

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** 05/16/2017  
**AGENDA HEADING:** Regular Business

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**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

Consideration and possible action to receive a project update on the Lower Hesse Park Improvements.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

- 1) Receive an update regarding the final design plans and specifications for the Lower Hesse Park Improvement Project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the project is included in the current budget in the amount of \$627,575. The project is also funded by a \$300,000 Los Angeles County Regional (Measure A) Grant, for a total project budget of \$927,575.

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| <b>Amount Budgeted:</b>          | \$427,575 (CIP Reserves)<br>\$200,000 (Quimby Fees)<br>\$300,000 (Measure A Grant) |
| <b>Additional Appropriation:</b> | N/A                                                                                |
| <b>Account Number(s):</b>        | 330-400-8033-8802<br>334-400-0000-8802                                             |

**ORIGINATED BY:** Ron Dragoo, PE, Principal Engineer   
**REVIEWED BY:** Terry Rodrigue, PE, Interim Director of Public Works   
Cory Linder, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**APPROVED BY:** Doug Willmore, City Manager 

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

- A. Rendering of Proposed Improvements (page A-1)
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**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

Hesse Park opened to the public in 1983 and, since that time, the 18-acre Lower Hesse Park section has remained mostly undeveloped. In 1999, Lower Hesse Park was improved with a series of trails, a dirt parking lot and sand volleyball court. The lower site was connected to the upper section of the park by a trail on the north side of the property.

At the October 20, 2015, City Council meeting, a modified conceptual plan, supported by the public, was approved. Subsequently, at the December 1, 2015, meeting, the City Council approved submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional

Park and Open Space District for the project. On April 11, 2016, the City was awarded a \$300,000 Measure A reimbursable grant to implement the improvements.

Since that time, the City's project architects, Withers and Sandgren, developed and completed design drawings and specifications. The final plans include hydroseeding, xeriscape/drought tolerant planting, installation of drip irrigation, an improved parking lot, native plantings, a landscaped buffer, improved trails, picnic nodes, and a rock-filled drainage area. No active elements beyond the existing on-site sand volleyball court are included in the project (Attachment A).

Staff has been working with the surrounding *Pacific View* homeowners' association to develop the components of the improvement plans. The current project is a product of the collaboration between the *Pacific View* residents and Staff. The preliminary cost estimate for the project is \$841,620.

The project is currently out to bid so that Staff can determine the actual costs for the project (bids were due by May 16, 2017).

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative action is available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Direct the Public Works Department to cancel the bid, which will cause a delay in awarding and missing the funding deadline.





**LOWER HESSE PARK / *Concept Design***  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes

