



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MARGIE MATTHEWS

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 20, 2015

Approved *Margie Matthews* Date *5/20/15*

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title:

ALVISO PARKLANDS MASTER PLAN & ALVISO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Amount of City Funding Required: \$5,000,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): CD 4 C&C Tax Fund

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Alviso is a small historic community located at the south end of San Francisco Bay. The community is bordered by HWY 237, the City of Santa Clara, the City of Milpitas, and the Bay Shore Wetlands. The traditionally isolated community has grown in recent years and is now the location of high tech companies and future hotels. There are also several high density residential communities nearby in North San Jose. Alviso Park is Alviso's only park. It has never been expanded and has had minimal improvements over the years, if any.

Alviso Park is adjacent to City facilities, including a library/community room, former community garden, and swimming pool. An additional 13-acres of City-owned undeveloped land was acquired years ago to expand the park, yet the park has never been expanded. The park and collection of City owned facilities should be master planned into one cohesive community space.

Current District 4 funding will support rehabilitation of some amenities; however, a master plan and construction of an expanded park and infrastructure improvements are not funded. Preparation of a master plan and environmental clearance documents could guide the phased development of Alviso Park with a

connection to the Bay Trail. The master plan could also incorporate the current joint use agreement with the Santa Clara Unified School District on behalf of George Mayne Elementary School adjacent to the park.

Immediate improvements could include repair or replacement of the softball field and lights, bleachers, drinking fountain, and scorekeeper's booth. Additional improvements could include leveling the softball outfield; fencing to protect the play area; repair and leveling of the soccer field, and tree plantings around the picnic areas and playground.

A master plan for the Alviso Parklands and improvements to Alviso Park are necessary to provide high quality open space and programming to the families of Alviso. The master plan process would involve community participation and leadership.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2.5 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

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