



CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 2

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 10, 2019

Subject: City-Owned Parkland Zoning Map and General Plan Amendments

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Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 2019-468

Initiated by:

City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

November 19, 2019

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, zoning ordinance amendments are not subject to an environmental analysis if there is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant effect on the environment. Because the parcels are existing facilities and the General Plan land use and zoning designation amendments will not result in any change or intensity of use on the properties, but rather reflect the current and ongoing open space and park uses of the sites, staff suggests that the amendment will not result in a significant change to the environment and is therefore not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to adopt an Ordinance that will rezone City-Owned Parcels at Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, and Fallen Leaf Lane?

Summary:

A rezoning is proposed for City-Owned Parcels at Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, and Fallen Leaf Lane.

Staff Recommendation:

Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-468 for rezoning of the listed parcels.



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Purpose

The Zoning and General Plan land use amendments proposes to apply the appropriate General Plan land use and zoning designations for these City-Owned properties that have functioned and will continue to function as, either parks or open space. Currently, the parcels at Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, and Fallen Leaf Lane have inappropriate land uses and zoning designations which do not reflect the current or anticipated uses of the sites.

Background

In the review of the existing General Plan Land Use and Zoning maps, it was discovered that some of the land use and zoning designations were inappropriate for the current and ongoing uses of these City-owned properties. It was the direction of City Council to amend these, so the appropriate land use and zoning designations are in place.

The proposed amendments were brought before the Planning Commission on October 3, 2019. Following public comment and Commissioner discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend to the City Council approval of Zoning Map and General Plan Amendments to rezone portions of Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, S. Springer and Paco Drive Roadside Open Space, and the Fallen Leaf Lane bike path to PCF (Public and Community Facilities) and “Park”/”Open Space” General Plan land use designation, subject to the suggested findings of the resolution. The designation of “Open Space” has been revised to “Other Open Space” land use in relevant documents per the Commission’s direction to be consistent with the language used in the Los Altos General Plan.

On November 19, 2019, at a special meeting, the City Council introduced and waived further reading of Ordinance No 2019-468. The City Council took this action subject to omitting the property of S. Springer and Paco Drive from the list of properties being rezoned.

Discussion/Analysis

Ordinance No. 2019-468 will go into effect 31 days after adoption.

Options

- 1) Amend Introduce and waive further reading of the Ordinance for rezoning of the listed parcels.

Advantages: The rezoning of City-owned parcels will establish changes that reflect the current and ongoing uses of the Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, and Fallen Leaf Bike Trail properties.



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Disadvantages: The zoning of Grant Park, Redwood Grove, Shoup Park, and Fallen Leaf Bike Trail properties may restrict future development opportunities on the parcels.

2) Deny the Ordinance and Resolution for rezoning and land use changes to the listed parcels.

Advantages: None identified.

Disadvantages: The existing zoning of Grant Park, Redwood Grove, and Fallen Leaf Bike Trail properties may not correspond to the existing or ongoing uses on the parcels.

Recommendation

Staff recommends option 1.