



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Mahan
DATE: May 27, 2021

Approved *Matt Mahan*

Date: May 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Complete the integration of a piece of City-owned, neglected land into the intended park in District 10. Purpose is to reduce fire risk and other public safety concerns, beautify the parcel and the existing park, as well as remove ivy that threatens to damage other plants and trees. Work with volunteers as much as possible to reduce costs.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Glenview Park Triangle

Amount of City Funding Required: \$41,000 One Time, \$15,000 Ongoing

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

Glenview Park is a fully developed park attached to the back field of Williams Elementary School. The park was developed decades ago as part of the housing projects to the south and east of the park. Many years later, the land to the west of the park was developed and a small dirt triangle was added to the existing park as part of the project. However, for unknown reasons, that land was never integrated into the park, and until recently, no one knew who even owned that triangle.



That triangle has been the responsibility of PRNS for all these years, but no one realized it. The weeds are 15-20 feet tall, and a clean-up recently took place to remove the ones that had grown through the fence and into the developed park. The tree canopy goes all the way to the ground, and people hide and/or live there – right next to the elementary school.

We would like to remove the fence, bring in equipment to dig up the massive amount of giant weeds, as well as some of the stumps in the park, raise the canopy of the existing trees, possibly plant a native oak in the triangle, and remove all the ivy in the park that is choking out the other plants and trees, replacing the ivy with native, drought tolerant plants. There are potential grading needs, and irrigation considerations. Ongoing costs would be due to adding this extra land to the regular maintenance schedule.

The District 10 Office would work with the Volunteer Management Unit to provide volunteer labor for the project as well as to care for the new plantings until they were established. This volunteer labor could reduce some of the one-time and on-going costs.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund): PRNS General Fund for Maintenance per Jeffrey Gomez

Department or Organization Contact

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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