



# Agenda City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

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## CITY STAFF:

*Jim Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Cynthia Ramsey, Administrative Assistant*

**Sacramento Horsemen's Association**  
**3200 Longview Drive**  
**September 3, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

*The Parks and Recreation Commission is a commission of the City Council that provides recommendations and advise on policies, projects and other matters pertaining to parks, recreation, trees, and human services affecting the City of Sacramento.*

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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# AGENDA

September 3, 2009

*Sacramento Horsemen's Association Clubhouse  
3200 Longview Drive*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission unless otherwise noted.

## Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

## Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. To be announced

## Public Hearings

2. None

## Special Oral Presentation

3. None

## Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2009**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve commission minutes for August 6, 2009

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

### 5. **Support the McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan Amendment**

**Location:** 601 Alhambra Boulevard, Planning Area 1, Council District 3

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends support for a master plan amendment to the McKinley Park Rose Garden

**Contact:** Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633

### 6. **Support Master Plan for Jack Rea Park**

**Location:** 355 Redwood Avenue, Planning Area 8, Council District 2

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends support for a master plan for Rea Park

**Contact:** Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633

### **Discussion/Action Reports**

Discussion/Action reports include oral presentations including those recommending review and comment.

7. **Overview of Sacramento Horsemen's Association and the Lease with the City of Sacramento for Property in Del Paso Regional Park**  
**Location:** 3200 Longview Drive

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

8. **Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. August 2009 department highlights; B. September 2009 department highlights**  
**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

**Contact:** Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

### **Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

### **Adjournment**

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**August 13, 2009**  
**Southside Park Clubhouse**  
**2051 Sixth Street**

Parks and Recreation Commission  
September 3, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 4

## Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call** – A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Cooke at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2009 at the Southside Park Clubhouse located at 2051 Sixth Street. All members were present except Commissioner Raya.

## Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Marc Brandes requested the policy to designate Muir Children's Park as a park for children, and adults with children, be reviewed. Mr. Brandes and others spoke to their opposition to removing City park benches and places for people to sit, and requested the policy and decision making process to remove park seating be reviewed. Other citizens spoke to concerns about the Department of Parks and Recreation's management and administration of community gardens, and the process to determine assignments of plots in the gardens. Don Knutson opposed the closing of park restrooms and considers it a public health issue. He stated citizens are willing to clean the restrooms to help with the situation.

Staff will follow up on these items and return to the Commission.

## Public Hearings

2. None

## Special Oral Presentation

3. None

## Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2009**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Approve Commission meeting minutes for June 4, 2009

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to approve as mailed. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

5. **Use of Gifts to Share Youth Programming Contributions in Fiscal Year 2010**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Receive and File

**Contact:** Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to receive and file. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

**6. Support Redding Avenue Park Master Plan**

**Location:** 3212 Redding Avenue, Planning Area 5, Council District 6

**Recommendation:** Support Redding Avenue Park Master Plan

**Contact:** J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support the Redding Avenue Park Master Plan. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

**7. Support the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden Naming and Master Plan**

**Location:** 3668 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Planning Area 5, Council District 5

**Recommendation:** Support naming the site the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden" and support the master plan.

**Contact:** J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

**Action:** Moved, seconded and carried to support naming the site the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Garden" and support the master plan. (Pomer/Deglow: Ayes: Lynn, Cooke, Deglow, Pomer, Lujan, Price, Tamayo, DeBlonk, Guadiana; Absent: Raya)

**Discussion/Action Reports**

**8. Water Conservation Strategies and Practices**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

**Contact:** Dave Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076

Staff presented the item. Commissioners and staff discussed the City's determination to designate Monday as a "no watering" day and its impact on the park system, the continued need for drought tolerant plants, the best type of turf for sports fields given water conservation needs, compliance with any state or local laws regarding landscape design and plant selection, the impact of reduced watering on park trees, and interactions with the community regarding watering practices.

**9. Parks and Recreation Director Report (Oral): A. July 2009 department highlights; B. August 2009 department highlights**

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Review and comment

**Contact:** Jim Combs, Parks and Recreation Director, 808-8526

Director Combs reviewed new facility openings, a pilot pest management program, and community response to park and recreation reductions.

## Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioners requested staff return to the Commission on the items citizens spoke to at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Pomer requested the Commission have an opportunity to give input on concepts and priorities in future reduction planning.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Harder, Support Services Manager  
Department of Parks and Recreation



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August 5, 2009

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Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Support the McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan Amendment

**LOCATION AND PLANNING AREA:** 601 Alhambra Boulevard, Planning Area 1, Council District 3

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends support for a master plan amendment to the McKinley Park Rose Garden.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633  
J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

**FOR COMMISSION MEETING OF:** September 3, 2009

**SUMMARY:**

McKinley Park is an existing 36 acre community park located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard in East Sacramento. A summary of the McKinley Park project history is included and a location map is included as Attachment A (page 4). The proposed action would amend the existing McKinley Park Master Plan to include a new master plan for the McKinley Park Rose Garden for the future improvements.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

McKinley Park is an existing 36 acre community park located at 601 Alhambra Boulevard in East Sacramento. The McKinley Park Rose Garden was designed and developed in 1928 by Fredrick Evans, a well known landscape architect and Sacramento's first Parks Superintendent. The rose garden was named Fredrick N. Evans Memorial Rose Garden on December 13, 1946 by City Council after Evans' death. The rose garden has been known over the years for its beauty,

contemplative and memorial attributes. The garden has been used for small events, mostly weddings and memorial services. The rose garden has become the place where children memorialize their parents who may have first met and later married here. The rose garden has gained significance not because of its size or grandness but for the countless ordinary small events that have had meaning to so many Sacramentans. It is recommended that the rose garden be proposed for listing in the Sacramento Register as a Landmark which is accomplished through an application process to the City of Sacramento Community Development Department Preservation Section.

The rose garden has not received any renovation for the past several decades except for the installation of new rose arbors in the garden a few years ago. The rose garden irrigation system is old and inefficient and there has been a major break in the water main recently which flooded the rose garden. There has been a policy of no pesticides, fungicides, or herbicides applied in the rose garden for the past several years. This has caused many of the roses to become infected with disease and viruses which show in the lack of vitality and health of the rose garden. Nut grass has spread throughout the rose garden beds unchecked. The garden is also not accessible to the disabled through accessible walkways, parking, benches or signage. The Sacramento Rose Society has proposed to renovate the rose garden which caused the Department of Parks and Recreation to initiate a new master plan to guide the proposed improvements in the rose garden.

The McKinley Park Rose Master Plan Improvements consist of installing an accessible walkway through the center of the garden, accessible parking spaces, accessible benches, a drinking fountain and a rose garden map. Other improvements would include replacement of existing mow strips dividing the rose planter beds with raised curbs to allow flood irrigation of the garden and installation of a new automatic irrigation system to irrigate the planter beds and keep the irrigation spray off the roses and onto the turf. The unhealthy roses would be replaced with healthy roses and rose trees, the perennial planter beds would be replanted, and a new garden entry sign installed with the name "Fredrick N. Evans Memorial Rose Garden" that is consistent with the design of other signs in the park. A construction schedule for this project has not been determined.

Two public meetings were held to discuss the rose garden and to present a master plan on April 22 and June 20, 2009. Those in attendance at the meetings were supportive of the proposed master plan and any requested changes were integrated into the final master plan.

On August 17, 2009, the McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan (Attachment B, page 5) was supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Services Committee.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are adequate funds from General Fund and Park Development Impact Fees available for the development of the McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan. No funding for implementation of the McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan has been secured.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Staff will prepare all necessary environmental review provisions for this master plan as required under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Sustainability Considerations:** The McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City's Sustainability Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan. If approved, the project will advance the goals, policies, and targets of these plans by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of plantings to improve the health of residents. Individual products and manufacturers have not been chosen at this level of development; however, the design will incorporate a water efficient irrigation system.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and liveability and to expand economic development throughout the City. This is part of the Park Development Process for park planning as stated in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*.

## **CONSISTENCY WITH GOALS OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO GREENPRINT:**

The goals of the Greenprint are to optimize the benefits of trees throughout our region, to create sustainable urban forests, and to build community-wide appreciation for our urban forests. This master plan adheres to those goals by preserving the urban forest canopy at McKinley Park.

