

CITY OF ALBANY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT

Agenda date: March 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Pierce Street Park 65% Plans

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Parks & Recreation Commission review the 65% 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 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.

On October 10, 2013, the Commission reviewed the 35% plans and made the following recommendations that were approved by Council on November 4, 2013:

- (1) add a fence around the 2-5 year old play area
- (2) picnic tables should be situated so that there is clear line of site to the multipurpose field
- (3) play area for the 5-12 year olds should be less elaborate to better accommodate children with disabilities
- (4) 4 environmental evaluation of air quality should be reviewed sooner than later to better address future uses of the multipurpose field

The 65% plans for Phase 1 include public input from the November 4, 2013 Council meeting and subsequent direction from Council at the December 16, 2013 Council meeting; the design and location of the raised crosswalk were modified for access to Pierce Street Park.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff has been working with the landscape architects to draft 65% plans for the park for phase 1. Considerable work has been done to redesign and relocate the raised crosswalk to meet the goal of safer access the Pierce Street Park.

Attached please see a memo explaining the updates to Phase 1, as well as, the 65% construction drawings. Complete project construction documents can be downloaded from: <https://dceplanning.sharefile.com/d/sc7aa40068d847319>

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Memo describing 65% Submittal  
65% plans for phase 1