



DATE: July 5, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate \$313,375 from Bunker Hill by Trumark Homes, LLC. to the La Vista Park Project, Project No. 06914

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate \$313,375 from Bunker Hill by Trumark Homes, LLC. to the La Vista Park Project, Project No. 06914.

SUMMARY

On April 19, 2022¹, Council adopted Resolution No. 22-093, which approved the development project on Parcel Group 5 (PG5), Bunker Hill by Trumark Homes, LLC. As a condition of approval on this entitlement project, the City’s Landscape Architect determined the developer was responsible for a tree mitigation fee of \$313,375. Since PG5 was unable to mitigate all removed trees within the project limit, the fee was to be applied to La Vista Park, the closest public park to PG5.

BACKGROUND

The City’s Tree Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 10, Article 15 of the Municipal Code) allows City Council to enact regulations that control the cutting or trimming, relocation, or removal of trees within the City to ensure that the work is aligned with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) standards while recognizing there are rights to develop and enjoy private property. The Ordinance allows the City’s Landscape Architect to designate off-site locations to meet tree mitigation requirements when it is not possible at the project site.

DISCUSSION

The proposed development at PG5 could not satisfy the tree mitigation goal within the

¹ <https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5558450&GUID=E311F6D5-5023-4521-9CD0-57950C7A1029&Options=&Search=>

project limits. As a condition of approval on this entitlement project, the City's Landscape Architect determined the developer was responsible for a tree mitigation fee. Thus, to mitigate all removed trees, which is roughly 500 trees according to the Arborist Report, the assessed tree mitigation fee of \$313,375 will be applied to La Vista Park, the closest public park to PG5.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

This item will have a positive economic impact to the City. La Vista Park will attract visitors that will contribute to the City and South Hayward's vitality. The park will provide an amenity to the area and have a positive impact on the community's economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item will appropriate \$313,375 in tree mitigation fees to the La Vista Park Project, increasing the project's total budget from approximately \$23.27 million to \$23.58 million. The fees collected will be used for tree planting. There will be no impact on the General Fund.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

This item supports the following Strategic Priorities and projects:

Invest in Infrastructure:

Project 14, Part 14a and 14b: Design and Construct La Vista Park

Confront Climate Crisis:

Project 7: Plant 1,000 trees annually

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

La Vista Park will be designed to be the City's most environmentally sustainable park. As part of the design, park areas will require less irrigation and native grasses and plants will be used throughout the park. The tree mitigation fee will support tree planting, leading to positive environmental benefits, such as reducing greenhouse gasses, improving local air quality, providing food and shelter for wildlife, among many other benefits.

PUBLIC CONTACT

This item did not require public contact.

NEXT STEPS

If Council approves this request, staff will accept \$313,375 from mitigated tree revenue and appropriate the same amount to the La Vista Park Project, Project No. 06914.

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Recommended by: Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works

Approved by:

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Kelly McAdoo, City Manager