

**AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA**

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

**CANYON VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, FOOTHILLS ROOM
471 MAIDU DRIVE, AUBURN, CA 95603**

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

(PLEDGE TO THE FLAG)

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Roll Call

Ainsleigh _____ Lynch _____ Ferris _____ Gray _____ Holbrook _____

2.0 AGENDA REVIEW, CHANGES, AND APPROVAL

Motion by _____ Second by _____ to _____

Ainsleigh _____ Lynch _____ Ferris _____ Gray _____ Holbrook _____

Roll Call Vote

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT** – This is the time wherein any person may comment on any item not on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. If you have a public comment, please use the “Raise your hand” feature through Zoom. You will be un-muted after you are recognized by the Board Chairperson. People only calling in should press #9 to telephonically raise your hand. Please state your name, and address for the record (optional). There is a time limitation of three minutes.

_____ 4.0 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4.1 **Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution (Resolution Number 2021-11) Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the 24-Acre Master Plan Project and Approving the Draft Final Intimal Study and 24-Acre Master Plan Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study**

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

STAFF PRESENATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Board of Directors adopt Resolution Number 2021-21, approving the 24-Acre Master Plan Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approving the 24-Acre Master Plan Project in consideration of the findings of the Draft Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared to analyze the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and in light of the whole record?

Motion by _____ second by _____ to _____

Ainsleigh _____ Lynch _____ Ferris _____ Gray _____ Holbrook _____

Roll Call Vote

ADJOURNMENT

AUBURN AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
This agenda is hereby certified to have been posted as follows:

6-4-21
Date

11:10 AM
Time

P. Larson
Clerk to the Board

Item 4.1 COVER SHEET – Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Resolution (Resolution Number 2021-11) Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the 24-Acre Master Plan Project and Approving the Draft Final Initial Study and 24-Acre Master Plan Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study

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The Issue

Shall the Auburn Area Recreation and Park District (ARD) Board of Directors adopt Resolution #2021-21, approving the 24-Acre Master Plan Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approving the 24-Acre Master Plan Project in consideration of the findings of the Draft Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared to analyze the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and in light of the whole record?

Background

In February of 2017, after several meetings with the public and interested neighbors, the ARD Board of Directors approved a conceptual plan for the development of the 24-Acre Property. Following 5 additional public meetings held by ARD staff in May 2019 and solicitations for public input circulated by ARD staff in Fall 2020, ARD's Board approved a refined 24-Acre Master Plan in January 2021 that incorporated input received from additional public engagement conducted in 2019 and 2020.

In March of 2021, ARD applied for a Proposition 68 grant to develop the 24-Acre Property. One of the conditions of applying for the grant is completing any necessary CEQA reviews. The ARD Board allocated funding for planning and CEQA review in the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 Project Lists.

The 24-Acre Park Master Plan Project (Project) includes developing recreational park uses on a 24-acre site situated generally between Richardson Drive on the east and Deer Ridge Lane on the west. The parcel is undeveloped with the exception of an existing baseball field that occupies approximately 4.8 acres in the southeast corner of the site. Recreational uses proposed include an earthen walking trail, dog park, open turf area, central plaza, splash pad, restrooms, bocce ball courts, picnic tables, parking lot, and associated utilities. The proposed earthen trail would provide pedestrian access from the area proposed for the Timberline subdivision to the south; primary vehicle access to the park would be from Richardson Drive. The design emphasizes passive trail uses and a majority of the site, including the existing wetland along the western Project site boundary would remain undeveloped. The Project is designed to minimize tree removal and would result in no change to the existing NID canal in the southwest corner of the site and would not alter the existing retaining wall along Richardson Drive. A multi-use path would also be constructed from the existing termination of Richardson Drive at the southeast corner of the project site and would extend south approximately 0.54 mile to Education Street. Portions of the new trail would follow a trail that already exists along this alignment.

A copy of the Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all related appendices can be found by visiting <http://auburnrec.com/public-notices.php>. The Draft Final Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can also be found at this link.

