

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

Agenda Date: October 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Pierce Street Park

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission review the 35% plans for Pierce Street Park and make recommendations to Council regarding any modifications.

BACKGROUND

The City purchased a 4.5 acre parcel on Pierce Street in June 2011 from Caltrans for the purpose of developing a park, pedestrian/bike trail, and maintenance center. Since the acquisition, staff has been working with consultants, the community, as well as a number of the City's Commission and Committees to develop a master plan concept for the area. On the October 15, 2012, options regarding the master plan were presented to Council. Council supported a number of ideas including a phased approach to the project. In April 2013, Council directed staff to complete the 35% plans for the development of phase 1 of the park to include grading, grading on the field, a playground, ADA access, and that the grading is done in a manner that does not minimize potential field size.

DISCUSSION

Staff has been working with the landscape architects to draft 35% plans for the park for phase 1. The topography of the parcel is a challenge given the steep slopes that surround the leveled area of the parcel. Grading the area in such a manner that allows access and is also cost effective are the driving forces behind the phase 1 proposal.

The elements for phasing have been identified by the design consultant based on the original design input from the neighborhood group and direction from the City Council. Staff has identified \$1,000,000 for construction of phase 1 of the park including design and soft costs for implementation.

Attached please see a memo explaining phase 1 as well as the 35% construction drawings.

Attachments

Memo describing phase 1
35% plans for phase 1