



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 5, 2020

From: Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Subject: Interim Improvements at “Parcel R” Sierra Point

Community Goal/Result Community Building

Purpose

To discuss proposed short-term improvements at this location, and to obtain funding for same.

Recommendation

Approve the working proposal discussed herein, and establish a budget of \$100,000 for the work.

Council may also wish to provide direction to staff for a future business item regarding the development of an ultimate shoreline master plan for the publicly owned portion of Sierra Point.

Background

Staff met with the Sierra Point Ad Hoc Subcommittee and City Manager on 9/29/20. The report for that meeting and its description of the working proposal is attached.

Discussion

The proposed work has two main components; the regrading of an area that presently does not permit sheetflow of rainwater to an existing catch basin, and the creation of an easterly facing seating area that is protected from the typical westerly winds.

The subcommittee supported the work plan, and also asked that the “upper” portion of Parcel R visible from Sierra Point Parkway be cleaned up. Subsequently, the scotch broom that had taken over this area has been removed (see attached photos of current condition). Staff suggests that monthly maintenance/mowing of this area will be adequate for aesthetics.

If approved, the bench/table area will be graded as discussed in the attachment. Staff believes that the best way to gauge interest in the use of this area is to initially place a small number of benches, tables and trash cans, and then monitor the frequency and number of users before deciding on the final mix of public seating.

Staff has consulted with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and San Mateo County Environmental Health (SMCEH) on whether the project is subject to permitting.

SMCEH in their role as the Local Enforcement Agency for CalRecycle has advised that the project is not subject to permitting, but they do wish to be notified when the work commences.

Fiscal Impact

Funds will be obligated from developer fees imposed on commercial development at Sierra Point.

Measure of Success

A well-used peaceful seating area for the public to enjoy views of the Brisbane Marina and San Francisco Bay.

Attachments

1. 9/21/20 memo to Sierra Point Ad Hoc Subcommittee
2. Photos, Parcel R current condition

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Sierra Point Ad Hoc Subcommittee and City Manager
From: Randy Breault, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Subject: Working Proposal for Interim Improvements at “Parcel R”
Date: 9/21/20 (for meeting of 9/29/20)

As the city now has full control over zoning and improvements at Parcel R, staff has been directed to develop a proposal for pedestrian improvements in this area. As the future plans for development immediately to the west of this parcel, and for development of the hotel zoned for the northeast portion of Sierra Point are presently unknown, staff is recommending that we not develop a final plan, but rather that we implement an interim plan that allows the public to better enjoy the area now, but which can be revised at a later date to integrate with anticipated development.

This working proposal recommends we take advantage of the existing overburden on Parcel R, and develop the leeward (eastern) bench area of the parcel, so as to take advantage of this manmade windbreak. The area proposed for improvement is shown in satellite view on the attached, and in sectional view in the photos below.



View from street near Harbormaster's Office



The “bench”

To avoid extensive permitting requirements from SFB RWQCB and SMCEH, the proposal is to clear & grub the area to a depth of 6”-12”, to slightly modify the slope to take advantage of the existing drain in the center of the “bench” area, and to then place compacted decomposed granite.

We would then place a mix of tables and benches to allow for a wind protected area from which to enjoy views over the Marina and into SFB Bay.





“Top” of Parcel R – Current Condition

