

November 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to receive and file the Scherer Park Vision Plan. (District 8)

**DISCUSSION**

Scherer Park is located between the Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos neighborhoods and is bordered by Long Beach Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue, 46<sup>th</sup> Street, and East Del Amo Boulevard. Covering an expansive 25.18 acres, Scherer Park amenities include a lake, a small recreation building with an office and small multi-purpose room, four tennis courts, a basketball court, a volleyball court, a baseball diamond, a playground, a dog park, and picnic areas scattered throughout.

The Scherer Park Vision Plan (Plan) provides strategic guidance for future public and private investments and depicts potential improvements to the site that will best serve the community and enhance the overall park user experience. Through a robust community-driven design process, neighborhood leaders, community stakeholders, and the public participated in a series of engagement activities regarding the parks' existing and potential future amenities, relationships, function, and circulation. The Plan will not likely be implemented as a single project but instead as a series of projects of varying scope and objectives that are integrated to make the best use of resources and function.

City Fabrick, a nonprofit design studio who was the lead consultant, facilitated community workshops and developed the Plan. The Plan establishes a concept framework that depicts the potential development of the site and is a summary of the proposed site amenities, facilities, and uses to specifically meet the needs of the community as determined through the design process. Included in the Plan is a rough cost estimate for proposed park improvements and could increase upon design implementation and construction. This report investigates site constraints, opportunities, and promotes support for the further enhancement and development of Scherer Park. On June 20, 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Vision Plan (Attachment A).

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on October 31, 2024, and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on October 30, 2024.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on November 19, 2024, to adopt the Vision Plan. Having an

adopted Vision Plan, produced through an inclusive community engagement process, allows the City to be eligible and competitive for grant funding to fund projects identified in the Vision Plan.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the Vision Plan was \$55,000. The Vision Plan is intended to be the framework for future investment and provides initial cost estimates for priority projects. Funding for projects has not yet been identified, and further detailed cost estimates will be determined as implementation resources are identified. As municipal resources for ongoing maintenance and programming of existing park facilities are already strained, the Vision Plan is long-term, intended to be phased in overtime, as projects, operations, and maintenance funding becomes available, or as greater stewardship from community and corporate partners is identified. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with the existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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