

CITY OF PIEDMONT

City Council Agenda Report

Date: February 22, 2005 Council Meeting (Continued from 2/7/05)

From: Mark Delventhal, Director of Recreation

Subject: ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE DRACENA PARK CHILDRENS PLAY AREA PROJECT

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt the attached Negative Declaration for the Dracena Park Children's Play Area Project and authorize the filing of this Notice with the Alameda County Recorder.

This matter has been reviewed by City Attorney George Peyton. It has also been reviewed by Mr. Marty Abel of Environmental Science Associates of San Francisco. ESA provides environmental (CEQA) consulting to public agencies.

Background:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), all projects in California are subject to environmental study including public projects.

Upon review of CEQA requirements, staff has determined that the City Council may adopt a Negative Declaration for this project. A Negative Declaration for this project is appropriate pursuant to section 15063 and 15371 of CEQA and Public Resources Code section 21092.6(a).

Upon completion of an *Initial Study* for the project, staff has determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment. Although there will be some impact during the construction and, it is anticipated that there will be some modest increase in traffic and noise in connection with public use of the site, such impact will not be significant.

Public Notice and Comment Period:

City Council adoption of a Negative Declaration for this project was the subject of a Public Notice. This Notice was mailed to the previously established neighborhood mailing list and was posted at City Hall and the Police Department. The continuance of this matter was the subject of a second notice which is also attached.

Public Response – Comment Period:

No written comments were received during the comment period from December 27, 2004 through February 2, 2005.

Public comment at the Council Meeting has been invited.

Attachments:

1. Public Notice
2. CEQA Checklist – Initial Study
3. Negative Declaration
4. Neighborhood Mailing List

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Recreation
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