

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-162

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, INCLUDING THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, FOR THE ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING THE ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN FOR ROSELAND CREEK COMMUNITY PARK

WHEREAS, Roseland Creek Community Park is an approximately 20-acre community park located in the southwest quadrant of Santa Rosa between Burbank and McMinn Avenues; and

WHEREAS, Roseland Creek Community Park consists of the following parcel numbers 125-252-004, 125-252-002, 125-252-003, 125-331-001; and

WHEREAS, Roseland Creek Community Park land was acquired with partial funding from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District grant funds between 2011 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, a Master Plan is utilized to graphically represent and locate in map form the park amenities and features requested by the community for future implementation; the Master Plan is needed for environmental analysis of the future improvements requested by the community; and

WHEREAS, over twenty public meetings, including five Board of Community Services (BOCS) meetings were conducted from December 16, 2009 to August 8, 2019 to receive community input regarding the design of the Master Plan for the Roseland Creek Community Park; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan includes the cumulation of all community comments received from 2009 through 2019 to include preservation of native grassland, oak woodland, and purple needlegrass habitat in addition to community serving improvements including paved pedestrian and bicycle trails, community garden or outdoor classroom, nature center and parking, picnic areas with barbeques and sink, parking, children's play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12, restroom building, sport court, fitness stations, irrigated turf area, two pedestrian bridges, cross walk, looped walking paths and interpretive signage; and

WHEREAS, Council heard this item at their January 14, 2020 meeting and directed staff to gather more community input in response to comments raised at Council; and

WHEREAS, in response to Council direction received at the January 14, 2020 meeting, a community meeting was held on March 4, 2020, to receive further community input; and

WHEREAS, between February 11, 2021, and April 9, 2021, seven listening sessions were held by Council Member Alvarez (District 1) regarding the Roseland Creek Community

Park Master Plan to receive community input from groups with divergent interests for the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, following the public meeting and listening sessions from March 4, 2020, through April 9, 2021, clarifying updates to the Master Plan graphic were made (attached in list form as Exhibit C) and generally provide clarification of existing amenities and park features; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, the Board of Community Services (Council's appointed Advisory Board regarding recreation and park matters), recommended approval of the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan (attached as Exhibit A), which includes paved pedestrian and bicycle trails, community garden or outdoor classroom, nature center and parking, picnic areas with single use barbecues, parking, children's play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12, restroom building, sport court, fitness stations, irrigated lawn area, two pedestrian bridges, cross walk, looped walking paths and interpretive signage; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) an Initial Study was prepared for the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan to analyze the potential environmental impacts to the following resources: Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities, and Service Systems, and also included analysis to support Mandatory Findings of Significance; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study resulted in a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan that determined the project impacts will be mitigated to less-than-significant levels through implementation of recommended mitigation measures or through compliance with existing Municipal Code requirements and/or City standards; and

WHEREAS, recommended measures are summarized in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (attached as Exhibit B) with detailed mitigation measures described in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), which is also part of Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, as required under CEQA, the MMRP prepared for the project identifies the timing of, and the agency or agencies responsible for, enforcement and monitoring of each mitigation measure to be implemented to reduce potentially significant impacts to less than significant levels; and

WHEREAS, the project applicant has agreed to all mitigation measures set forth in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration that are required to be implemented pursuant to CEQA to reduce potentially significant impacts resulting from the project; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in consultation with local, state, and trustee agencies, in accordance with Section 15063 of the

CEQA Guidelines and will serve as the environmental compliance document required under CEQA and for subsequent phases of the project, and for permits/approvals required by a responsible agency; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2019, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was submitted to the Sonoma County Clerk's Office beginning the 30-day public comment period regarding the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City received and responded to public comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, copies of which are made part of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (attached as Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the NOI, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and related project environmental documents are available for review at the City of Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks Department during normal business hours; the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings for the proposed project is Jen Santos, 55 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401; and

WHEREAS, updates to the Master Plan graphic following public meetings and listening sessions from March 4, 2020 through April 9, 2021, were reviewed for consistency with the environmental documents and staff determined that the revisions to the Master Plan constitute minor project revisions that were added in response to community input and do not create new significant environmental effects and or require mitigation; these revisions do not modify any of the text, analyses or conclusions set forth in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and, therefore, recirculation of the mitigated negative declaration is not required (CEQA Guidelines section 15073.5); and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2021, the Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the proposed Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan, at which time it considered the environmental study, the findings and determination of the Environmental Coordinator, the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed Master Plan, the staff reports, oral and written, and the comments, statements, and other evidence presented by all persons, including members of the public, who addressed the Council at the public hearings held on January 14, 2020, and September 28, 2021, all comments and materials submitted prior thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Council has before it all of the necessary environmental information required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to properly analyze and evaluate any and all of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa, based upon the findings and the records and files herein, and the findings above made, hereby determines as follows:

1. That the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program), attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein, has been completed in accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
2. That the Council has reviewed and considered the information contained within the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prior to acting on the proposed Project, and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the City.
3. That the monitoring and reporting of CEQA mitigation measures in connection with the Project will be conducted in accordance with the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
4. That the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration contains a full and complete explanation as to how the project’s potentially significant impacts are reduced to less than significant levels by incorporation of the required mitigation measures set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program attached hereto as Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council, based on the above findings and determinations, hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration, which consists of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, for the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council, based on the above findings and determinations, hereby adopts the Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits A and C to this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 28th day of September, 2021.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Sawyer, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A –Roseland Creek Community Park Master Plan
Exhibit B – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
Exhibit C – Summary of Master Plan Clarifications