



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: **NB-2**

SUBJECT: FAIRVIEW PARK NORTH BLUFF TRAIL REALIGNMENT – COUNCIL MEMBER GENIS’ REQUEST TO REVIEW PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION’S ACTION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: ERNESTO MUNOZ, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Uphold the Parks and Recreation Commission’s determination that the proposed Fairview Park North Bluff Trail Realignment is consistent with the Fairview Park Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Fairview Park Master Plan was originally approved in March of 1998, revised in February 2001, and revised again in November 2002. The Master Plan provides a framework for future park improvements which can be constructed in an orderly and consistent manner.

On December 4, 2012, the City Council awarded a contract to Kabbara Engineering, 121 North Harwood Street, Orange, CA 92866-1626, in the amount of \$160,387 for the design of the Fairview Park Bike Trail Improvement project.

On August 27, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed realignment of the existing multipurpose trail through the north bluff (Attachment 1). The Commission concluded that the proposed realignment is consistent with the Fairview Park Master Plan (Attachment 2).

On September 2, 2015, Council Member Genis requested that the action by the Commission be reviewed (Attachment 3).

ANALYSIS:

The action by the Commission is one of “first steps” in the process of implementing the proposed improvements. Should the City Council also concur that the proposed realignment is consistent with the Master Plan, the next step is to authorize a change order to the design contract with Kabbara Engineering at a future meeting. The design consultant will prepare improvement plans and necessary exhibits for the completion of the environmental documents for the new alignment.

The environmental review will include technical reports that address biological resources within the project limits including the riverine habitat designation by the United States Fish and Wildlife. Following the approval of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, the project design will be completed and will proceed for implementation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council may determine that the realignment of the existing multipurpose trail is not consistent with the Fairview Park Master Plan and direct staff to complete the project along the existing alignment. It should be noted that this alternative requires the construction of retaining walls to support the slope and extensive grading within the core area of Archaeological Site CA-ORA-58.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no fiscal impact for the proposed action. However, should City Council approve the proposed realignment, the steps that follow will have fiscal impacts that when combined with the implementation cost will yield a net savings to the overall project cost.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

Council Member Genis has requested that the action by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the proposed realignment be reviewed for consistency with the Fairview Park Master Plan and include a map from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that depicts the presence of Riverine habitat in the area of the proposed path (Attachment 4).

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- ATTACHMENTS:
- 1 - [Parks and Recreation Commission Staff Report](#)
 - 2 - [Action Minutes for the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 27, 2015](#)
 - 3 - [Request for Review dated September 2, 2015](#)
 - 4 - [USFWS National Wetlands Inventory – Map of the North Bluff Area of Fairview Park](#)

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