## **ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are being purchased in association with this report.

Recommendation Approved:



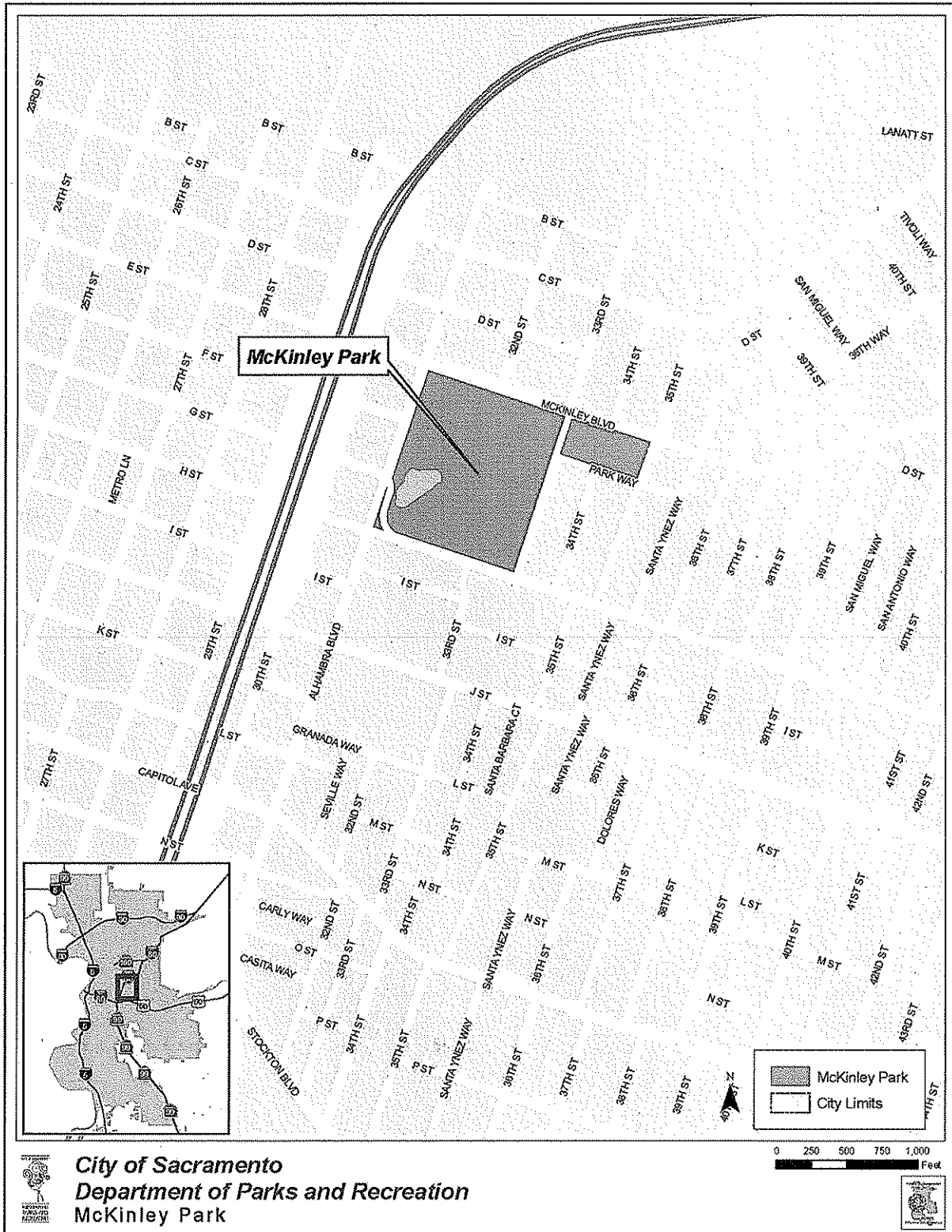
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Park Planning and Development Manager