As required by CEQA, a Notice of Intent to adopt this document was posted onsite, in the Auburn Journal, circulated to individuals who have previously expressed interest in the Project, and filed and posted with the

County Clerk. A period of 30 days, from April 28, 2021 to May 27, 2021, was provided for public review. A Notice of Completion was also submitted to the State Clearinghouse to provide for review by State agencies that could be interested in the Project. The Draft Final Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration includes all comments received during the public and agency review period. As required by CEQA, ARD's Board must consider all comments received during the public review period. ARD and consultant staff have reviewed all comments received, and a summary of how each comment was considered, and any resulting changes to the Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Declaration is included in the Draft Final Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

ARD staff also conducted consultation with the United Auburn Indian Community as required under Assembly Bill 52. UAIC was helpful in providing input regarding mitigation measures for protection of Tribal Cultural Resources should any be inadvertently discovered during construction activities. Changes that reflect input from UAIC are identified in the Draft Final Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Declaration.

Due to the large size of these documents, printed copies will only be made available upon request. All documents may be obtained for viewing at <http://auburnrec.com/public-notices.php>.

Recommendation for the Board of Directors

Recommendation: Move to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the 24 Acre Master Plan Project and approving the Draft Final Initial Study and the 24-Acre Master Plan Project as described in the Draft Final Initial Study.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated cost to develop the 24 Acres as shown in the Master Plan is \$3.427 million. Funding for this development would come from these sources:

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| • Prop 68 grant | \$2,389,125 |
| • Placer County Area #5 Mitigation Fees | \$445,000 |
| • Proceeds from sale of Mt. Vernon Property | \$415,000 |
| • CA Prop 68 Per Capita Grant | \$177,952 |

Attachments:

Resolution #2021-11

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE AUBURN AREA RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), FOR THE 24-ACRE MASTER PLAN
PROJECT AND APPROVING THE DRAFT FINAL INITIAL STUDY AND 24-ACRE
MASTER PLAN PROJECT AS DESCRIBED AND EVALUATED IN THE INITIAL
STUDY

WHEREAS, the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District (ARD) Board of Directors has duly called, advertised, and conducted a public hearing to consider adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the 24-Acre Master Plan Project and Approving the Draft Final Initial Study and 24-Acre Master Plan Project as Described and Evaluated in the Initial Study; and

WHEREAS, the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District has considered the Initial Study prepared and mitigation measures identified therein and included in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, in addition to public comments and input from the public and staff and the whole of the record before it; and

WHEREAS, the project would develop recreational park uses on a 24-acre site situated generally between Richardson Drive on the east and Deer Ridge Lane on the west, on a parcel that is undeveloped with the exception of an existing baseball field that occupies approximately 4.8 acres of the site. Recreational uses proposed include an earthen walking trail, dog park, open turf area, central plaza, splash pad, restrooms, bocce ball courts, picnic tables, parking lot, and associated utilities. The proposed earthen trail would provide pedestrian access from the area proposed for the Timberline subdivision to the south; primary vehicle access to the park would be from Richardson Drive. The design emphasizes passive trail uses and a majority of the site, including the existing wetland along the western Project site boundary would remain undeveloped. The Project is designed to minimize tree removal and would result in no change to the existing NID canal in the southwest corner of the site and would not alter the existing retaining wall along Richardson Drive. A multi-use path would also be constructed from the existing termination of Richardson Drive at the southeast corner of the project site and would extend south approximately 0.54 mile to Bell Road. Portions of the new trail would follow a trail that already exists along this alignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors to hereby adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the 24-Acre Master Plan Project and approve the Draft Final Initial Study and 24-Acre Master Plan Project as described and evaluated in the Initial Study based on the following findings:

1. It has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration and other information in the record and has considered the information contained therein, prior to acting upon the Project;
2. The Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and consistent with state and local guidelines implementing CEQA; and
3. The Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the Auburn Area Recreation & Parks District as lead agency for the Project and the District Administrator's Office at 471 Maidu Drive #200 Auburn, California 95603, is the custodian of documents and records of proceedings on which this decision is based.
4. On the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study and any comments received), there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment with the application of mitigation measures.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Auburn Area Recreation & Park District unanimously, this 8th day of June, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Attest:

Noes:

Clerk

Absent:

Abstaining:

H. Gordon Ainsleigh
Chair