



Date: August 22, 2017
To: City Manager for Council Information
From: Director of Parks & Recreation
Subject: Santa Clara Lawn Bowling Information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On July 18, 2017, Council requested background information related to the Central Park Lawn Bowl facilities and Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club. This report provides the requested information.

In January 1976, Council approved use of Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) grant funding in the amount of \$228,478 for the Central Park Improvement Phase XI Project (Project). The Project included pathways, lighting, storage, a restroom, basketball courts, and the lawn bowling green, among other Central Park amenities. In November 1976, Council approved Plans and Specifications prepared by Royston Hanamoto Architects for the Project. In Fiscal Years (FY) 1978 and 1979, Council approved operational funds in the amount of \$400 to support and develop community participation in the recreational sport of lawn bowling. The City initiated effort resulted in the formation of the Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Club (Club) (original bylaws adopted August 4, 1978, super-ceded by a Club Constitution dated June 14, 1979) and the City acceptance (1979) of the Santa Clara Lawn Bowls Association as a "City Sponsored Club."

In March 1983, Council authorized funds in the amount of \$10,286 from the Urban Open Space and Recreation Grant for the construction of a small Lawn Bowling club house, and in July 1983 approved an additional \$2,500 (General Funds) to assist in its construction. In 1985, the Club provided approximately \$5,000 of "in-kind" support for the construction of a small restroom next to the Clubhouse. In 1986, the Club donated \$1,500 for carpeting and acoustical tile for the Clubhouse. In March 1987, the Club donated \$4,150 for the purchase of a mower to maintain the lawn bowling green turf. In June 1995, Council approved a Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to allocate \$15,400 for Lawn Bowl Green perimeter lighting, supplemented by a June 1996 Club donation of \$1,500. In 2002, the small clubhouse was removed to accommodate construction of the new Central Library main sewer line and underground parking garage, of which \$90,000 was allocated as part of the Library Project for a replacement Clubhouse.


In FY 2001-02, the City CIP budget allocation included \$450,000 for a new Central Park Lawn Bowl Clubhouse. In July 2002, Council approved a professional design services agreement with Marcy Wong Architects in the amount of \$60,000 to develop plans for a new clubhouse. In February 2003, Council approved a Parks & Recreation Commission recommendation of the Clubhouse schematic design for a 2,325 square foot multi-use Clubhouse with meeting room, kitchen, locker room, restroom, patio, and associated City park maintenance and storage rooms. The facility was proposed to be located on the east side of the lawn bowls green close to parking for increased accessibility, visibility, and proximity to utility connections. However, no funding was allocated to complete the Project due to an estimated construction cost of approximately \$1,000,000. In 2006, the Parks & Recreation Department worked to reduce the building program scope to fit the FY 2006-07 CIP Project #3165 budget amount of \$500,000 to be allocated from

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the Capital Projects Reserve. In May 2007, the Project was set aside and a lower cost alternative was implemented when the City placed a 400 square foot classroom trailer and accessible ramp adjacent to the west side of the lawn bowling green for an annual lease amount of \$8,400. In FY 2010-11, due to ongoing City financial constraints, the new Clubhouse Project #3165 was closed and removed from the CIP Budget. In FY2011-12 (June), the City purchased the trailer Clubhouse for \$19,265, which is still in use by the Club.

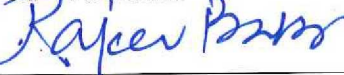
On July 18, 2017, Council referred the development of a Central Park Master Plan to the City Manager whose purpose would be to vision the future of all of Central Park and prioritize all of the various parks facilities and recreation programs' needs on the east side of Central Park. The Master Plan phasing could include future new facilities, including shared or expanded facilities that would serve multiple public recreation and sports needs, including lawn bowls among others, and whose phasing would coordinate with the demolition of existing facilities and the move/construction of a new International Swim Center, Community Recreation Center and International Swimming Hall of Fame (CIP #3172) contemplated for the west side of Central Park.

Given the current backlog of deferred maintenance projects and the existing extensive Parks and Recreation Department CIP Project list, it is recommended that the expressed needs of the Club to construct a new clubhouse be integrated into a community driven Central Park Master Plan aligned with additional budget resources or new, yet to be identified, funding sources.



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APPROVED:



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Documents Related to this Report: None.