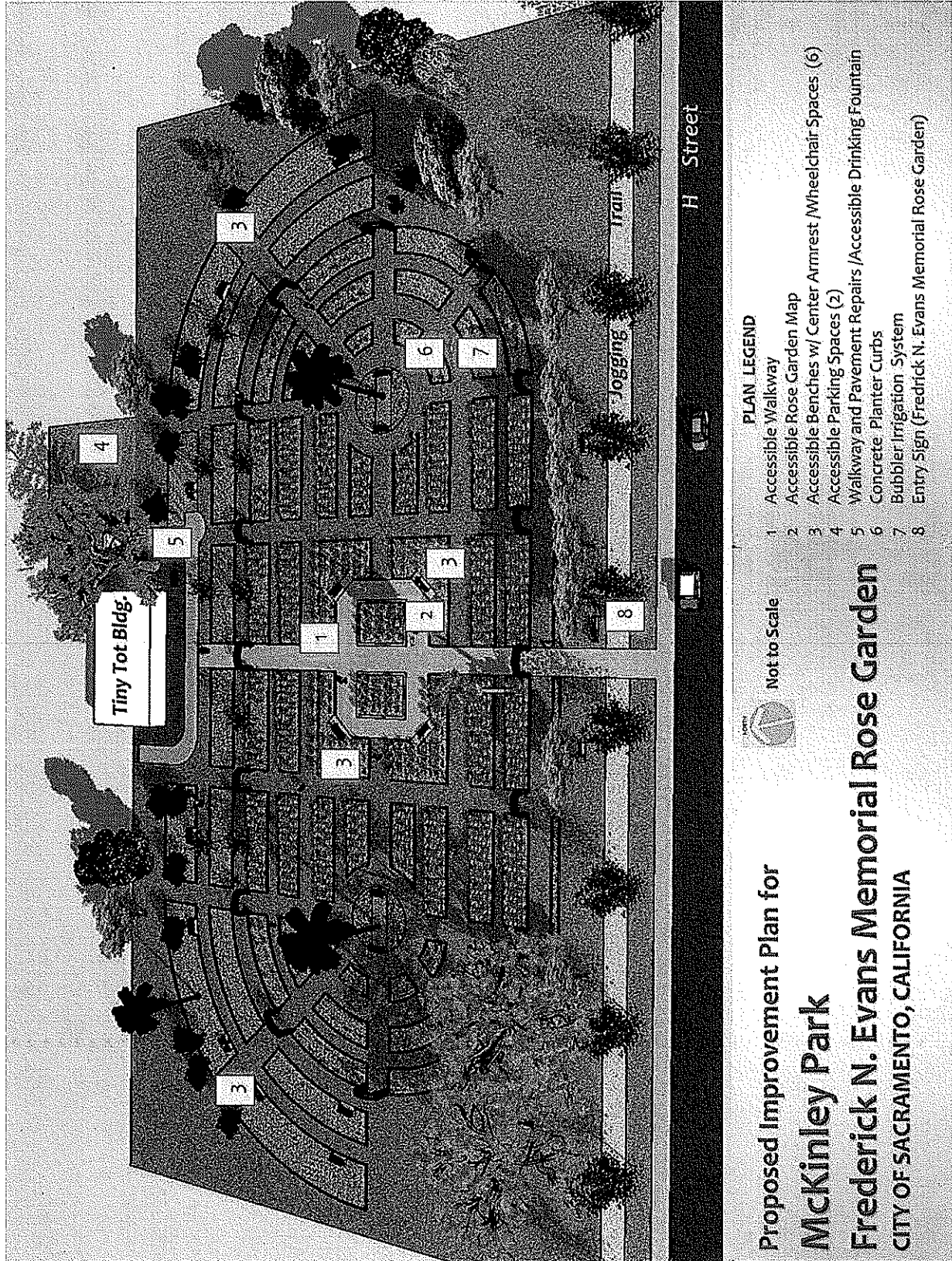
Attachment A – Project Location Map

Attachment B – McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan

Attachment A – Project Location Map



Attachment B – McKinley Park Rose Garden Master Plan



PLAN LEGEND

- 1 Accessible Walkway
- 2 Accessible Rose Garden Map
- 3 Accessible Benches w/ Center Armrest / Wheelchair Spaces (6)
- 4 Accessible Parking Spaces (2)
- 5 Walkway and Pavement Repairs / Accessible Drinking Fountain
- 6 Concrete Planter Curbs
- 7 Bubbler Irrigation System
- 8 Entry Sign (Fredrick N. Evans Memorial Rose Garden)

Not to Scale

Proposed Improvement Plan for  
**McKinley Park**  
**Frederick N. Evans Memorial Rose Garden**  
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Parks and Recreation Commission  
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Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Support Master Plan for Jack Rea Park

**LOCATION AND PLANNING AREA:** 355 Redwood Avenue, Planning Area 8, Council  
District 2

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends support for a master plan for Rea Park.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dennis Day, Associate Landscape Architect, 808-7633  
J.P. Tindell, Park Planning and Development Manager, 808-1955

**FOR COMMISSION MEETING OF:** September 3, 2009

**SUMMARY:**

Jack Rea Park (Rea Park) was master planned to increase its use and provide an enjoyable place for neighborhood children and residents to recreate. The attached master plan includes new styles of design, innovative features, and facilities that would create a draw to surrounding neighborhood children and residents.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Jack Rea Park (Rea Park) is a 0.35 acre neighborhood park and is one of the parks originally developed by the previous City of North Sacramento annexed into the City of Sacramento in the 1970's, and it consists essentially of grass and trees. To help insure that Rea Park is an asset to its neighborhood, the park has been master planned to provide positive uses to increase the use and attraction to neighborhood children and families and to eliminate the negative uses such as camping and loitering in the park. Existing funding is available to renovate the park based on the

new park master plan. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2010 and to be complete by year-end 2010.

