# CITY OF OAKLAND

# Community & Economic Development Agency



Project Delivery Division

# Memorandum

To:

Jeffrey Taylor, Interim Chair

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

From:

David Lau, Manager

Date:

June 18, 2008

Re:

Minor Conditional Use Permits for Restrooms at Sobrante, Hardy and Cesar

Chavez Parks

### **SUMMARY**

Staff recommends Park and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) endorse applications for minor conditional use permits for restrooms at Sobrante, Hardy and Cesar Chavez Parks. In accordance with City of Oakland Open Space Zoning Regulations (Oakland Municipal Code 17.11.060), a minor conditional use permit is required for improvements including new restrooms.

## BACKGROUND

Sobrante Park is located on Oakland Unified School District property at 470 Paseo Drive in the Elmhurst district of Oakland, adjacent to the Sobrante Park Elementary School to the north and James Madison Middle School to the west. The park has been under a joint use agreement with OUSD and enjoyed by the community for decades. Because the field is used extensively, a restroom is much needed to accommodate spectators. The proposed capital improvements will enhance and augment the recreational opportunities in the park and it will continue to serve the needs of community. Funding for the project is provided by Redevelopment Agency funds to be allocated next fiscal year July 1, 2008. Current funding for design is provided through Pay Go funds from Council District Seven.

Hardy Park is comprised of Caltrans, Alameda County Flood Control and City of Oakland properties at 491 Hardy Street in the North Oakland district, adjacent to Highway 24. Within the park are two tot lots, a dog park, basketball courts, and open green space. The community requests a permanent restroom to replace the temporary one currently on site. General funds were allocated to the project in the FY07-09 budget and will pay for both design and construction.

Cesar Chavez Park is located at Foothill Boulevard between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bridge Avenue in the Fruitvale District of Oakland. Within the park are a tot lot, basketball court, stage, and open

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green space. In order for more programs to be offered at this park, a restroom is required. Currently, funding for design is provided by Pay Go funds from Council District Five. Funds will need to be sought to implement construction.

#### KEY ISSUES

The scope to install a restroom is similar at each park and consists of improving walkways, connecting to utilities for the restrooms, and making minor adjustments to existing irrigation to conform to the new layout.

In prior years, Sobrante Park had a restroom and the intent is to replace this structure in the same location. The lease agreement with OUSD has expired and a new negotiation is currently underway.

Hardy Park lease agreements with both Caltrans and County Flood Control have expired. Due to increased lease fees and limited time periods of these leases, and because all utilities required are readily accessible within City right-of-way, the restroom will be located within the City property limit that contributes to this park.

To the back side of Cesar Chavez Park rests Cesar Chavez Creek. Because of the distance from proposed restroom location to the creek, an initial consultation with Zoning on Creek Determination presented no concerns with the project.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Because each park will receive a new restroom, increased operations and maintenance (O&M) cost is expected. Public Works Agency Parks and Building Maintenance (PWA) has indicated additional maintenance funding is not available for new improvements and service level will be dependent on existing resources. Office of Parks and Recreation will work with PWA to determine additional funding sources to address maintenance requirements.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission endorse the applications for minor conditional use permits for the addition of restroom structures at Sobrante Park, Hardy Park, and Cesar Chavez Park.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Schematic design drawing plans and elevations for Sobrante, Hardy, and Cesar Chavez Parks







