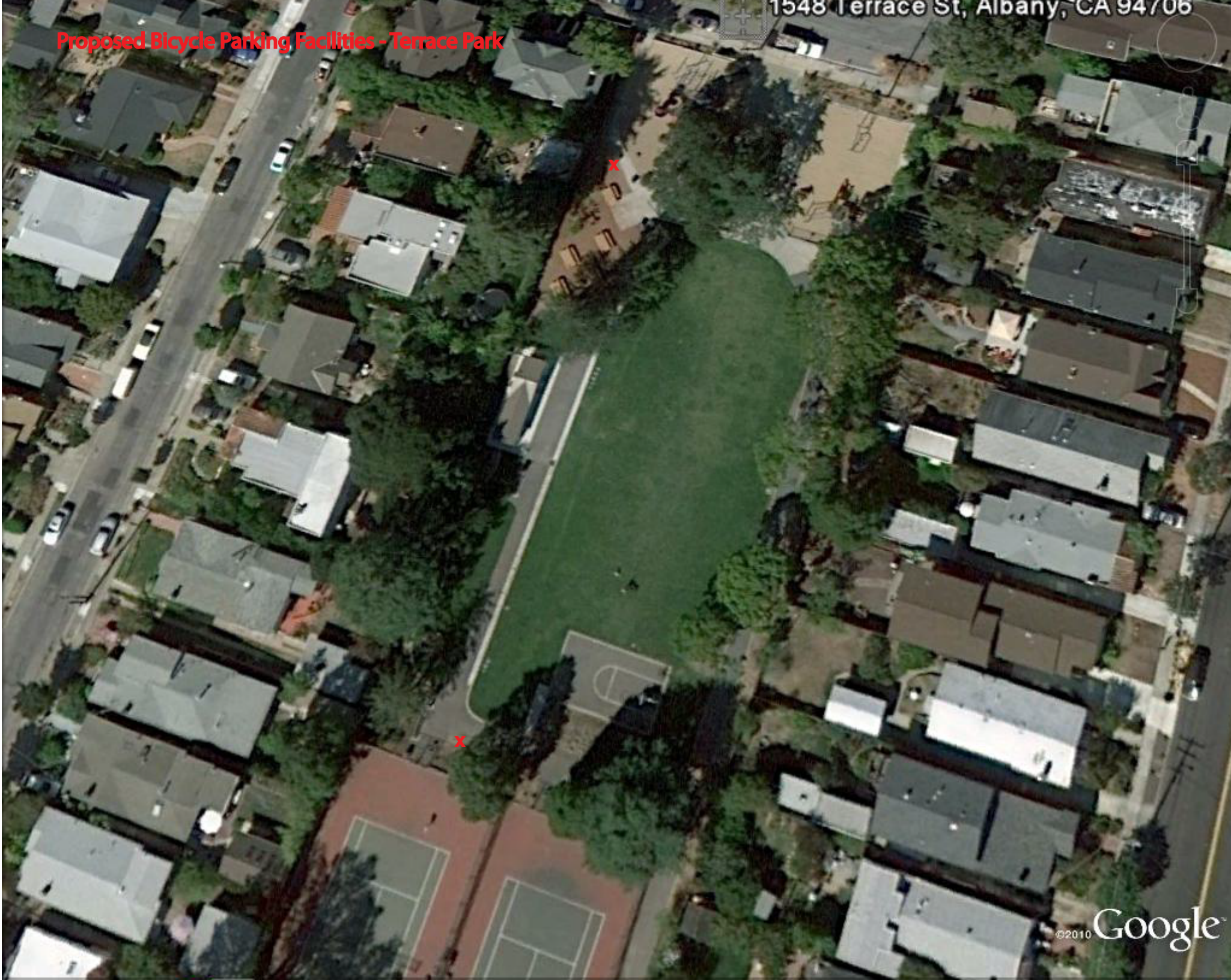
1. Proposed bike rack location map – Memorial Park
2. Proposed bike rack location map – Terrace Park
3. Photos of proposed locations

Proposed Bicycle Parking Facilities - Memorial Park



Proposed Bicycle Parking Facilities - Terrace Park

1548 Terrace St, Albany, CA 94706



Attachment 3 - Proposed Bicycle Parking Facility Photos

Memorial Park



Teen Center – 2 racks



Tennis courts – 2 racks



Ballfields – 2 racks

**Terrace Park**

Tennis courts –  
1 rack





Playground – 1 rack