The master plan (Attachment B, page 5) includes the following amenities: a children's bug themed playground with a concrete sculpture lady bug, and accessible rubberized surfacing, a colorful butterfly shaped shade canopy, open turf area, a group picnic area shaded by existing mature trees, perimeter 3' high tubular steel fencing with 6' tall fence on one side, walkways, new park sign, an educational butterfly garden with decomposed granite path and low water-use shrubs, perennials and flowering trees which attract butterflies, site landscaping and shade trees, and new site furniture (picnic and game tables, grills, benches, and trash receptacles). One public meeting was held to present the master plan on June 24, 2009. Those in attendance were enthusiastic and supportive of the proposed master plan and any requested changes were integrated into the final master plan.

The park is expected to begin construction in spring 2010 and should be completed by fall 2010.

On August 17, 2009, the Rea Park Master Plan (Attachment B, page 5) was supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission's (PRC's) Park Planning and Development Services Committee.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are sufficient Community Development Block Grant funds from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and a grant from Sacramento County's First Five program to construct the proposed master plan improvements. This is an existing City park for which maintenance and operations services have already been budgeted.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** Staff will prepare all necessary environmental review provisions for this master plan as required under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Sustainability Considerations:** The Rea Park Master Plan has been reviewed for consistency with the goals, policies, and targets of the City's Sustainability Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Sustainability Plan. The project will advance the goals, policies, and targets of these plans by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution through the addition of trees and other plantings and improving the health of residents through access to a diverse mix of wellness activities. Individual products and manufacturers have not been chosen at this level of development but the design will incorporate low water use planting, products made from recycled materials, and shade coverings for less heat gain.

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and liveability and to expand economic development throughout the City. This is

part of the Park Development Process for park planning as stated in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010*.

**CONSISTENCY WITH GOALS OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO GREENPRINT:**

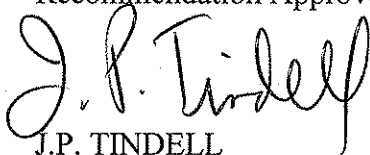
The goals of the Greenprint are to optimize the benefits of trees throughout our region, to create sustainable urban forests, and to build community-wide appreciation for our urban forests.

The master plan for Rea Park provides an addition to the City's urban forest particularly in the area of tree species with large canopies which are suited to the Sacramento climate. Furthermore, the trees proposed in this master plan will make a contribution to clean air and water, stormwater runoff reduction, energy conservation, improved public health, and increased property values. Therefore, the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission finds that adoption of the proposed master plan for Rea Park is consistent with the Greenprint.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are being purchased in association with this report.

Recommendation Approved:

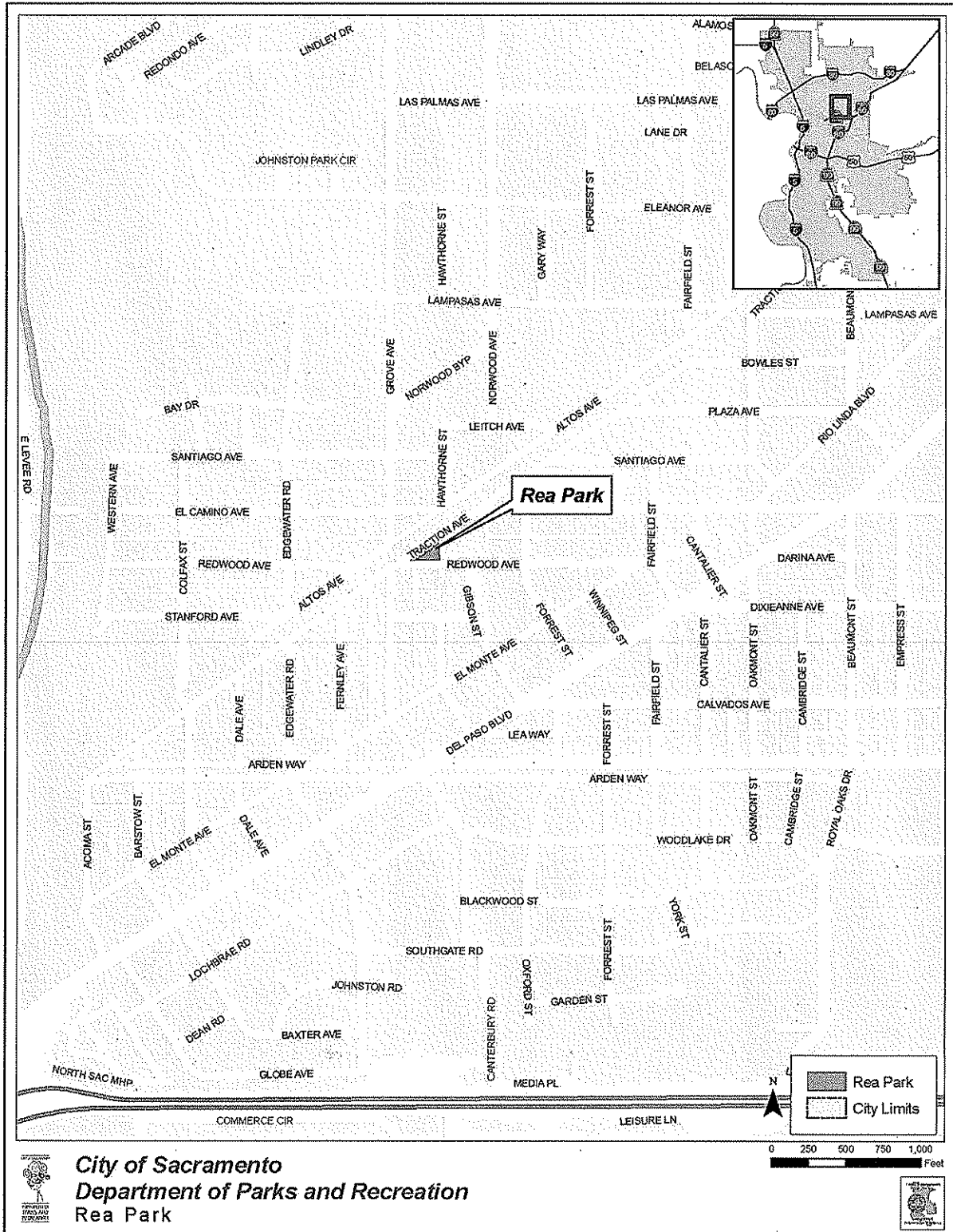


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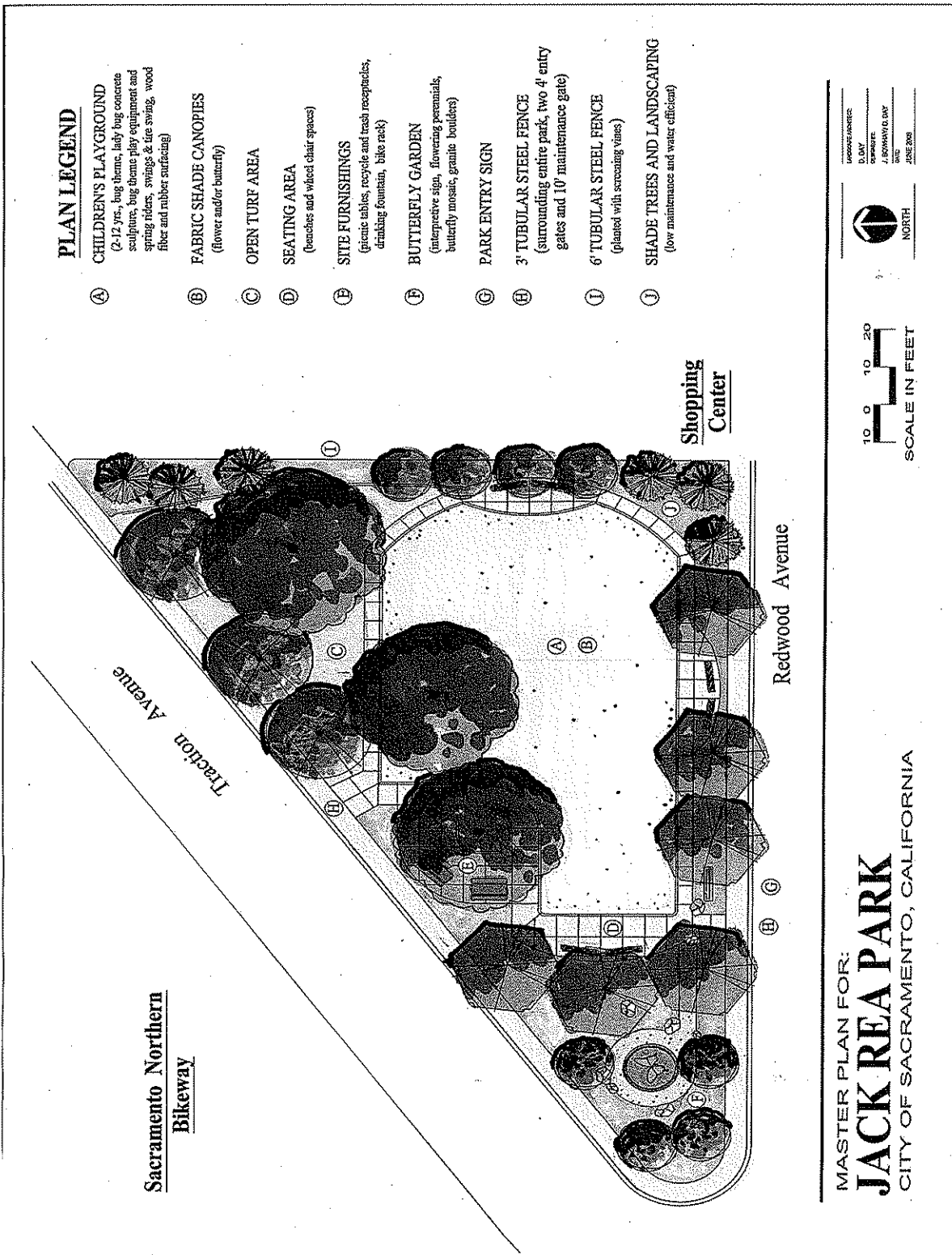
Attachment A – Project Location Map  
Attachment B – Rea Park Master Plan

