



City of Pittsburg

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption

TO:

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Project Title: City Park Renovation Project

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Project Location: 60 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA. 94565

Project Description: Modification to an existing sport field into a soccer field with perimeter fencing. New plaza areas with amenities, game courts, pump track for bikes, and a dog park. Accessory uses - expanded parking facilities, bioretention features, and pedestrian paths. See attached Supplemental Project Information for additional details.

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption Class 3, 11, and 23 (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303, 15311, and 15323)

Reason why Project is Exempt? Section 15303 - Two new small bldgs. <10,000 sq. ft consistent with exemption threshold for urbanized area.
Section 15311 - New parking areas consistent with intent of exemption as an accessory use.
Section 15323 - Modified facilities do not represent a significant change over past uses.

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Categorical Exemption Supplemental Project Information

Expanded Project Description:

City Park is a developed facility with several ball and sports fields. The proposed project includes modifications to existing facilities and other improvements, which include the following:

1. Existing fenced sports field updated to a soccer field with new surfacing, improved spectator areas, and paths.
2. Creation of a centralized plaza including the following components:
 - a. A 1,200 square-foot concessions stand with restrooms near the soccer field.
 - b. Open plaza incorporating an existing memorial piece and central stage with bench seating.
 - c. Picnic area with tables.
 - d. Open lawn area.
 - e. Games courts.
3. Teen Plaza in the northeast portion of the park, including:
 - a. Small skate park.
 - b. Lawn area with perimeter seating.
4. New 800 square-foot concessions stand with restrooms on the far west side of the park in replacement of an existing structure.
5. Two new half-courts for basketball and one new full court to replace an existing court.
6. New pump track for bikes and scooters.
7. Dog park area in the southeast corner of the park.
8. Bio-retention features throughout the park area to meet current requirements for storm drainage.
9. Several new pedestrian paths with shielded lighting to improve overall circulation and park connectivity between components.
10. Added parking spaces to an existing lot at the south end of the park.

Rationale for Categorical Exemption:

- Section 15303 – The proposed structures for the concessions stand with restrooms at 800 square feet and 1,200 square feet will not exceed 10,000 square feet which is the upper threshold for exempt structures in urbanized areas.
- Section 15311 – Accessory structures – “Small” parking lots are considered as exempt uses. Adding the proposed parking will result in positive impacts as it will provide additional on-site spaces and benefit the neighborhood by limiting the need to park on nearby residential streets.
- Section 15323 – Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings – allows for new or modified facilities at sites where the same or similar kind of facilities have existed for at least three years and that new operations do not represent a significant changes in the operation of the facility. As the site has included a combination of sports fields and recreation activities for many years, the new and improved uses are consistent with past uses at the site per the criteria for this exemption.



Security cameras throughout the park.