

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the Parks Zoning & Dedication Project

This serves as the City of Long Beach's (City) Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Long Beach Parks Zoning & Dedication Project – May 2021, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Parks Zoning & Dedication Project – May 2021

Project Location: Twelve City-owned parks in Long Beach, California

Lead Agency: Planning Bureau, Development Services, City of Long Beach, 411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The proposed Parks Zoning and Dedication Project (Part 1) – May 2021 (Project) would consist of: General Plan amendments to change land use designations (PlaceTypes) of specific City-owned parks from their current General Plan Land Use Element PlaceTypes to the Open Space (OS) PlaceType; zone changes from existing zoning districts to the Park (P) zoning district; lot mergers to consolidate parcels; and dedications, as appropriate, for the purpose of protecting them in perpetuity for public open space use, consistent with the policies of the Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE) of the City's General Plan. Other land use actions may be required to correct park boundaries in land titles to bring the parks' General Plan PlaceTypes and zoning into consistency with each other. The Project will facilitate cleanup of land use and zoning designations of existing parks so that they have the appropriate Open Space (OS) PlaceType and Park (P) zoning designation, in order both to appropriately reflect the existing land use and to protect the park use by ensuring development regulations that are aligned with park uses.

The affected parks are categorized as the following:

Mini-Park

A small park serving neighbors within 1/8 mile, generally less than two acres in size:

- Craftsman Village Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Donald Douglas Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Regional Serving Facility (RSF) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from Douglas Park (PD-32) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Locust Tot Lot – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Mary Molina Community Garden – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Miracle on 4th Street Park – Rezone from neighborhood commercial & residential (CNR) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Pacific & 6th Community Garden – Rezone from Downtown Specific Plan (PD-30) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Park

A tract of land, most often publicly held, accessible to the general public, for purposes of preserving natural areas and/or promoting the mental and physical health of the community through recreational, cultural and relaxation pursuits:

- C. David Molina Park – Dedicate.

- Grace Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Founding & Contemporary Neighborhood (FCN) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Merge three (3) lots; and Dedicate.
- Orizaba Park – General Plan Amendment to change the Neighborhood Serving Center or Corridor Low Density (NSC-L) to Open Space (OS) PlaceType; Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); Untie remnant portion of parcel in southwest corner; Merge six (6) lots; and Dedicate.

Greenway Park

A largely undeveloped green space, often a remnant or odd shaped piece of land left over from development, which can be used for casual recreation uses. Greenways can serve to connect or link recreation opportunities throughout a community:

- Jenni Rivera Memorial Park – Rezone from Commercial Storage (CS) to Park (P); and Dedicate.
- Pacific Electric Railway Greenbelt – Rezone from two-family residential (R-2-N) to Park (P); and Dedicate.

Natural Resource Open Space

Open space is any area of land or water that is essentially unimproved and largely devoted to an undeveloped or unconstructed type of use:

- Willow Springs Park – Rezone from Medium industrial (IM) to Park (P) consistent with parcel boundary; and Dedicate.

View Parks Table and Map for more detail:

<http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the Project will not have significant adverse impacts to the environment. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all City facilities including City Hall and the Billie Jean King Main Library have been closed until further notice. A copy of the Initial Study, proposed Negative Declaration, and supporting materials are available for public review on the City’s website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>. Alternatively, please call or email the planner listed below to arrange for a copy to be provided.

For questions regarding the Negative Declaration, contact:

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*Public Review Period: **Begins – June 1, 2021***

Ends – July 1, 2021

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City’s final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period.