Attachment A – Project Location Map



**City of Sacramento**  
 Department of Parks and Recreation  
 Rea Park

Attachment B – Rea Park Master Plan





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September 3, 2009

Parks and Recreation Commission  
Sacramento, California

**SUBJECT: Overview of Sacramento Horsemen's Association and Lease with the City of Sacramento for Property in Del Paso Regional Park**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lori Harder, Support Services Manager, 808-5172

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** September 3, 2009

**SUMMARY:**

This meeting is being held at the Sacramento Horsemen's Association (SHA) leased site in Del Paso Regional Park. The meeting provides an opportunity to give the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) an overview of the site, operations, SHA's nonprofit mission, and joint programming with the Department of Parks and Recreation. The City of Sacramento has leased this equestrian facility to SHA, a charitable nonprofit organization, for over 40 years (see attached aerial map).

For more information on SHA, please see their website: [www.sachorsemen.com](http://www.sachorsemen.com) It includes a history of the site dating back to the 1800's.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

SHA obtained the first lease with City of Sacramento for a clubhouse and arena in Del Paso Regional Park in 1946. Currently, the leased site is 14.5 acres of property within the park, a horse barn, a clubhouse building, two horse arenas, and attached structures. An additional two acre undeveloped site on the west side of the premises may be used by SHA to provide parking for guests, horses and horse trailers during special events. This area is bound by post and cable fencing to protect surrounding oak woodlands.

SHA maintains the property and manages a venue for novice equestrian events, provides services to law enforcement agencies utilizing horses in enforcement and ceremonial activities, has an on-

going partnership with Sacramento County 4-H, and are good stewards of Arcade Creek and the trail system within Del Paso Regional Park. As part of their lease, they provide parking areas and access to all citizens who want to bring their horses to the site in order to ride along trails within the park.

Over the past several years, SHA co-sponsors recreation activities for Sacramento youth with the Department of Parks and Recreation including introduction to the sport of equestrianism, day camps, nature walks and overnight activities.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

SHA pays \$9,000 in annual lease payments to offset the Department of Parks and Recreation's cost to create a firebreak around the facilities on an annual basis, and to provide transportation and on-site co-programming for inner city youth. As with most leases managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation, SHA is required to manage and maintain the site, and pay for utilities, security, general maintenance and most capital improvements. They may raise operational funds through renting out the facilities including horse stalls within the barn.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The on-going partnership with SHA with current lease agreement is consistent with policy contained in the Council adopted *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2005-2010* including: formalize partnership agreements with a range of public entities to improve and maintain public facilities and grounds, and provide programs and activities through partnerships and collaborations to maximize facility utilization.

