

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: City Manager
Dept.: Community Services
Subject: PARK PROJECT PRIORITIES
Date: March 25, 2008

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memo is to transmit information to the City Council regarding park project priorities.

BACKGROUND

At the February 12 City Council meeting, City Council asked that staff prepare a list of all park projects and potential expansion opportunities for their review.

DISCUSSION

Attachment A outlines the park projects listed in the City's Strategic Plan, projects included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and projects that have been submitted to legislative offices for funding consideration. The list also includes projects that have been completed or are currently in progress.

At their March 13 meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission reviewed the list and determined that their top priorities for future projects are:

- Park Renovations as listed in the Strategic Plan
- Aquatics Center
- Atlantis Improvements
- Senior Center Expansion

Staff also reviewed potential park expansion opportunities. During this review, existing parks were mapped (see Attachment B). To determine areas lacking in access to parks, Attachment C indicates a half-mile radius around the existing parks.

Opening school playgrounds and fields for public use during non-school hours is one method to expand parks and open space. Elementary schools in areas without parks were identified, and are indicated in Attachment D. Expanding the partnership with the Garden Grove Unified School District for use of these schools as open space would increase access for the public.

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A second opportunity to expand open space would be to consider development of a portion of private or agency-owned, vacant parcels for parks. Attachment E identifies the private and agency-owned parcels in the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

If all the projects were to be completed, the final cost would range between \$37,562,000 and \$48,812,000. There is currently \$300,000 available in the Park Development fund.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

One of the goals of the Community Vision is to “ensure adequate, quality, public recreation facilities.”

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council provide staff with direction and priorities for park development and/or expansion.

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Attachment A: Capital Improvement Plan
Attachment B: Existing Parks
Attachment C: Existing Parks (with parks' radius of half mile)
Attachment D: Potential Expansion Sites Elementary Schools
Attachment E: Potential Expansion Sites Private/Agency Properties