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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Escondido City Council will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, Escondido City Hall, 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, California at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, to consider the item listed below:

PL23-0116: GRAPE DAY PARK MASTER PLAN

REQUEST: The Grape Day Park Master Plan outlines the City’s vision for Grape Day Park and serves as the regulatory framework for future park improvements. The Plan was originally developed in 2015, and has been updated to reflect the community’s needs based on information provided as part of the City’s outreach efforts. The new Master Plan identifies a number of recommended improvements to the Park, and includes other improvements that have been installed since the prior plan was approved. Proposed features identified on the plan include improved gateway entrances, enhanced access to Maple Street Plaza, embellished decorative fencing, a tot-lot, picnic areas, sport courts, an aquatics facility, a new restroom building, lighting, new walkways, pads for food trucks, and stage areas by the train depot and Great Green. Additional improvements shown in the Plan which have already been installed include a class 1 bike lane, an agricultural-themed playground, a dry stream bed with bridges, a bicycle and pedestrian bridge, a pedestrian crossing with traffic signal, and decorative wrought iron fencing around the History Center complex.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: The project site (Grape Day Park) is approximately 30.4 acres in size and is located at 321 N. Broadway and 131 Woodward Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines sections 15301, 15302, and 15303.

If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: At its April 11, 2023, meeting, the Planning Commission voted 5-1 to recommend approval of the Grape Day Park Master Plan to the City Council with the following recommendations: The first recommendation is to defer the location of the sports court. The second recommendation is to include the coordination of the future development of connection between Maple Plaza and Grape Day Park. The third recommendation is to have a placeholder for future enhancements to the Escondido Creek corridor and emphasize its natural area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: To submit comments in writing, please do so at the following link: <https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/bc-citycouncil/webform/public-comment>. All comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting.

The City of Escondido remains committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Qualified individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in City programs, services, or activities and who need accommodations are invited to present their requests to the City by filing out a Request for Accommodations Form or an Inclusion Support Request Form for Minors, or by calling 760-839-4643, preferably at least 72 hours in advance of the event or activity. Forms can be found on the City’s website at: <https://www.escondido.org/americans-with-disabilities-act>.

The staff report will be available on the City’s website at <https://escondido-ca.municodemeetings.com/> on or after Friday, May 11, 2023.

For additional information, please contact Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager, at 760-839-4871, or via email at jaxelrod@escondido.org, and refer to Case No. PL23-0116.

/s/ Zack Beck
Zack Beck, City Clerk

DATED: May 4, 2023

