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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: December 16, 2015

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE THE PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1973, under the authority of the State of California's Quimby Act. It requires land developers to dedicate parks and/or pay fees for park and recreational facilities to meet the needs of their new residents. The PLDO was last brought before the Board of Supervisors in 2006.

There has not been a comprehensive update to the PLDO since its adoption and is out-of-date. Several PLDO stakeholders, including the development industry, community groups and sports leagues would have a strong interest in a County effort to update the PLDO to better meet a range of stakeholder needs. An updated PLDO would provide more flexibility to developers by providing a new toolbox for developing parks associated with discretionary projects while balancing the needs of the community and park users.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to develop recommendations to update the PLDO that includes research into similar ordinances in the region with input from communities and stakeholders. The amended ordinance should provide developers with new opportunities that reflect current building industry practices, requirements and technologies, with continued focus on the County's commitment to healthy communities and meeting the recreational needs of its citizens.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

1. Find that the proposed activity is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project as a defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to conduct outreach efforts, review similar ordinances and develop recommendations to amend the Park Lands Dedication Ordinance and return to the Board in 180 days.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action

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Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

The Park Lands Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) was adopted on February 17, 1973, under the authority of Section 66477 of the California Government Code (the Quimby Act) to provide park and recreational facilities for new developments in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. The PLDO requires dedication of parks, payment of in-lieu fees, or a combination of both for residential development projects. The current PLDO was created prior to the General Plan Update adoption in 2011 and the *Live Well San Diego* – the County’s vision for a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving.

Although PLDO fees have been adjusted in the past and minor language changes have been incorporated, there has not been a comprehensive update or fundamental changes to the PLDO since its adoption and is out-of-date. Several PLDO stakeholders, including the development industry, community groups and sports leagues would have a strong interest in a County effort to update the PLDO to better meet a range of stakeholder needs. An updated PLDO would provide more flexibility to developers by providing a new toolbox for developing parks associated with discretionary projects while balancing the needs of the community and park users.

An update to the ordinance will require outreach to the development industry, community planning and sponsor groups and park user groups. This new ordinance should look at incorporating new ideas such as working with neighboring jurisdictions; providing more flexibility for developers to meet requirements; and looking into revising park planning areas to be consistent with planning group areas. An amended PLDO should align with the General Plan, *Live Well San Diego*, and the County’s Strategic Plan. It should also include information on the level of service standards and community needs.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today’s proposed action to initiate an update to the PLDO ordinance supports the Healthy Families, Sustainable Environments and Operational Excellence strategic initiatives in the County of San Diego’s 2015-2020 Strategic Plan by ensuring our park land dedication policies allow residents to make healthy choices, providing residents an opportunity to enjoy parks and ensuring we provide modern infrastructure in our County parks.

Respectfully submitted,



DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

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