Respectfully submitted,

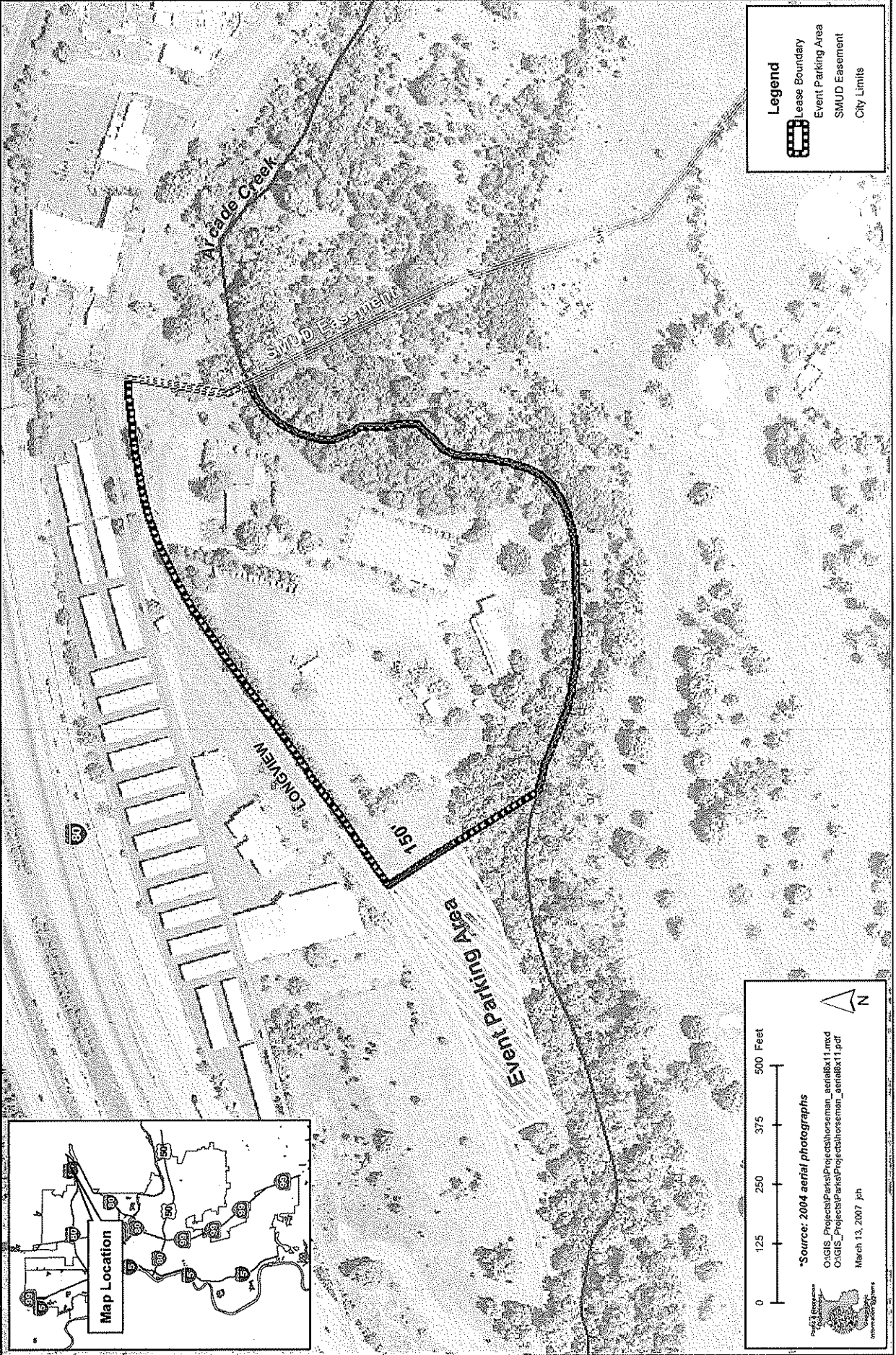
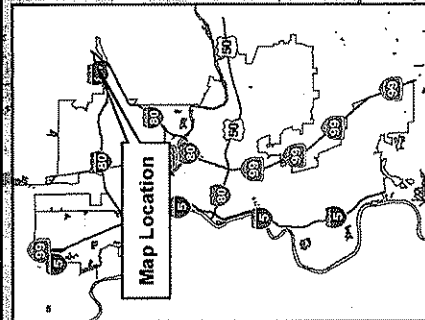


Lori Harder  
Support Services Manager

Attached: SHA Location Map in Del Paso Regional Park



# City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Aerial Photo - Sacramento Horsemen's Association



**Legend**

- Lease Boundary
- Event Parking Area
- SMUD Easement
- City Limits

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\*Source: 2004 aerial photographs  
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