PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 25, 2015 **ITEM NUMBER: 9b**

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF A BENCH AT FAIRVIEW PARK SOUTH OF CANARY DRIVE

DATE: JUNE 15, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BALTAZAR MEJIA, PARKS PROJECT MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the installation of a park bench at Fairview Park south of Canary Drive for a period of one month during which time staff will receive public input in support or objection to its installation and conduct a survey. A report will follow summarizing the results of the survey and to recommend its permanent installation or removal.

BACKGROUND:

On April 23, 2015, at the request of Commissioner Graham, the Commission approved agendizing the temporary installation of a park bench (Attachment 1) at Fairview Park south of Canary Drive (Attachment 2). Commissioner Graham presented the proposed location for the bench, the benefits of providing this park furniture, and described the process by which the public will have the opportunity to weigh in on its installation.

ANALYSIS:

The Fairview Park Master Plan recommends the installation of benches in the northeast quadrant (Section 6.2 East of Placentia Avenue). A recent review by the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee considered changes to the Master Plan and concluded that the Master Plan for this quadrant should remain as is; thus, the recommendation to install benches still applies.

Since the installation of the proposed bench, if approved, will be ahead of the implementation of the master planned improvements for this quadrant, access to the bench will be only by the use of user-defined trails and the recently installed stairs.

The proposed location for the bench is within a known archaeological site and will require that its installation be monitored by a qualified archaeologist and be coordinated with Native American representatives as per the approved Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Fairview Park Master Plan.

Commissioner Graham suggested that during the trial period (one month) a survey form (Attachment 3) be made available to the public to indicate their support or objection to the bench. If the Commission approves the installation of the bench, the survey form will be posted near the bench and will also be available on-line. If at the end of the trial period the majority of the respondents object to the installation of the bench, the bench will be removed. Conversely, if at

the end of the trial period, the majority of the respondents support the new bench, then it will remain where installed.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The Commission may determine that the installation of park furniture be postponed until the Master Planned improvements for this quadrant are completed.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Funding for this project, if approved, will be from Fairview Park Allocations approved in prior Fiscal Years.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve a request to install a bench in the northeast quadrant of Fairview Park south of Canary Drive.

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Public Services Director

FARIBA FAZELI
City Engineer

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Parks Project Manager

Attachments:
1 - Typical Park Bench
2 - Location Map
3 - Survey Form (sample)

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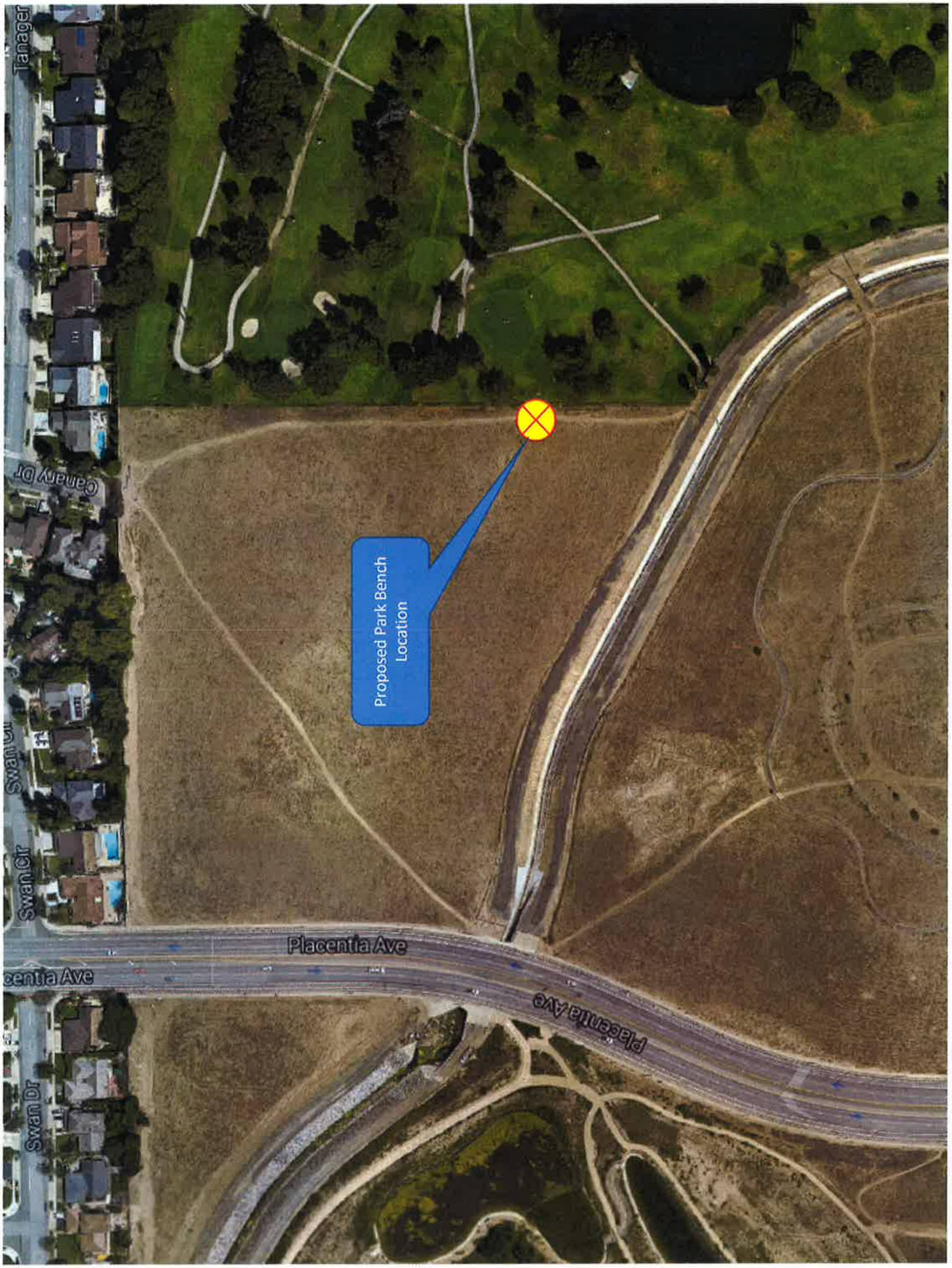
Staff
File

Attachment 2



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Fairview Park Bench Location Study

The purpose of the study is to compile Park users (Public) input regarding the desirability for a table or bench to be permanently installed in this area.

Potential Uses for the Park Table/Bench

1. As a Rest Stop (Place to Sit Down)
2. As a Viewing Location
    a. Golf Course
    b. Sunrise/Sunset
    c. Lower Fairview Park
    d. Trains
3. A Place within the Park with minimal residential interference
4. As a meeting location

Question: Should the City Place a Table or Bench in this Area?

Please Email your name, response, and comments to Brett Eckles, your Park District Commissioner at:

news@costamesaca.gov

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Attachment 3

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