



## **CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT**

### **MEETING DATE: September 16, 2025**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Joe Goodman, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Undeveloped City Property 517 Walker Street** (Discussion/Action)

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**BACKGROUND:** The City owns a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre lot at 517 Walker Street, located between 5th Street and the railroad tracks (APN: 040-184-002-000). The property was purchased in December 2018 and has remained vacant since. Over the years, several ideas have been proposed for its use, including a Pollinator Park (most recently in September 2023) and a potential future visitors center. However, no action has been taken to date. The lot occupies a key location at the entrance to downtown.

**DISCUSSION:** Council should review potential options and identify a preferred use for this key property. For reference, an artist's rendering of the originally proposed Pollinator Park concept is included. Additional ideas have also been suggested, such as a visitors center, public parking, and recreational amenities—including outdoor restrooms—to better support downtown businesses.

Attachments (2):

- A. Aerial site depiction
- B. Pollinator Park conceptual layout

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss options and identify preferred uses for the property and authorize City staff to issue an RFP for the development of a park at this location—enhancing the area's appearance—while reserving the site for potential future development.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:** None at this time. Development Impact Fee (DIF) funds are available for park improvements, with a current balance of \$291,038.